

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

18TH Day of the October 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, DECEMBER 1, 2022 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA YEA. COMMISSIONER STUPPY YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA YEA. COMMISSIONER STUPPY YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Two members from the Soil and Water Board (Janet Braun & Paul Arnold) appeared before the Commission as they had recently attended meeting in which they were advised that many 'Districts' reach out to 'Counties' to request funding. They noted that they are a 'State Funded' Agency. They 'rent' equipment to assist with their funding; this past year, they only collected \$4,700 towards rental equipment. Difficulty lies in the fact that their office is adjacent to the FSA, which is a federal 'office'. Many employees transition from 'State Agency' to 'Federal Agency' for increased wages/benefits/etc.

The 'Commission' asked that they be provided other 'Counties' that assist various Soil & Water Conservation Districts with monetary assistance. Additional consideration to be given to said matter at a later date.

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

*Boom Mowers being used for last time this year.

'Sealed Bid' that was submitted to the County for new truck needed by R&B Department by the only 'dealership' that submitted quote was reviewed. Only 'Bid' received was from Barley Automotive. Quoted price was \$44,417.00. Upon close review of detailed information, Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' Purchase of new 'Fleet' Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Regular Cab 142" Work Truck as presented. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of presented 'Quote' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The Ste. Genevieve County Commission received 'Letter of Resignation' request from Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board Member. After review of the same, Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to 'Accept' Letter of Resignation from Felix Meyer as requested from Fair Board 'Seat'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'referenced letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The Ste. Genevieve County Commission received 'Letter of Resignation' request from Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board Member. After review of the same, Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to 'Accept' Letter of Resignation from Jodi Ralston as requested from Fair Board 'Seat'. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'referenced letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Stuppy to enter into a legal services agreement for FY '2023 with Ivan Schraeder, Attorney at Law – Schraeder Law Firm, as presented to the Commission. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Scope of Agreement allows the 'County' to receive a non-cumulative ten (10) hours per month for telephonic advisory or opinion legal services on employment and labor relations issues under monthly enrollment at an 'Annual Expense' of \$1,800. (Copy of 'Invoice Detail' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Ruzicka reported that there was issue with 'blockage' as a result of heavy winds that resulted in 'leaking' @ the Community Center. As a result, it was noticed that there is a 2nd issue with certain 'pipes' at the Community Center that also needs to be handled. These issues will be addressed with the Community Center; Commission noted that "Too much has been invested in Roof Improvements" not to address 'final', 'remaining' improvements.

Chris Collier, Management Director for Piper Sandler, appeared before the Commission as their firm is a leading investment bank and institutional securities firm. Their firm creates and implement superior financial solutions for 'clients' to include 'refinancing bonds'; Mr. Collier wanted to offer presentation in an effort to see if they might be a resource to the 'County of Ste. Genevieve' in the future. (Copy of presentation given attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Ste. Genevieve County Health Department submitted 'Monthly' Update to report COVID-19 as well as Influenza Detail. Following is the 'data' for November '2022.

*Number of Influenza 'A' Cases – Ste. Genevieve County for Nov., '2022 – 130

*Number of Influenza 'B' Cases – Ste. Genevieve County for Nov., '2022 – 2

*Number of COVID-19 Cases – Ste. Genevieve County for Nov., '2022 – 124

*Vaccination Rate for Ste. Genevieve County w/Completed COVID Vaccine – primary series as of November '2022 – 46.1%. (Copy of reported documentation attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

TREASURER – Commission Order #2172 – See Commission Record Supplement for this Date.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Enter' into Closed Session 'Meeting' at 11:00 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'litigation'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll Call was Taken. Commissioner Nelson – Aye. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Exit' Closed Session 'Meeting' at 12:10 P.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to possible 'litigation'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll Call was Taken: Commissioner Nelson – Aye. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye.

As was previously noted in 'Minutes of 5/23/2022; County Clerk, Sue Wolk, presented need for 'updated 'election equipment' identified as follows: "OpenElect Freedom Vote Scan (FVS) Precinct Scanner with Ballot Box (15 Units) taking into consideration that 'Customer Discount' included. Necessary licensing factored into purchase. Review of said request was completed with legal counsel for Ste. Genevieve County, Ivan Schraeder.

After review of all applicable documentation presented; Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to approve the reimbursement of 'updated election equipment as quoted by Henry M. Adkins & Son, Inc. as previously noted for a "Total Cost" to Ste. Genevieve County of \$68,970.00 through ARPA Funding (as reviewed by Mr. Ivan Schraeder). Said funding request identified as ARPA Funding Project #006 for Ste. Genevieve County. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copies of all applicable documentation 'on record' in Ste. Genevieve County Clerk's office.)

Accounts Payable for Date 12/8/2022 in the amount of \$123,776.81 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

County Clerk, Sue Wolk, appeared before the Commission as she is in need of 'salary' information in effort to complete 'Budgets'. Revenues discussed; Upon review of information presented; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve 5% increase in wages for 'County Employees' for FY ' 2023. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioners made decision that 'Meeting' to be held on 27th of December. Final Check Run will be scheduled for said date.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:45 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 12/12/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER