

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**

34<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, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 WERE READ. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER RUZICKA TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES WITH SLIGHT CORRECTION. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 WERE READ. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER RUZICKA TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES WITH SLIGHT CORRECTION. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

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

- \*R&B Department continuing to fix 'Bad Spots'.

- \*Commissioner Nelson noted that he has inspected Gillespie Road.

- \*Mr. Schmieder reported that 'project' completed on Hart Pinkston Road. Local resident expressed their appreciation to Mr. Schmieder for work completed.

- \*Chestnut Ridge 'Subdivision' Report Update – As has been noted on numerous occasions in previous 'Minutes'; resident that resides in said area requested previous 'Minutes' that reflected where Developer was advised by the 'County' that roads in said 'subdivision' were NOT going to be taken over/maintained by the Ste. Genevieve County Road & Bridge Department. Documentation was located; copies were delivered to property owner requesting the same by Commissioner Nelson/Mr. Schmieder.

- \*Commissioner Nelson advised Mr. Schmieder that as soon as R&B Department could find the time; they would need to 'sweep' chip and sealed roads. Mr. Schmieder noted that he will 'Broom' said roads as soon as possible.

- \*Mr. Schmieder was 'Thanked' by the Commission for additional work he did to complete installation of Handicapped Parking Signs near the Island of Flags @ the 'Courthouse'.

- \*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Stop Sign' replaced @ the intersection of Straughn Road & Frye Road.

- \*Mr. Schmieder advised the Commission that he has recently experienced 'confusing/incorrect' reporting from "Dig Rite". They are forwarding information advising that 'Locates' have been completed when, in fact, the LOCATES ARE NOT ACTUALLY DONE.

Mr. Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Commission with the following updates:

\*Mr. Meyer provided the Commission/County with a "Quick Guide" on the "How" to help Missouri Residents affected by flooding. Said 'Guide' was developed jointly between the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA0 along with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It notes (4) Steps to Follow, which are as follows:

\*Tips on clean up, debris removal and obtaining help.

\*Guidance and floodplain rules, permit requirements and starting repairs.

\*The "How" to protect one's building from future flooding, "Who" to contact, along with various programs that can offer assistance with reimbursement.

\*Examples of flood protection and all the organizations that can help accomplish the above 'goals'.

\*Mr. Meyer reported that 'Drive Thru' Flue Vaccination Clinic to be offered on Tuesday, 10/4/2022 at the Ste. Genevieve County Fire Department.

\*Mr. Meyer to attend Homeland Security Meeting on 10/4/2022.

Parkland REDI – Commission will 'visit' this 'issue' for further discussion in the future.

Commissioner Stuppy provided update from Southeast Missouri Commissioner's Meeting that the Commissioners attended on Wednesday, 9/28/2022.

\*Various reports were provided by 'Elected Officials' and their staff with updates on items to include 'Budgets', 'Drought issues in 'Western' portion of State', IRS issues with Lesley Rone reporting that she is performing 'close out' detail with Senator Blunt's office.

\*CDBG Grants – Open until December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

\*Missouri Cobalt was 'sponsor' for said meeting and provided detailed description of their operation, which provides 'Cobalt' – a resource necessary in batteries for 'electric vehicles'.

Commissioner Ruzicka provided reporting detail from meeting that he attended as it relates to '911' Services with particular attention to 'future' for Ste. Genevieve County. Following were details reported:

\*Meeting was held in State Representative Rick Francis' Office with the following person(s) also in attendance: Sandy Karsten – Director of Missouri Department of Public Safety/Kevin Bond – Deputy Director of Missouri Department of Public Safety/Alan Wells – Director of the St. Francois County 911/Ste. Genevieve County 911 consolidated dispatch center. Following were the items of interest reported:

\*How can funding be obtained through the 'State' for '911' Services?

\*It was noted that the 'Total' needed for improvements to '911' Service under the scope of 'our' 911 system is approximately \$9 Million Dollars with roughly \$3 Million necessary to make improvements for Ste. Genevieve County. The issue as has been previously reported is 'what are the best and most cost efficient changes to make'. The consensus of attendees at said meeting was that a 'digital upgrade would be best option that is analog compatible'.

\* The issue surrounding utilizing the 'Moswin' system is concern surrounding the fact that there is lack of bandwidth for 'All' to use as well as the expense.

\*Some 'Grant Availability' mentioned to be available through Department of Public Safety; however, this was projected to be an amount of approximately \$20,000. This would, of course, leave a substantial balance.

\*Various 'Buckets of Money' reviewed to see where it 'available funds' may be able to be obtained from. Mr. Wells to compile detailed reporting for pursuit of available funding. Mr. Wells identified that 'system' will have to be compatible for all users.

Commissioner Nelson reached out to Brad Bauman as it relates to Levee District #3. Commissioner Nelson plans to meet with Southeast MO Regional Planning Commission to confer with them surrounding possible 'grant funding' for this project. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

Commissioner Stuppy reviewed the 'Updated Contract' with CWI Refuse Service along with the changes that were made. County will no longer have a 'dumpster'; this was becoming a challenge and custodial supervisor felt that with minor changes; the 'County' could make this work. Upon review of the 'changes' as presented by Commissioner Stuppy and reporting of \$168/year savings by removal of dumpster; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve revised/updated contract with CWI as presented. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Nelson attempted to contact Mr. Randy Crawford as it pertains to Ozora TIF Area. Message was left; Commissioner Nelson noted that he has left several messages over the last several weeks with no reply. Commissioner Nelson notified Mr. Ralph Pike with Ozora TIF/CID Board to offer update as well.

Melvin Mills Roofing reported that they are planning on starting 'Chamber Roof' on Monday; Roof on 'Old Jail' will follow after the same.

Linda Wagner, Assessor, appeared before the Commission as she is preparing to update the 'Contract' for the Assessor's Office, which would be a 5-year Contract with Vanguard Appraisal Services; said contract actually is 'consolidated service appraisal software'. Upon explanation provided by Mrs. Wagner; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve updated contract with Vanguard Appraisal Services as presented. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Upon signatures being provided by all parties, Mrs. Wagner will provide copy of the same.)

Mrs. Wagner also reviewed updates to 'Flood Permits' with Commissioner Ruzicka, Floodplain Manager.

Liz Layton, on behalf of the Family Court Awareness Month Committee, reached out to the Ste. Genevieve County Commission requesting a Proclamation declaring November 'Family Court Awareness Month' in Ste. Genevieve County. She noted that the 'goal' is that there are better Decisions for 'child welfare'. After review of information provided; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to proclaim the month of November 'Family Court Awareness Month' for Ste.

Genevieve County. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of Proclamation attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commission to contact Mr. Mark Spykermann w/Gilmore Bell as it relates to Ozora TIF/CID. Nothing to report at this time.

Claudia Stuppy, Collector, appeared before the Commission to provide explanation for increased in 'invoice detail' from Master's Touch – company that Ms. Stuppy utilizes for sending tax bills. Increase in postage resulted from several items:

- \*Increase in postage.

- \*Tax Bills that are forwarded to 'escrow account' along with being forwarded to 'property owners' as well.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Enter' into Closed Session at 11:12 A.M. re: RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to litigation matter as well as RSMo 610.021 – as it relates to 'Contract' Issue. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Exit' Closed Session 'portion' of Meeting @ 11:15 A.M. re: RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to litigation matter as well as RSMo 610.021 – relating to 'Contract' Issue. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Update on ARPA Funding provided per e-mail received/noted by Carah Bright w/Missouri Association of Counties. Recent update noted diminished administrative flexibility in administering programs authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Suggestion was made to 'lobby' Congress to act; however, the 'County' will not be taking additional action at this time.

Accounts Payable for Date 9/29/2022 in the amount of \$231,792.78 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Enter' into Closed Session at 11:20 A.M. re: RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to potential 'litigation'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Roll was Taken: Commissioner Nelson – Aye. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye. All in favor. Motion passed.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Exit' Closed Session at 11:45 A.M. re: RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to potential 'litigation'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Roll was Taken: Commissioner Nelson – Aye. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye. All in favor. Motion passed.

**ADJOURN**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 10/3/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER