

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022**

26<sup>TH</sup> Day of the July Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Presiding Commissioner Garry Nelson, Associate Commissioners Karen Stuppy and Randy Ruzicka along with Deputy County Clerk, Michele Gatzemeyer.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDING COMMISSIONER NELSON AT 8:00 A.M.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 9/1/2022.

The Commission began meeting by reviewing 'County Road/Special Road District' Inventory List as it relates to CART Funding and as requested by Mr. Joe Killian w/MoDOT. There were several roads to be reviewed for accuracy which Mr. Schmieder noted that he will travel to insure that we have accurate mileage.

Tax Rate Hearing was held @ 9:00 A.M. with County Clerk, Sue Wolk, administrating the same. Lisa Marschel, Deputy County Collector, was in attendance for the same. Following is a breakdown of 'Tax Rates' reviewed:

\*The 'initial' fund reviewed was 'General Revenue'. Current tax rate ceiling – 0.3466/required sales tax reduction – 0.0521, which = 0.2945. County agreed to take voluntary tax reduction of 0.0405. Tax Rate for General Revenue – 0.2540 (Same rate as last year). Upon review of 'Tax Rate' for General Revenue Fund; Commissioner Ruzicka made a Motion to 'Approve' General Revenue Tax Fund of 0.2540. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of signed summary page attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Road & Bridge Fund – Current 'Tax Rate' Ceiling is 0.2472, which is the same rate as last year. Upon review of said 'Fund', Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to approve 'Tax Rate' of 0.2472. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of signed summary page attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Senate Bill 40 – Current 'Tax Rate' Ceiling is 0.0540, which is the same rate as last year. Tax Rate levied – 0.0540, which is same rate as last year. Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to approve 'Tax Rate' of 0.0540, which is the same rate as last year. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of signed summary page attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Senior Services – Current 'Tax Rate' Ceiling is 0.0295, which is the same as last year. Tax Rate levied – 0.0295, which is same rate as last year. Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve 'Tax Rate' of 0.0295; same rate as last year. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor.

Motion passed. (Copy of signed summary page attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Mental Health Board – Current 'Tax Rate' Ceiling is 0.0946, which is the same rate as last year. Tax Rate levied – 0.0946. Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve 'Tax Rate' of 0.0946 for Mental Health Board. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of signed summary page attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Ste. Genevieve County Library – Current 'Tax Rate' Ceiling is 0.0455, which is the same rate as last year. Tax Rate levied – 0.0455. Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to approve 'Tax Rate' of 0.0455 for 'Ste. Genevieve Library'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of signed summary page attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The following 'Tax Rates' do NOT require the approval of the Ste. Genevieve County Commission. The 'County' simply reports on the same, as has been done in the past.

\*Ste. Genevieve Ambulance District – Current 'Tax Rate' Ceiling is 0.1119. Required Sales Tax Reduction taken of 0.0956. This equates to 0.0163.

\*In addition, review completed for Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital. The 'Current' Tax Rate Ceiling is 0.1588. Tax Rate Reduction taken of 0.1477, which equates to a 'voluntary reduction' of 0.0011 over last year's 'Tax Rate'.

Colin Rogers appeared before the Commission to report on CMAR (Construction Manager @ Risk) 'Sealed Bid Opening' that was completed on Wednesday, 8/24/2022. Mr. Rogers is overseeing this project. Bid Opening administrated by Mr. Rogers w/Brockmiller Construction. As a 'CMAR', Brockmiller is responsible to oversee this project for Ste. Genevieve County Jail Maintenance Addition. Bid Opened for 'Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing'. (Note: The Construction Manager at Risk – CMAR – is a delivery method which entails a commitment by the Construction Manager – CM – to deliver the project within a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) which is based on the construction documents and specifications of the time of the GMP plus any reasonably inferred items or tasks.

At time of 'Sealed Bid Opening' on 8/24/2022, the 'Parties Present' were Mr. Colin Rogers w/Brockmiller Construction/Ms. Tracy Shaffer w/Meier Electric/Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk.

\*Following is 'Breakdown of 'Bids' received:

Meier Electric – Electrical Bid Package Received w/5% Bid Bond – Bid Submitted for \$28,600.

Mid-States Energy – Electrical Bid Package w/5% security check – Bid Submitted for \$46,900.

Crystal Heating & Cooling – Mechanical Bid Package submitted for \$22,140/Plumbing Bid Package submitted for \$8,400 along with '5% security check' submission.

Shuh & Sons Plumbing & Heating – Mechanical Bid Package submitted for \$17,500/Plumbing Bid Package submitted for \$3,500 along with '5% security check' submission.

Associated Sheet Metal – Mechanical Bid Package submitted for \$29,995 with 5% Bid Bond attached.

Mr. Rogers reviewed all submissions and noted that he performed interviews with the 'lowest bidder' for each project. Upon review/discussion with the Ste. Genevieve County Commission; Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to approve Mr. Colin Rogers ability to enter into contract with Meier Electric (Electrical) as well as Shuh & Sons Plumbing & Heating for project to progress as described above. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Bid Tabulation Sheet' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Stuppy reported on 'Pricing Updates' received from Republic Services for 'Trash Pickup' for '3-Year Renewal Contract'. Republic Services current provider. It was noted that a possible 7% increase could potentially occur in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of 'contract'. The 'Total Price' figured per month from 'Republic Services' equates to \$504.10/month. Upon review of detail provided; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to proceed with 3-Year Contract for Republic Services for 'waste disposal' for 'Courthouse', 'Road & Bridge Department', along with 'Sheriff's Department'. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Sealed Bid Opening held at 10:00 A.M. for 'Mowing' of Ste. Genevieve Fairgrounds, 'old' Riverview @ the Park, Courthouse Premises, along with Recycling Center. Only (1) Bid was received, which was from "Cut 'N' Edge Landscaping and Lawncare, LLC". Quote included 'mowing' and 'trimming' per cut weekly/ Spraying lots & fences once per month/"mowing' and 'trimming' Courthouse as well as Recycling Center.

QUOTED PRICE WAS .....\$2,350.

The Commission to provide additional review to 'quoted pricing'; upon final decision being made; said detail to be reported. (Copy of 'Quote Submitted' as noted above attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The following representatives with Charter Communications met with the Ste. Genevieve County Commission to review 'status update' as to the on-going issues that have presented themselves with 'Spectrum Cable Installation'.

\*Representatives present were: Ky Nichols, Senior Director – Construction.

Mike Lodewegen, Director – Government Affairs.

The following details were reported:

\*Photos of 'issues' throughout the 'County' were presented.

\*Question was posed as to 'how' R&B Department is supposed to maintain roads with tall weeds and 'rocks, etc.' left remaining in ditches after cable installation.

\*Equipment reported to have been left in 'middle of road' on Jackson School Road. This reported to Sheriff's Department. Equipment had also been 'left' @ entrance of Zell Country Club Estates.

\*Complaints reported by local residents of pedestals placed in residents yards.

\*Restoration of many properties not handled in the manner in which they were prior to installation.

\*Issues reported by R&B Department with pipes not being buried deep enough.

\*Commissioner Nelson noted that there is not 'standard' ROW on County Roads. This is the purpose behind request that Mr. Schmieder be notified prior to job starting. (It was noted that it is imperative for Mr. Schmieder to be made aware of 'projects'.)

\*One primary complaint from local residents is that they "want respect for their property; they want the mess to be cleaned up".

\*Question was posed surrounding the number of 'Boxes' that were installed on Jackson School Road; Mr. Nichols noted that he would investigate.

\*Ky Nichols reported that 'Restoration/Landscaping' Company coming 'behind' installation crew. Mr. Nichols also noted that 'crew' is behind. He noted that 'properties' are to be put back to their original state.

\*Mr. Lodewegen noted that 'monies' for Spectrum other than their 'company's funds' are from 'Rural Digital Opportunity Fund', which is through the FCC (Federal Communications Commission). Mr. Lodewegen noted that this is just a percentage and that their company has poured a substantial amount of funding into Broadband Improvements. It was noted that 'Missouri' has monies that are scheduled to be made available for 'Broadband'; however, said funding has not been spent yet.

Mr. Schmieder noted that he is frustrated with the constant calls and complaints that his department receives as a result of cable installation. This takes away valuable time from projects that he could spend time accomplishing.

Mr. Ky Nichols is going to set up weekly conference call to review on-going issues. Mr. Schmieder to be in attendance for the same. List of Roads to be reviewed/discussed each week. The 'County' will inspect All Roads that have been completed.

Follow up completed with Melvin Mills Roofing completed. Jim w/Melvin Mills Roofing noted that it is expected that there will be an approximate timeline of three weeks for completion of roofing projects.

Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Supervisor, appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were the items reported:

\*Mowing being completed; currently, mowing taking place in St. Mary/St. Mary Cemetery Road.

\*Chip and Sealing being completed.

\*Road Patching in process.

\*Bad spots being repaired throughout the 'County' (i.e. Burks School Road, Minnith Road, etc.) Commissioner Stuppy noted that she had received report of potholes on Gillespie Road along with damage to 'road sign' @ the site of Hickory Lane Estates.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from Fair Board Meeting that she attended last Thursday, 8/25/2022. The main 'item' covered was 'reporting' from most recent Ste.

Genevieve County Fair. Information was provided by Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board Treasurer, Mr. David Bova. Income for most recent 'Fair' - \$60,104.31. Expenses - \$35, 665.07; thus, leaving a 'Profit' of approximately \$24,439.24. (Copy of "Profit/Expense" statement attached to Commission Record Supplement from most recent Ste. Genevieve County Fair that was held in July '2022.)

Accounts Payable for Date 8/29/2022 in the amount of \$259,220 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

### **ADJOURN**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 11:50 A.M. The Commission had previous commitment. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 9/1/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER