

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

22ND 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 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2023 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023.

The Commission held 'Conference Call' with Spectrum as it pertains to River Aux Vases Church Road and 'on-going' issues surrounding the same. Spectrum 'Contractor' pulled 'Rock' from ditches on said road and placed 'Slurry Mix' in ditches after rock pulled. It was noted that there were no 'cones/ribbon/etc.' to warn 'traffic' not to drive over 'slurry mix'; thus, travel did occur over the same. Spectrum Representatives noted that they consider their efforts 'complete' on River Aux Vases Church Road.

*Commissioner Marberry noted that he, personally, inspected RAV Church Road, stepped on 'slurry mix' only to discover that material 'crumbled'. Example was presented in said meeting.

*Representatives from Spectrum noted that 'material' will get hard; is approved to be used in 'Roadways'; claim was made that said material has 'structural strength'.

*Issue of 'Pedestals' was addressed. Presiding Commissioner Ruzicka emphasized that R&B Department has 'hundreds of miles' of roads to maintain; it is difficult in certain situations for pedestals that are not 'flush' to the ground to be damaged. It was also noted by Commissioner Ruzicka that this was emphasized to Spectrum at the onset of 'cable installation' project.

*This portion of meeting concluded with determination that no additional permitting to be provided on 'County Roads' for Spectrum unless that specific department presents themselves. Determinations will be made on 'case by case' basis; flush mounted boxes will be mandated.

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

*Mr. Schmieder waiting on estimate for 'Bare Beds' for trucks.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Roller' not working properly. McCoy Equipment has been notified.

*Mr. Schmieder looking into 'Electric' Pole Saw.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that repairs to 'Tractor' by Flieg's Equipment are complete.

*R&B continuing to 'patch' asphalt.

Mr. Chris Crocker, PE – Area Engineer & LPA for MoDOT – Southeast District, appeared before the Commission surrounding the following:

*Mr. Crocker wanted to review the matter of 'Toots Hill' with Commission. Presiding Commissioner Ruzicka noted that road does not currently meet 'County Road Requirement Standards' as it is currently. The 'County' currently has a 'moratorium' on taking over any additional 'roads'; thus, the 'County' will not be taking 'Toots Hill Road' over as a County Road.

*Mr. Crocker noted that MoDOT will 'clean' up what they can on said roadway with an understanding that updated surveying to be completed.

*Presiding Commissioner Ruzicka noted that local constituent asked about Highway C with concern due to 'no shoulders' on said roadway. Mr. Crocker noted that he would address this 'concern' to MoDOT when they meet to address 'safety issues'; however, he noted that matter will depend on 'other roads' facing this very same problem.

*Commissioner Stuppy noted that she has been contacted by local resident with concern surrounding excessive speed in the area of Highways 'N' & 'P'. Mr. Crocker noted that he will look into this matter as well; speed studies are completed by MoDOT with an understanding of approximately what level of speed 80% of general traffic is traveling.

*Bridge 'rehabbing' is being completed @ intersection of I-55 and Highway 32.

*Highway 32 scheduled to be overlaid next year, '2024.

*Mr. Crocker noted that he will also perform inspection of "Highway WW & Saline Creek Road" intersection; status report to be provided to Mr. Scott Schmieder.

Commission met with Mr. Eric Basler, County Coroner, surrounding most recent statutory changes as they apply to Coroner position.

Commission met with County Collector, Kim Gielow, for status report.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report as 'Liaison' for 'County Commission' with Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board and noted several upcoming events that are planned to be held at said location.

Accounts Payable for Date 9/18/2023 in the amount of \$85,255.68 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 9/21/2023.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER