

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

16TH Day of the April 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, MAY 22ND, 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.

The Commission reviewed 'critter' issue that exists within 'County' Buildings – Courthouse, Chamber Building, and Ste. Genevieve Art Guild. The Commission noted that this is 'Urgent/Emergency' situation in effort to avoid any additional damage being done. The following items of importance were noted:

- *Again, this is 'Emergency' in nature.

- *This project was not budgeted. It would be considered 'Emergency Expense'.

- *Since this is a 'Specialized' Service, the Commission reached out to H.E. Williams as well as Kammerman's Pest Control who advised that they do not 'specialize' in this service. The 'County' was referred to make contact with a company from Hillsboro, MO. The name of said company is "Trapper Joe's Nuisance Wildlife Control".

Upon review of 'inspection' performed by Mr. Joe Heilig who performed 'assessment' of 'nuisance issues' for the 'County' on the (3) Buildings mentioned above and careful consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to contract w/Trapper Joe's Nuisance Wildlife Control by utilizing ARPA Funding for 'Emergency Removal' of 'critters' from the 'Courthouse', 'Ste. Genevieve Chamber Building', and 'Ste. Genevieve Art Guild' for removal of 'critters' as discovered at the time of inspection. Trapper Joe classified as a 'Specialist' in this area of expertise and provided 'Certification' to substantiate his work. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copies of all applicable information that applies to 'Nuisance Wildlife Control' Project can be located in applicable ARPA Folder, which is located in County Clerk's Office.)

In effort to proceed with ARPA 'project' as noted above; Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the 'Down Payment' of \$19,860.17 from ARPA Funds appropriated for the same as approved by the Ste. Genevieve County Commission. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copies of ARPA Funding 'Supporting Documentation' as well as 'Invoice for Initial Installment attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Contact made with Chris Demien w/Grayco Roof Consulting. The following items of importance were noted:

- *Mr. Demien noted that 'Timeline' still needs to be forwarded as it relates to said project. This was item requested at the time project was initiated as ARPA Funding being utilized for said project; Detail necessary.

- *Mr. Demien advised that 'Final Invoice' Detail was forwarded to the 'County' for project. County records indicate that two (2) invoices remain to be paid as it relates to Grayco Consulting LLC as it pertains to Community Center Roof Project.

After detailed review of outstanding invoices as mentioned above; Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve reimbursement to Grayco Consulting LLC for the remaining invoices with breakdown as follow:

- (1) Invoice for amount of \$3,747.90 (Invoice #23001); and

- (2) Invoice for amount of \$3,618.72 (Invoice #23003).

***As has been previously noted; funding for Community Center Roof Replacement Project was allocated through ARPA Funding. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copies of detailed invoicing attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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

- *Boom Mower @ Flieg's Equipment – 'Clutch' needs to be repaired.

- *'Issue' w/Grader to be addressed.

- *Smith & Westover Road(s) – Base is ready.

- *Mr. Schmieder reported that work continuing on McDaniel Road next week.

- *Mr. Schmieder advised that 'Chipping' to be 'started'.

- *Mr. Schmieder advised that he was contacted by Vern Bauman Contracting – Paving to start on Coffman & Avon Road(s).

- *R&B Department assisting with work on 'Fairgrounds'.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into Closed Session 'Meeting' at 8:38 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 Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Exit' Closed Session portion of 'Meeting' at 10:03 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 was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into Closed Session 'Meeting' at 10:27 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) as it relates to 'Personnel'. Commissioner Stuppy

seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll 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 10:50 A.M. – re: RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye.

Julie Bova, Circuit Clerk of Ste. Genevieve County, currently 'sits' on EMAA 'Board'. She informed the Commission of 'Letter of Support' that is being requested for EMAA as it relates to our 'County'. Commissioner Stuppy working on the same.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from 'Southeast Missouri Regional Commissioner's Meeting' that was attended last week on Wednesday, 5/24/2023. Following were the items of importance noted that primarily pertain to Ste. Genevieve County:

- *MoDOT provided update to advise that they will not be placing 'traffic lights' @ the Intersection of I-55 & Highway 32. It was noted that 'Turn Lane' to be made over 'Bridge' in effort to assist with 'Traffic Control'.

- *MoDOT also provided update as it pertains to I-70 'corridor' project.

- *MoDOT reported that there is 'Port Funding' available in the amount of \$23.7 Million.

- *Chris Crocker w/MoDOT reported on SB398.

- *'BRO Applications' due on June 9th.

- *Call for 'TAP' Projects (Transportation Alternatives Program) – Ste. Genevieve County plans on trying to qualify for 'sidewalk project' for Ste. Genevieve County.

- *MoDOT reported that 'Cost Share' Programs scheduled for 'July' and 'October'.

- *MoDOT advised that \$100M being 'incorporated' into Budget for 'Rural Roads' w/\$12.8 Million to be 'invested' into the Southeast Region.

- *Jake Braking noted by MoDOT to be 'issue' in rural areas.

- *There was update on ARPA Funding projects – cell tower grants a priority; towers owned by public.

- *Gretchen Morris present w/WDB (Workforce Development Board) – It was reported that there is a new job center in Cape Girardeau. She noted that there is also 'Employment Training Funding' available.

- *Sandra Cabot with EDA also present and reported on additional 'grant funding' available through ARPA.

- *Legislators present: Rick Francis, Matt Bain w/Josh Hawley's Office – Update provided surrounding all the many items that are being tackled in Jefferson City. It should be noted that Rick Francis instrumental in passing (46) Bills! Many thanks offered to Mr. Francis for his hard work.

- *Steve Hobbs, Executive Director for Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) –

- *Mr. Hobbs referred to SB190 and advised that 'no one' knows how to deal w/this; the goal is to address via 'fiscal notes' – 'Collectors' working on the same.

- *Mr. Hobbs noted that 'Counties' must fight to avoid removal of local taxes, which is what 'Counties' survive on.

*He reviewed 'cost of housing' State Prisoners.

*He noted that 'MAC' encouraging ALL County Commissioners to utilize work email addresses.

*Mr. Alan Wells present and reported on necessary upgrades imperative to provide for '911' services. He provided update as it relates to "Next Generation 911 – NG 911" which offers versatile, innovative solutions and services for emergency communications. Service offers remote workforce support for '911' Cell Tracking and Call Routing.

*Commissioner Stuppy wanted to note their appreciation to Cochran Engineering who sponsored said meeting.

Commissioner Ruzicka provided report on 'SEMO RPC Meeting' that he attended. He said that it was important to 'note' that primary information provided from the same surrounded the 'funding' of \$65 Billion as it relates to 'cell towers'.

Accounts Payable for Date 5/25/2023 in the amount of \$265,367.56 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER