

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

17<sup>TH</sup> 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 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. COMMISSIONER STUPPY YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting began with discussion pertaining to that portion of 'Sugar Bottom Road' that was vacated recently as per 'Order by the Ste. Genevieve County Commission'. Local company was approached by Special Road District to see if any recoupment could be received for 'paving' of said portion of road that was done. It was noted that 'CART' Funding was received by County of Ste. Genevieve as reported to MoDOT; thus, 'there can be no recoupment of funds' as a result of documentation that had previously been reported to MoDOT for County Aid Road Trust program.

Commissioner Ruzicka provided brief report on Community Center as he personally inspected facility early this morning. Water 'leak' issue appears 'better' even after severe rain yesterday. The following items of importance were addressed as well as it relates to 'Community Center Roof'. They are as follows:

\*Mr. Brad Arnold, Executive Director of Community Center, along with Maintenance Department to review entire structure of 'Building Leaks'.

\*Mr. Shawn Long, Director of the Ste. Genevieve Library was also contacted and noted that he performed inspection of the 'Library' after heavy rains yesterday. No Leaking was discovered! Mr. Long noted that he will also continue to monitor the situation.

\*C&R Mechanical met with Commission 'on site' for inspection of 'Drains' and issues surrounding the same as has been previously noted. Their 'on site' recommendation is that roof drains be replaced in the 'wet area'. Proposal for cost to be forwarded for additional review by Commission.

\*Chris Demien w/Grayco Roof Consulting was contacted. He noted that final 'walk through' scheduled' next week.

\*If all is well next week; representative with 'Firestone' to inspect roofing material in an effort to identify any potential issues.

Ste. Genevieve County R&B Foreman appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were the items reported:

\*Commissioner Ruzicka noted to Mr. Schmieder that he was contacted regarding 'Dust Control' System. Mr. Schmieder noted that 'this method' has been tried in the past and did not work well. At this time, Ste. Genevieve County will not pursue the same.

\*Quote Proposal received from Viking-Cives Midwest for 'Stainless Spreader Bed'. Motion to approve purchase of the same already completed in previous meeting. (Said Bed necessary; Viking Cives Midwest is 'State Approved' Vendor.) 'Total Cost' for said 'Spreader Bed' is amount of \$24,775.00. (Copy of Quote Proposal attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department hoping to start 'Pipe Installation' next week in preparation for upcoming 'road improvement work'. Signs will be posted asking for traffic to 'EXPECT LONG DELAYS'. In the effort of necessary improvements; this CANNOT be helped!

\*Roads to be addressed are as follows: Frye Road/Avon Road/Coffman Road.

\*R&B Department has 'built up' part of intersection on Westover Road; still need to complete the same on Smith Road.

\*St. Mary Cemetery Road – Immediate 'problem' has been addressed. Additional work most likely necessary at a later date.

\*Mr. Schmieder reported that there were no major issues reported as a result of 'storm damage' from heavy rains yesterday.

\*R&B Department continues to assist w/'clean up' project in Court

\*Local constituent inquired about Brushy Creek Road; Commissioner Ruzicka noted that said road will probably be reviewed for 'next year'. It was noted that 'Budget' must be taken into consideration as well as the fact that 'currently paved' roads must be addressed. Continued Maintenance is a key factor.

\*Inspection of 'Brush Hog' being completed in effort to make sure equipment ready for upcoming season.

Claudia Stuppy, Collector, appeared before the Commission relating to 'Delinquent Personal Property'. Following were details provided:

\*(4) Accounts presented that are > 3 years 'Delinquent'.

\*(1) Account under review is 'Carport', which is no longer there; owner is deceased.

\*Recommendation requested by Collector to treat as 'Personal Property' w/'Base Tax' Total of \$556.67.

\*\*\*\*Upon close review of details provided by 'Collector'; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve 'abatement' of delinquent taxes on properties mentioned above with the 'Total Amount' of \$556.67 as previously noted. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Recommended Delinquent Tax' Summary attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Fairgrounds Update provided. Following were items of importance noted:

\*HVAC – Shuh Plumbing and Heating planning to address at end of this week or first of next week.

\*Painting project to be addressed as coordinated by Commissioner Stuppy.

\*Fair Board coordinated 'electric' improvements with Mr. Chip Marzucio; Fair Board handling the same; Commission expressed their gratitude.

\*Commission still working with Mr. Colin Rogers as it relates to 'area' under 'Bleachers' at Fairgrounds.

New Bourbon Regional Port Authority Meeting was scheduled for last night, Wednesday, 2/22/2023. Meeting was apparently postponed; however, no notification was given to the Ste. Genevieve County Commission. Commissioner Marberry planned to attend to discover previously mentioned scenario. It is uncertain as to what 'rescheduled date' may be for next 'Port' Meeting.

Commissioner Stuppy presented report from 'Southeast MO Commissioner Association' Meeting that was attended by the Commission this week in Dexter. Following were items of importance noted:

- \*Mark w/MoDOT present – discussed high rate of inflation and its effect on 'projects'.
- \*One of the 'hardest' hit of projects with increased costs – Asphalt projects.
- \*As a result of above scenario, MoDOT allowing for greater 'lead time' on projects/State of Missouri lost out on some 'Federal Funding'; it is important for projects to be treated as though they were your "own". When not handled appropriately; monies can be lost!
- \*Speakers with Bootheel RPC as well as 'Ozark RPC' provided updates.
- \*Update on 'DERA Grants' – Jeremy Tanz with SEMO RPC noted that update to this 'Grant Funding' is that money can potentially be used for 'matching funds'.
- \*Sandra Cabot – attended via 'Zoom'/'Touched on ARPA Funding' relating to such items as 'Entertainment Grants'/'Cell Tower Funding'/etc.
- \*Update provided regarding 'Chester Bridge'.
- \*Review provided for Senate Bill 302/House Bill 948 relating to 'Mining'.
- \*Updates also provided by Congressman Smith's office/Madison Baker/Matt Bain (who attended via 'Zoom'. Various issues reviewed/discussed such as 'Trans Gender' issues & Homeland Security as it pertains to recent train derailment in Ohio. Commissioner Stuppy advised that she had constituent question her as to this situation should it occur in our 'town'?

Commissioner Stuppy attended Parkland REDI Meeting on Friday, 2/17/2023. The main items reported were 'Updating Website/Maintaining Website/What properties are still available within the 'Parkland REDI' District.

Happy Welch, City Administrator for Ste. Genevieve, has contacted the 'Commission' to advise that 'sidewalk sections' are being reviewed in front of the Courthouse along Market Street as part of the 'City's' overall sidewalk replacements this year. As additional information becomes available; said detail will be provided.

Commission present via phone for S&P Rating Call with Courtney Wegman also in attendance. (Courtney is Municipal Bond Underwriter w/LJ Hart & Co.). Also present for said 'Call' was Sara Hoog, Treasurer, Brad Arnold, Community Center Executive Director, and Sue Wolk, County Clerk. Rating call in regards to 'Lease Refunding Certificates of Participation – Series 2023. Also

present on 'Call' – Primary Analyst & Back-Up Analyst with meeting administrated by Ms. Ying Huang w/SP Global. Following were primary 'Points of Interest' relating to said conference call:

\*Ms. Huang works w/'local government' team in 'Midwest'.

\*In Proposed Agenda, some items to be discussed are: Debt Structure along with estimated 'Pay' Structure. Certificates being reviewed for refinancing relate to 'Water Park', which has been in operation for (4) years.

\*Ms. Wegman noted that 'Series 18 Certificates' used to construct 'Water Park'. She noted that in '2018; a 5-Year Call Feature utilized as an attempt to save 'Taxpayer Money'.

\*It was noted that in regards to 'Audits'; as a result of 'Water Park'; Audits completed every (2) years.

\*It was noted by Ms. Wegman; 'notes' from '2011, '2016, and '2017 were consolidated in '2020. (Financing on said 'notes' refinanced with private placement completed w/local banking facility.)

\*Ms. Huang noted that per 'revenue'; largest sources for 'County' are as follows: Intergovernmental Transfers via Sheriff's Dept./Sales Tax Revenue.

\*Holcim 'Appeal' reviewed along current 'structure' that is followed pursuant to the same.

\*Budget process reviewed; County Clerk, Sue Wolk, presented for this portion of the 'Call'. Particular details referenced 'Sales Tax Revenue'/'Property Tax Revenue'/'Financial Policy'.

\*Insurance loss questioned; Sue Wolk, County Clerk, confirmed that the 'County of Ste. Genevieve' carries cyber liability coverage – copy of the same forwarded to S&P Global for 'Rating Purposes'.

\*Credit Assessment Conference Call scheduled for Tuesday, 2/28/2023 @ 1:00 P.M. with Commissioner Ruzicka to be in attendance along with Ms. Wegman.

Accounts Payable for Date 2/23/2023 in the amount of \$196,526.94 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

## ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 1:05 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 2/27/2023.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER