

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

20TH 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 MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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.

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

- *McDaniel Road – Mr. Schmieder noted that 'road crew' breaking bluff @ said location.
- *Mr. Schmieder to meet w/MoDOT representative later today @ various intersections for necessary improvements at those locations being inspected.
- *Mr. Schmieder to meet w/Contractor @ 'area' of Chestnut Ridge Road as it pertains to 'road improvements'.
- *'Boom Mower' stopped running; at Flieg's Equipment for repairs.

Commission questioned if the 'County' had received response from Emerald Energy, representing Wabash Electric. Deputy County Clerk noted that the 'County' has heard nothing. It was once again noted that the 'County' will not sign 'Easement Agreement' for 'County' property on "C" Road until full disclosure of 'plan outlay' is received. The 'County' has been communicating with Steven Perkins as well as Jodie Garris Weibrecht @ Emerald Energy.

Commission reviewed payment request received for 'Access One' – Provider that was 'previously approved' for Managed IT Services as it relates/protects for 'Cyber Liability'. Upon review of 'Billing' presented; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' ARPA Funding Request for Access One for the 'monthly' reimbursement of \$2,865.00 as 'previously approved'. (Copy of 'Approved' Documentation attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from Southeast MO Commissioner's Meeting attended. Report Details are as follows:

*Tammy Tankersley provided Workforce Development Board Update – New Interim Director appointed/WDB experiencing 'huge' budget cuts/Due to retirement of Garry Nelson...new CLEO appointed who is Mike Sauer w/Perry County Commission/Vice Cleo will also need to be appointed.

*Jason Smith Update – Running for Budget Chair/Madison Baker is new Director w/Jason Smith's Office.

*Rick Francis – Reviewed ‘many issues’ to be addressed in next session.

*Jamie Burger – Reviewed increases to ‘Personal Property’ Tax; additional review to be given to this matter. Many constituents irate regarding the same.

*Additional conversation surrounded the ‘Recreational Marijuana’ initiative. Many ‘counties’ addressed the fact that the ‘aftershock’ of said initiative passing should have been ‘thought out’ so that Counties were better prepared on how to handle the same.

*Review of DED/ARPA Funding discussed.

*Workshop scheduled to be held on ‘Industrial Development Sites’.

*Available ‘Grant’ Funding reviewed.

*Mr. Jeremy Tanz noted that he is working on ‘process’ to determine if citizens are being properly served or underserved as it pertains to ‘Broadband’.

*Representative w/DNR present at meeting; ARPA Funding reviewed.

*Mr. Andy Meyer w/MoDOT present to review updates.

*Decisions to be made regarding ‘Governor Cost-Share’ Program.

*Unfunded Needs List addressed.

*It was noted that ‘Chester Bridge’ currently has both lanes open; the goal is for ‘completion’ in ‘2026’.

*MoDOT reviewed process for obtaining CDL license. All present discussed the serious need for employees with CDL Licenses. MoDOT in serious need of employees.

*SEMA – Reviewed ‘Grant’ Funding opportunities that were made aware to ‘Emergency Management Directors’. Information was provided to Mr. Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director for Ste. Genevieve County.

It was noted that Commissioner Randy Ruzicka was appointed as ‘Treasurer’ for the Southeast MO Commissioner’s Association. Remaining officers are the same.

*Plaques presented to those Commissioners that are ‘retiring/leaving’ for their ‘years of service’ – Commissioner Garry Nelson recognized for his 18 years of service.

Commissioner Ruzicka presented report from ‘Solid Waste/RPC’ Meeting. Information reported as follows:

*Presentation provided from ‘Sales Representative’ as it relates to electronic tracking via cell phones.

*Commissioner Ruzicka selected as ‘Secretary’ for RPC.

Letter of Support created to express support for application submitted for ARPA Funding on behalf of the French Colonial America organization, which is being submitted to underwrite the funding to help underwrite the preservation and renovation of the historic Francois Valle II house for educational and heritage tourism purposes was reviewed. Upon review of the same, Commissioner Ruzicka made a ‘Motion’ to ‘Approve’ Letter of Support as described above. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the ‘Motion’. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of ‘Support Letter’ attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Accounts Payable for Date 12/15/2022 in the amount of \$72,648.38 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

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 12/19/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER