

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023

2ND Day of the July 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, JULY 3RD, 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.

Conference Call conducted w/Spectrum. Following were the items reviewed/discussed:

*The 'topic' of Ditch Road reviewed. Spectrum representatives were advised that they would need to contact Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, as new 'Box Culverts' are scheduled for the 'start' of installation the week of July 17th.

*Issue of River Aux Vases Church Road was discussed. As was discussed on the last conference call with Spectrum; there are issues with the 'rock' that was placed by Spectrum on said road, which Mr. Schmieder had noted will result in 'issues'. Mr. Schmieder has not yet been contacted; however, it was noted on this call that this will be 'handled' by Spectrum for inspection of River Aux Vases Church Road with a Spectrum 'Representative' and 'Mr. Schmieder' to address the concerns on part of the 'County'.

*Commissioner Stuppy advised that she wanted to confirm that the issues that had previously been reported for residents on 'B Road', which is a 'State Maintained Road' have been addressed. Although residents are not on 'County Road ROW'; the Commission received reports of their concerns and felt it important to address the same.

*Franklin Bridge moved from St. Mary to Fischer Family Fun Farm in Bloomsdale, MO. R&B Department retained 'Grating' from said 'Bridge' as has been previously reported.

*'BRO Applications' are due by Monday, July 12th.

*Letters forwarded to residents of Ditch, Manhattan, Whiskey Drive Residents to inform them of the 'potential delays' on their roads in the upcoming month surrounding 'Box Culvert' projects underway.

Update on Community Center Roof:

*Currently, there are no visible leaks. There is one exception; There was minor issue in the 'Aerobics Room' but related to 'repair' issue.

*Infrared 'Inspection' to take place at the Community Center during 'dry period' for assessment of any potential future 'leaks'.

Letter received by the Commission from 'Missouri Association of Counties' requesting that 'Counties' contribute 1% of their LATCF Funds to be utilized to form 'The National Center for

Public Lands Counties to be referenced as "The Center" as insurance towards the following items: Payment in-Lieu of Taxes (PILT), Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and other federal revenue sharing programs so that they 'continue' to flow into our counties. At this time, the Ste. Genevieve County Commission is not going to participate in said funding allocation. (Copy of Letter received from M.A.C. attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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

*Mr. Schmieder reported that recent weather resulted in slight damage, which the R&B Department has already addressed.

*Mr. Schmieder reported that there appears to be a 'DEF' Issue on the Grader. Said equipment being evaluated for repairs.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that the 'Primary Focus' for the R&B Department currently is 'Ditch Road'.

Commission contacted Mr. Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director. He noted that the 'State' along with Ste. Genevieve County specifically is still considered to be in a 'drought'. With this being said, the 'Burn Advisory' issued by the Ste. Genevieve County Commission remains in effect.

Letter received from A. George Befort III, Senior Vice Commander of Missouri, Military Order of the Purple Heart, requesting that the County of Ste. Genevieve become a 'Purple Heart' County. Response is being sent as the County of Ste. Genevieve has participated as a Purple Heart County with official 'Proclamation' having been made on the 28th Day of February, 2019. (Copy of said Proclamation can be located in 'Ordinance Binder' located in County Clerk's Office.)

Commission contacted Mr. Joseph Heilig w/Trapper Joe's Wildlife Nuisance Control as we are still in need of copy of 'Workers Compensation Insurance' along with 'Signed' copy of the Contract. Mr. Heilig noted that he would have information submitted to the 'County' by 1st part of next week.

The Commission conducted 'Work Session' regarding 'Ste. Genevieve County Road Policy'. Following were the items discussed:

*Updated Road Policy to incorporate a 'Primary Petition Agent' as the 'Point of Contact' in any future requests for 'County Road Acceptance'.

*Any requests for 'County Road Acceptance' to be reviewed by an engineer that is utilized by the 'County' for insurance that ALL NECESSARY CONDITIONS are actually met prior to any 'Acceptance' of Roads. The 'County' will reserve this 'Right' to utilize Registered Engineer that is approved by the Commission in effort to provide analysis/review on behalf of the 'County'. This is of utmost importance to protect Countywide 'Tax Dollars'.

*A 'Checklist' to be incorporated into updated R&B Policy in an effort to make things 'easier to understand'/more 'efficient'. Said 'checklist' will be designed to be used prior to commencement of 'Acceptance of County Road Process' begins.

*Reformatting to be completed prior to initial steps taken for future 'Acceptance of County Roads'.

*Commission compared 'policies/procedures' of other 'Counties' for 'Acceptance of County Roads. Example: Johnson County.

*Ecological restrictions will be noted in updated R&B Policy Manual.

*'Drainage Easements' will be future 'consideration' with input from 'County Approved Engineer'.

*Commission collaboratively noted that there is a 'finite' amount of funding for R&B projects./There is concern over continued future growth and ultimate responsibility of the Commission is to protect the interests of the 'County'./The above noted items are 'reasoning' behind any 'New County Road Acceptance' Requests will REQUIRE road to be PAVED prior to 'Acceptance' by the County.

Commissioner Marberry noted the following as 'Points of Interest' for today's meeting:

*"Port" – Dredging began on Monday, 7/3/2023.

*"Night at the Museum" for Farmington Chamber of Commerce is being held at the Ste. Genevieve Museum this evening, 7/6/2023.

The 'County' is researching potential of utilization of 'Social Media Policy' that would pertain to ALL 'County Employees'. Upon final research/decision being made; additional details to follow on this matter.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into Closed Session 'Meeting' at 10:33 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) as it relates to 'Personnel' as well as RSMo 610.021(1) as it relates to 'Contracts' as well as RSMo 610.021(1) as it relates to 'Possible Litigation'. 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 11:18 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) as it relates to 'Personnel' and RSMo 610.021(1) as it relates to 'Contracts' and RSMo 610.021(1) as it relates to 'Possible Litigation'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye.

Accounts Payable for Date 7/6/2023 in the amount of \$16,451.67 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.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 7/10/2023.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER