

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023

25TH 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 THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2023 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES WITH MINOR CORRECTION. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. COMMISSIONER STUPPY YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 26TH, 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.

Mr. Scott Schmieder appeared before the Commission with report for today's meeting. Following were the items reported:

*Mr. Schmieder noted that he was given a 'rough estimate' for repairs that are necessary to 'Boom Mower'. Approximate cost is expected to be \$12,000. Mr. Schmieder performing additional review in an effort to look into what 'cost' would be for new mower in effort to prepare 'County' for potential future needs. Additional considerations to be reviewed at this Monday's Meeting. (It was noted that determination to be made regarding 'who' will pull the 'Boom' from tractor.)

*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'R&B Department' performed recapping on Gillespie, Hager, and River Aux Vases Church Road(s).

*Patching of Roads continues.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Mowing' is currently shut down due to the fact that they do not want to take any chances of 'throwing spark' that might possibly result in 'fire'. No chances can be taken due to drought conditions.

*Mr. Mike Totten w/'adspipe' dropped off card in the event the R&B Department might need 'plastic pipe'. His company is "Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc."

*R&B Department in need of 'fuel supply'. Request for Bids sent out. Bid Award given for this most recent need to Heil Oil Company with the 'low bid'. Bid presented was for "On-Road" Fuel @ \$2.929/gallon and "Off-Road" Fuel @ \$2.699/gallon. (Copy of 'Bid Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

As per notification received from NIDIS – National Integrated Drought Information System – along with other continuous updates regarding severe drought conditions in and around the 'State' to include 'County of Ste. Genevieve'; the Ste. Genevieve County Commission issued a

Public Safety Advisory requesting that there be NO BURNING IN STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY TO INCLUDE NO FIREWORKS as a result of the severe drought. The 'County' has been made aware of several fireworks display(s) that have been cancelled and ask that EVERYONE adhere to this 'Advisory'. (Copy of 'Bulletin' from NIDIS as well as updates from 'Emergency Management Director' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Ruzicka along with Commissioner Marberry visited with MoDOT representatives, Chris Crocker and Shawn Lalumondiere, met @ 'Toots Hill' Road. Issue was addressed with the following details reported:

- *Said 'Road' serves (3) residents.

- *To the best of the County's knowledge; when I-55 was constructed in approximately 1969, it was noted that maintenance of road was supposed to be 'turned over' to 'County of Ste. Genevieve'. However, MoDOT 'continued' with maintenance of said road to include paving of road. There is 'pothole' on what is still on MoDOT "ROW" that has been verbally approved for repair. There were additional issues that are not on MoDOT "ROW" that are also in need of repair(s).

- *The Commission noted that road @ it's 'widest width' is approximately 10 Feet. Upon review of said road, it was noted that said road does not meet the necessary qualifications of 'Ste. Genevieve County Road Policy'.

Community Center Roof 'Project' Update; Following items of importance noted:

- *Bade Roofing in the process of 'cleaning walls' in Indoor Pool Area as has been previously reported.

- *Jeremy Schmidt w/GWS Contractors, Inc. to appear at Community Center to perform reinspection. Projected 'Start Date' to work on 'Roof Drains' in Pool Area is scheduled to begin on July 17th. Indoor Pool to be 'Closed' beginning on said 'Date' for period of (2) weeks.

Local resident that resides on Hickory Road (off Gillespie Road) contacted the Commission to advise what a GREAT JOB our R&B Department does; work recently completed on Gillespie Road by R&B Department.

Commission received call from additional resident that resides on Gillespie Road. He questioned whether or not said road could possibly be 'chipsealed' between "HH" and "Box Culvert" low-water crossing. The Commission noted that they would inspect said location upon next time road inspection(s) are completed. Commission will coordinate with Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from Southeast MO Commissioner's Meeting that was attended on Wednesday, 6/28/2023 @ the 'Pilot House' @ Cape Girardeau Regional Air Port. Following were the items of importance provided:

- *Rick Francis, State Representative, provided update to include 'Bills' that he was able to get passed. Fiscal Year ends @ 'State' on 7/1/2023.

- *Debbie Collier w/Congressman Smith's Office provided update.

- *Madison Baker w/Congressman Smith's Office provided update.

*Update provided from Eric Schmidt's Office – Senator for State of Missouri gave update. They have satellite office in Cape Girardeau, MO.

*Matt Bain w/Senator Josh Hawley's Office was noted to be recently named as 'Deputy State Director' while keeping 'Southeast Region a priority'. Review of issues that are being dealt with at Senator Hawley's Office reviewed/discussed.

*Lesley Rone w/DED (Department of Economic Development) noted that ARPA Tour completed in Sikeston & Iron County. She noted that "DED" is 'returning' to normal hours.

*Jeremy Tanz w/SEMO RPC – Reviewed 'Broadband Funding'.

*Gretchen w/Workforce Development Board – Half Million in training programs available. It was reported that there is a new 'job center' located in Cape Girardeau, MO w/additional job centers in 'Park Hills' and 'Sikeston'.

*Report from MoDOT – Funds are focused on I-70.

Current Staffing Issues

Chris Crocker hit on "BRO Project"; scoring of 'BRO Projects' to be held on July 12th.

*Update provided by MoDOT as it relates to latest briefings on 'Chester Bridge'.

*Ste. Genevieve County reviewed their 'concern' as it surrounds need for 'traffic lights' at the Intersection of I-55 and Highway 32. Currently, MoDOT is upgrading area to include additional 'turn lane' in the hope that this will solve some of the issues. Continual monitoring to be conducted surrounding this area.

*SEMA (State Emergency Management Agency) to host conference on August 1, 2023. MERC (Missouri Emergency Response Commission) is approving funding for 'Emergency Management Directors' to attend; this information relayed to Mr. Felix Meyer, EMD.

*SEMA encouraging "Burn Ban Advisories" be issued by Counties due to the severe drought conditions.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into Closed Session 'Meeting' at 11:25 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 12:08 P.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.

Accounts Payable for Date 6/29/2023 in the amount of \$637,510.81 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:15 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 7/1/2023.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER