

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

26TH 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 3/23/2023 WERE READ.
COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED.
COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA.
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Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, appeared before the Commission for today's meeting. The following items were reported:

- *R&B Department in need of fuel supply. Fuel Bids submitted.

- *Mr. Schmieder reported that they have been repairing 'flooded roads' from last week's storm.

- *'Concrete Blocks' to be installed at the 'site' of Franklin Bridge in an effort to 'close' entrance to said bridge; additional detail to be provided as it becomes available.

- *Mr. Schmieder met w/Mastec Representative at 'Ditch Road' regarding 'cable installation' under bridge on Wednesday, 3/29/2023.

- *River Aux Vases Church Road inspected yesterday as well. This pertained to 'Exposed Cable' to be addressed.

- *Mr. Schmieder addressed the fact that plan is that R&B Department can hopefully start on 'Dig Outs' next week.

- *The Commission addressed 'Boyd Road' with Mr. Schmieder present. It was noted that, currently, no additional measures to be taken to address 'constant issues' on said road. The 'County' has reached out to DNR in an effort to pursue potential improvements. It was noted that the 'County' doing their due diligence as a result of the repeated cost for improvements after the many 'flash flooding' occurrences on said road.

Detailed report provided by Commissioner Ruzicka regarding Franklin Bridge. As has been reported, Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, inspected said 'Bridge' and discovered that 'Bridge Footing' on 'North Side' starting to 'tip'. The 'bank' continuously weakening with round of storms that have occurred over last several weeks resulting in 'stabilization concern'. Per inspection by Ed Hess, MoDOT Bridge Engineer; he confirmed that 'concern' is valid and

supported the 'County's Decision' in action taken. It was noticed that 'footing' continues to move. The 'Bridge' is structurally fine; concern surrounds the 'North Bank'. The 'County' will explore possibility of 'Grant Funding'; it must be noted that 'Franklin Bridge' is currently 'CLOSED' until further notice. As it pertains to most recent 'Bid Award' for anticipated Franklin Bridge project; Braun Excavating has been notified that anticipated project has been 'HALTED'.

Commissioner Marberry provided a brief report regarding the New Bourbon Regional Port Authority Meeting that he attended on Wednesday Evening (5:30 P.M.), which was held at the SEMO Regional RPC Office in Perryville, MO. Following were the items reported:

- *Meeting went well.
- *Bid Acceptance for 'Dredging Port' reported – Cost for 'low bid' to be \$2,185,995.
- *Several 'Budgets' reported/provided.

Update on Community Center Roof provided as follows:

- *Commissioner Ruzicka reported that 'Headway' is being made on said project.
- *Commissioner Ruzicka expressed that he was NOT 'pleased' with the process surrounding said project; roofing contractor needs to repair issues. Inspection still remains to be completed by the manufacturer, Firestone, so that warranty can be 'established' for roof.
- *The Commission in daily communication with 'Contractors'.
- *There is also an HVAC 'issue' – Actuaries have been changed out on unit(s); it appears that this has improved excessive humidity level.
- *Commissioner Ruzicka spoke on behalf of the 'County' and noted that "no payments to be finalized until work is reported to have been completed correctly".

Basement Waterproofing project reported: Following were the items reported:

- *Project completed this week. (As previously reported, project was awarded to Woods Basement Systems with the 'low bid'.) (Copy of 'Invoice Detail' as well as 'Project Summary' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Contact made to B&W Guttering surrounding several 'routine maintenance' issues that need to be addressed on 'Courthouse Property Location'.

Report provided for SEMO RPC Meeting. Following were the items reported:

- *Report provided relating to 'Solid Waste' portion of meeting included update on FY '2024 'Applications' for next year. It was noted that in Ste. Genevieve County, Holcim was awarded 'Solid Waste' Grant. Said grant applications reviewed by DNR.
- *Regular Meeting Detail Reports:
 - *DERA Grant – Application process to be completed 'on-line'.
 - *EDA Grants – New Funding Cycle for 'Public Works' projects.
 - *Issues surrounding 'Broadband Activities' discussed.
 - *Matt Bain w/Senator Hawley's office reviewed the issue of 'Broadband' that many contractors are experiencing. The 'issue' is that many 'Broadband Companies' are 'short-cutting' certain areas, especially 'rural' areas.
- *It was noted that TIF Seminar to be given on 6/27/2023.

*At 'TAC' Meeting in April; Prioritization List to begin implementation.

*Donna Hickman reported on Congressman Jason Smith's office updates; he is Chair of 'Ways & Means' Committee. She noted that their office is working on 'impacts of inflation'/'issues on passports'/along with many other issues.

*Sandra Cabot – Economic Development – reported on 'Community Revitalization Projects' in Southeast Region.

*Interim Director appointed to Workforce Development Board for 'Southeast Region' for State of Missouri.

*Air Quality Meeting scheduled to be held on April 14th, 2023 @ American Legion in Perryville, MO.

Commissioner Ruzicka was approached by 'City of Ste. Genevieve Representative' regarding 'Marina Road' questioning "who" was responsible to maintain the same. Commissioner Ruzicka located an Ordinance that was drafted in 1987 in which Article II referenced responsibilities established at that time. Said article stated "City shall be responsible for maintenance of said road in the event Marina does not 'continue' to maintain the same. Potentially, there is responsibility on part of Levee District". Marina Road needs attention; however, this is not the responsibility of the 'Ste. Genevieve County Road District'/'Special Road District'.

Commission reviewed the (3) Separate Bids that were submitted for 'window coverings' for upstairs of the 'Courthouse'. Upon close review of said 'Bids'; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve the 'Low Bid' upon additional questions having been answered to 'Independent Blinds' out of Cape Girardeau, MO with said company having the 'Low Bid' of \$6,047.52. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copies of 'Bids' along with 'Award Letters' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

(Recess Called – 9:20 A.M. for 5 Minute Break)

Ms. Leah LaFrance with "Commonwealth Environmental Specialists" contacted the Commission as it pertains to the Wabash Valley Power Salem Bulk-Valley View 69kV Transmission Line Project. She advised that 'Emerald Energy' was working on 'Easements'. She noted that Commonwealth Environmental is working on the 'Permitting' portion of the project. It was her understanding that 'Easements' being obtained for area of approximately 20 miles long.

*Goal is that project projected to begin this 'Fall'.

*Projected completion date of project – '2026.

*Commissioner Ruzicka advised that 'definitive plan' needs to be established prior to 'meeting'. Ms. LaFrance established that she will be setting up 'Microsoft Teams' Meeting with the Commission. As additional information becomes available; said detail to be provided.

Invoice detail reviewed from CVDL; breakdown provided to Ste. Genevieve County Health Department. (Copy of said 'Invoice Detail' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Accounts Payable for Date 03/30/2023 in the amount of \$476,980.33 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into Closed Session 'Meeting' at 10:10 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 Marberry to 'Exit' Closed Session portion of 'Meeting' at 10:23 A.M. – re: 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.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:05 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER