

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

8TH Day of the January Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Presiding Commissioner Randy Ruzicka, Associate Commissioners Karen Stuppy and Mark Marberry along with Deputy County Clerk, Michele Gatzemeyer.

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

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER STUPPY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER STUPPY YEA. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Paul Arnold w/Special Road District appeared before the Commission regarding that 'Portion of Sugar Bottom Road' that has been vacated as has been previously reported. Mr. Arnold wanted to inquire to see if there was any 'credit' that could be returned to the Special Road District as road had been 'paved' between the period of time that it was previously vacated, then reopened, and now 'vacated' again. The Commission expressed their understanding in the frustration of tax payer dollars that had been spent on said project; however, said portion of road was listed on CART (County Aid Road Trust Fund) Funding List; thus, the 'County' cannot refund monies that were previously spent as these are dollars received from Federal Government; this was reviewed with legal counsel for Ste. Genevieve County.

Commission reviewed 'Final Draft' of "*ORDER OF THE STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY COMMISSION TO VACATE PORTION OF SUGAR BOTTOM ROAD*". Said order was awaiting final 'review' approval from legal counsel for Ste. Genevieve County. Upon close review of the same; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve that portion with following legal description, "Located at Latitude 37 Degrees, 59' 37.12N/Longitude 90 Degrees 05'03, 80W) that lies between Industrial River Road and Quarry Hills Road. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said 'Order' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Shuh Plumbing & Heating working in the basement @ Courthouse; 'Small Furnace' in basement to be removed.

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

- *Mr. Schmieder to obtain supply of snow blades on order from 'Viking-Cives'.
- *Mr. Schmieder noted that there was no need to use salt for most recent snow removal; Salt Supply is sufficient.
- *Mr. Schmieder to address 'questions' from local resident on Gegg Road.

Commission reviewed 'Request for Funding Disbursement' as it pertains to previously approved ARPA Funding Request for Public Water Supply District #2. After additional review, Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve the Funding Disbursement Request as presented by PWSD#1 for the amount of \$6,327.74 to be allocated toward 'Engineering Fees – Cochran Engineering) as presented. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said Funding Request attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commission reviewed 'Request for Funding' as it pertains to previously approved ARPA Funding Request for Lake Forest Clean Water District. Close review given to request; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve the Request for Funding' as presented by LFCWD for the amount of \$83,400.00 to be allocated for "Meter Installation for unpaved as well as paved areas, locate unknown water valve locations, provision of labor to replace faulty shut-off valves, as well as installation of additional 20 main water line shut-off valves to 'awarded' Contractor – CE Contracting, Inc." Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of referenced funding request attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

'Right of Way' Paperwork forwarded by MoDOT as it relates to 'Smith' as well as 'Westover' Roads. Commissioner Ruzicka signed off on the same; 'Originals' returned to MoDOT in an effort for R&B to proceed. (Copies of said paperwork can be located in County Clerk's Office for reference.)

Report on recent Road Inspection provided (Mr. Schmieder accompanied the Commission on the same.) The purpose of said 'trip' was primarily to update new Commissioner of pending projects. Several roads that were mentioned were:

- *Jackson School Road – Road in need of 'sealing' work.
- *Frye Road – 'Dig out Spots' to be addressed.
- *Genevieve Church Road – Road to be addressed; much work to be completed.
- *Coffman Road – Said road is 1.8 miles; Additional road that needs to be addressed.
- *Ditch Road – Additional review of said road to be completed in the future.

Report from 'Solid Waste' Meeting provided by Commissioner Stuppy with the following highlighted details provided:

- *Various 'Grant' Funding updates provided.
- *Solid Waste Grant Funding 'Call' ends on 1/31/2023.
- *Changes with 'Senate Bill 45' reviewed; It was noted that this will allow additional control for the 'Districts' regarding their funds.

Report from 'SEMO Regional Planning Commission' Meeting provided by Commissioner Stuppy with the following points of interest noted:

- *Randy Ruzicka, Presiding Commissioner for Ste. Genevieve County, was elected as 'Secretary' at today's meeting.

*RPC noted that 'Amended Budget Hearing' was necessary.

*Discussion provided surrounding 'Recreational Trails' Grant Funding.

*'Land & Water' Grants also discussed; these would be through the Missouri Department of Conservation.

*"DED" Grant Funding remains – through ARPA Funding – Interested parties can reach out to Sandra Cabot.

*Margaret Yates – will be attending training relating to 'Administration Activity'.

*Bulletin and Conversation provided relating to upcoming "TIPS FOR SCHOOLS" as it pertains to the removal of lead from water systems in schools. Projected school year to be identified – '2023 – '2024. (If additional information desired; persons can contact the SEMO RPC regarding the same.) Ms. Leslie Seabaugh provided report/update on this matter with the SEMO RPC.

*Donna Hickman w/Congressman Jason Smith's Office wanted to report that he has been appointed 'Chair' of the 'Ways and Means Committee'.

Commission noted that the 'Southeast MO Regional Commissioner's Meeting' that was scheduled for 1/25/2023 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Commission reviewed 'Dues' to be paid to Missouri Association of Counties, which are based on 'Assessed Valuation'. Contact was made to MAC due to pending matter; Commission was advised that if there are any changes; Missouri Association of Counties would address upon finalization of said matter.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into Closed Session 'Meeting' at 10:00 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll Call was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Stuppy to 'Exit' Closed Session 'Meeting' at 11:30 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll Call was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

Accounts Payable for Date 1/26/2023 in the amount of \$233,535.34 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

Mr. Derek Welker, Territory Manager w/McCoy Construction & Forestry, met with the Commission to introduce himself as he is the 'new' territory manager for 'John Deere' for Ste. Genevieve. Mr. Welker addressed the current 'order' that Ste. Genevieve County that has been placed on the 'Buyback Agreement' for J.D. Motor Grader.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 11:50 A.M. as Commissioner had previously scheduled engagement. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER