

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022

22ND 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 15, 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 19, 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 Supervisor, appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were the items reported:

*Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department preparing for inclement weather.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that there are no chemicals that will treat in the 'sub-zero' temperatures; Mr. Schmieder advised that there are no chemicals to treat the 'roads' with the sub-zero temperatures being experienced.

*R&B Department preparing the vehicle units for 'extreme' cold weather.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Trailer' listed on 'Purple Wave' for R&B Department listed incorrectly. Corrections made; trailer to be relisted.

*Mr. Schmieder reviewed various options/quotes that he had received for 'Plowing Blades'; Mr. Schmieder working with a vendor that does nothing but 'build edges'. Quote he was able to obtain for 11 ft. 'Blade' was \$1,446 vs. \$1,577.40 for 12 ft. 'Blade'.

Mr. Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director for Ste. Genevieve County, presented for Commission Meeting to provide 'scope of plan' in the matter of 'extreme weather' should persons be without electricity, etc. should 'power outage' occur. Following are locations where 'Emergency Preparedness' locations are set: K of C Hall – Bloomsdale, MO; American Legion Hall – Ste. Genevieve, MO; Community Center has 'portable generator' that could be used in the event of emergency. (Mr. Meyer also noted that 'Both' Weingarten Fire Houses have 'generators' in the event of an emergency; Ste. Genevieve Fire Department also has generator if needed.)

Commissioner Nelson noted that in the event of inclement weather; even if the Courthouse closes to the 'Public' due to weather; employees can choose to 'use' time in the event that they

do not feel safe traveling to work.....however, they MUST USE their 'Time' if they do not present to work.

The Commission signed 'Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission County Agreement' Form as it relates to the 'Lighting Agreement'; per Nora Fuller w/MoDOT, there was confusion as to whether or not 'matter' pertains to City of Ste. Genevieve or 'County'. With this knowledge, said agreement is between 'County' and 'Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission' for the necessary improvements as noted in referenced 'Transportation Paperwork'. Documentation forwarded to Nora Fuller w/MoDOT. (Copy of 'signed' agreement attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Mrs. Linda Wagner, Assessor for Ste. Genevieve County, appeared before Commission with Mr. Ryan Huck, owner of American Custard Company. Question was posed surrounding accuracy of 'Taxes'. It was noted that Board of Equalization had lowered 'Assessed Valuation' at 'Board of Equalization' Hearing, which resulted in 'slightly' lowered taxes. Question was posed as 'business' was not occupied for a full 12-month period; however, Mrs. Wagner noted that Missouri Statutes/Law do not 'credit' Commercial or Agriculture Classes as it pertains to 'occupancy'. Mrs. Wagner explained that business is 'new'; thus, there is no depreciation factor. Business is within 'city limits' as well which has to be factored in. Question was posed since business is independently owned and not a 'franchise'. Mrs. Wagner explained that there is no 'difference' factored as to whether a business is 'independent' or franchise' when it comes to a restaurant. Major factor is if business has any 'depreciation factor'.

Commissioner Nelson explained that the Commission has "no authority" to lower tax rate"; the only authority the Commission would have in this type of situation is at the time of 'Board of Equalization'. Mrs. Wagner, Assessor, noted that she, also, does not have authority to make changes; it is the Assessor's legal obligation to follow the requirements of 'Missouri State Law/Statutes'. Mrs. Wagner also advised that she would research various approaches next year in an effort to offer any assistance possible.

Tammy Tankersley with Workforce Development Board contacted the Commission to advise that 'Retirement Letter' had been forwarded by 'Board Member' who retired. Upon review of 'Letter of Resignation'; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to accept 'Resignation/Retirement' Letter from Mr. Tom Greminger as presented from 'Workforce Development Board' leaving 'vacancy' on 'Board'. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Retirement Letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Area resident questioned Commissioner Nelson about available 'Grants' for 'Animal Rescue'. Commissioner Nelson noted that he would research available grants.

Commission reviewed invoice for Grayco Roofing Consultants for 'Consulting Services' to date as it applies to the Community Center Roof for services rendered 'to date' with the acknowledgement that Case Engineering also running their charges through Grayco Roof

Consultants. Review of invoice detail completed. Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' reimbursement for Invoice No. 22093 payable to Grayco Roofing Consultants, LLC as presented through ARPA Funding. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said invoice detail attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Mr. Chris Demien w/Grayco Roof Consultants, Inc. (Construction Manager @ Risk) forwarded 'addendums' from Staat who provided revised proposal to complete work at the library wall per the scope and specifications of CASE Engineering as well as Bade Roofing who provided a revised proposal to match the work 'duration' which Staat indicated for necessary repairs as has been noted. Commission signed 'Revised Work Order Changes' in an effort that work can progress on Community Center Roof as has been continually noted. (Copies of 'signed' work order changes can be located in 'folder' for said project located in County Clerk's Office.)

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' as well as RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. 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 12:05 P.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – 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.

Accounts Payable for Date 12/22/2022 in the amount of \$68,263.30 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:10 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 12/27/2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

