

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

17TH 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, AUGUST 24, 2023 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER STUPPY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER STUPPY YEA. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Estrella Carmona with University of MO Extension appeared before the Commission and noted that there would be changes to their office. Announcements to be made in the near future.

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

- *Equipment – “No issues to report on equipment at this time”.

- *Mr. Schmieder reported that the R&B Department is working on ‘Patching’.

- *Work to be specifically completed this week on Copper Mine Road as well as Donze Road. There will have to be temporary ‘road closures’ completed on Donze Road. Signage will notify drivers.

- *R&B Department working on ‘Pipe’ Placement.

- *Local resident that resides on Becker Road contacted the Commission with concern surrounding ‘lack of mowing’ in their area by R&B Department; the ‘Commissioners’ noted that the R&B Department has been backlogged with projects. In addition, it was noted that the R&B Department has a ‘Tractor’ that has been out of service as has previously been reported.

- *While Mr. Schmieder was still present, the ‘Commission’ asked if ‘Mastec’ has completed the recommended ‘repairs’ to River Aux Vases Church Road. Mr. Schmieder reported that NOTHING HAS BEEN COMPLETED. Commissioner Ruzicka noted that the performance by ‘Mastec’ has been ‘Dismal’. Commissioner Ruzicka noted that Ste. Genevieve County will NOT be providing any additional permits in the future to Mastec and will have to be very cautious with ‘Spectrum’ due to the unforeseeable amount of issues that Ste. Genevieve County has dealt with as it pertains to the project involving cable installation by Spectrum.

Notification received advising the ‘County’ that ‘Ozora Travel Plaza’ has temporarily been shut down. The ‘County Commission’ has reached out to Mark Spykerman w/Gilmore Bell and will provide any available details as soon as they become available.

Mr. Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Commission. The following items were reported:

*Mr. Meyer noted that he had attended 'Conference' last week; Emergency Management Director for Lincoln County (Adam Stanek) provided 'Elected Officials Guide' example as it relates to emergency management. This is something that Mr. Meyer feels would be good for our 'County'. (Copy of said 'Guide' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Mr. Felix Meyer 'looking into this program'. Mr. Meyer noted that Hank Voelker w/State Emergency Management has intent to visit w/'Counties' in an effort to present this plan.

*Mr. Meyer to attend St. Francois County '911 Meeting' today.

Sheriff Stolzer appeared before the Commission today. He had no updates to provide for today's meeting.

County Clerk, Sue Wolk, presented before the Commission as 'Tax Rate Hearing' conducted @ 10:00 A.M. for '2023. Following was information that transpired :

- 1.) 'County General Revenue' hearing was conducted first. The 'Tax Rate Ceiling' is .3061. Required 'Tax Rate Deduction' is .0404. Suggested 'Tax Rate' - .2657 with a slight difference of .0117. After extensive review of 'General Revenue Tax Rate'; Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve 'General Revenue Tax Rate' of .2657. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 2.) 'Road and Bridge' review of 'Tax Rates' conducted. The 'Tax Rate Ceiling' is .2472. 'Tax Rate' levied is .2472. After extensive review, Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve 'Road & Bridge Tax Rate' of .2472. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 3.) Review conducted as it pertains to 'Senate Bill 40' Tax Rates. 'Tax Rate Ceiling' for Senate Bill 40 - .0540. Upon detailed review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve 'Senate Bill 40' Tax Rate of .0540. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 4.) 'Ste. Genevieve Library' review of 'Tax Rates' conducted. The 'Tax Rate Ceiling' is .0455. Upon close review of the same; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve 'Ste. Genevieve Library Tax Rate' of .0455. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 5.) Review conducted as it relates to 'Senior Citizens Fund'. The 'Tax Rate Ceiling' is .0295. After review of the same, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve 'Tax Rate Ceiling' of .0295. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

- 6.) 'Mental Health Board' review of 'Tax Rates' occurred. 'Tax Rate Ceiling' is .0946. After lengthy review, Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve 'Tax Rate Ceiling' of .0946. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

TAX RATE HEARING FOR '2023 CONCLUDED @ 9:10 A.M.

Joe Killian, Senior Transportation Planner w/Southeast District for MoDOT, appeared before the Commission. Following were the items discussed/presented:

*Updated Mapping as it relates to CART Funding presented by Mr. Killian. Mapping presented should be 'final draft' for 'All County Maintained Roads' by Ste. Genevieve County Road and Bridge Department along w/'Special Road District'.

*Mr. Killian noted that MoDOT's figures indicate that our 'County' has a total amount of 'Roads' to maintain of 289.7 miles.

*Ste. Genevieve County's CART Funding is based upon 'Total Mileage' as noted above.

*Mr. Killian requesting that Ste. Genevieve County review updated mapping for accuracy and upon final approval, Commissioner Ruzicka sign off on the same. 'Original' documentation to be sent to MoDOT.

The Commission held 'Bid Opening' @ 10:00 A.M. as it relates to a proposal for 'Indoor Cameras/Exterior Cameras' in the matter of (security) surveillance at the Courthouse. Following are details from 'Bid Opening'.

*There were (2) Bids provided.

*The '1st Bid' Opened was provided by "B&D Telecom". Bid provided to include 'applicable license fees' - \$28,923.00.

*The 2nd 'Bid' Opened was provided by "Mr. Adam Basler/Freedom Security". With the inclusion of 'license fees'; the 'quote' presented was \$44,085.77.

*Commissioner Ruzicka noted that the Commission will review proposals presented in an effort to make sure that quotes presented are the same. Decisions regarding this matter to be decided in a meeting after detailed review has been completed. (Copy of 'Invitation to Bid' as it relates to 'Security Cameras' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Brad Arnold, Ste. Genevieve Community Center Director, appeared before the Commission to provide updated report as it pertains to the 'Community Center'. Following are the details provided:

*Commissioners questioned 'status' of 'tile' surrounding 'Indoor Pool' Area. There is possibility of 'reglazing' said tile. Maintenance Department researching this avenue. Additional details to be provided as they become available.

*Water Park will only be open (3) more days this Summer. This weekend will be last weekend that water park will be open this year.

*Indoor Pool Area – Pool being repainted/refurbished. It is anticipated that 'indoor pool' to be reopened soon.

*Review of 'Community Center Roof Project' conducted. The 'County' is currently waiting on 3rd party inspection to be completed that is being facilitated by Grayco Roof Consultants as has been reported in previous 'Minutes'. The 'County' continues to work closely

with Grayco Roof Consultants as well as Bade Roofing as it pertains to the 'Community Center Roof'.

Accounts Payable for Date 8/28/2023 in the amount of \$5,885.08 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

Commission convened @ 12:00 P.M.

Commissioner reconvened @ 2:00 P.M. for 'road inspections' in northern portion of the County.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 4:00 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 8/31/2023.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER