

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

19<sup>TH</sup> 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 31, 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.

MoDOT sent notification for biennial inspection of 'Non-State Bridges' with 20 feet or greater spans. MoDOT plans to schedule this in February of '2024. Said 'inspections' to be coordinated with the Commission as well as 'Road & Bridge Department'. (Copy of notification from MoDOT attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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

\*Copy of signed 'Buyback Agreement' as it relates to John Deere model 672G 'Grader' received by the Commission. (Copy of the 'Buyback Agreement' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Local constituent that resides on Burks School Road notified the 'County' regarding 'excessive speed' of persons driving on said road. Notification also provided to Sheriff's Department surrounding the same.

Mr. Kelley Brownlee w/Underdown Trenching, Inc. along with several representatives from Spectrum appeared before the Commission as it relates to necessary permitting for cable installation on Clement Road. Mr. Brownlee was 'sub' as it relates to said 'underdown trenching'. Their 'sub' is 'Burns Construction'. Ultimate responsibility falls on 'Spectrum' as the Ste. Genevieve County Commission reiterated issue/problem on River Aux Vases Church Road.

\*It was explained by parties present that there are (2) separate divisions for Spectrum. They are as follows: BAU (Business As Usual) Division as well as RDOF (Rural Development of Fiber) Division.

\*Party requesting 'Permit' was the BAU Division. The Commission noted that until a 'resolve' can be settled with River Aux Vases Church Road; the 'County' had no plans to provide additional permitting without 'resolution' to River Aux Vases Church Road. Spectrum Representative advised Commission that they were waiting on making final repairs to 'River Aux Vases Church Road' until they could mobilize and do necessary work on Ditch 'Road' as well. The Commission was adamant that repairs to River Aux Vases Church Road needed to be made ASAP; situation has gone on > (1) year and is 'unacceptable'. Responsible contractor that was

providing services for Spectrum was 'Mastec'. Commissioner Marberry noted that if resolution not reached; matter could become 'legal'.

After much review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve 'Provisional Permit' that will allow the BAU Division of Spectrum for 'Right of Way' Application in an effort for the "BAU Division" to proceed with cable installation on Clement Road as has been requested with the stipulation that said work meets the expectation of the 'County'. (Mr. Schmieder to monitor completion of work surrounding this issue.) Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Right of Way' Application 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 items reported:

- \*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Boom Mower' still in 'holding pattern'; additional details to follow.

- \*R&B Department 'digging out 'Bad Spots'.

- \*Asphalt Patching being completed.

- \*Mr. Schmieder noted that '1<sup>st</sup> Pipe' on Boyd Road is collapsed; R&B to replace the same.

- \*Mr. Schmieder was contacted by 'Dig Rite' and was advised that 'Spectrum' has been clearing their 'own tickets'. This leads to concern for R&B Department about effects this will have on 'cable lines' if work not being reviewed properly.

Mr. David Bova, Treasurer for Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board, appeared before the Commission to provide report as it relates to most recent 'fair'. Ultimate 'Fair Total Revenue' was amount of \$32,285.49. Fair for '2023 was a HUGE SUCCESS! (Copy of "Ste. Genevieve County Fair '2023 Reporting Detail attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

- \*Mr. Bova presented 'Letter Requesting Appointment' to the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. Upon close review of the same, Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve the 'Appointment' of Lisa Hatley to the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of Request Letter attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

- \*Mr. Bova presented 'Letter Requesting Appointment' to the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. Upon close review of the same, Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve the 'Appointment' of Jessica R. Naeger to the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of Request Letter attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from 'University of MO Extension' Meeting that she attended. The following items of importance addressed:

\*Adopt -A-Family Program being administrated by Extension Board; Committee is being formed to see this process 'through'. Event to be held mid-December with 'donors matched to families'.

\*Chicken Chip Square Fundraiser raised approximately \$5,000 at recent Ste. Genevieve County Fair; proceeds to be utilized for 'Youth Fundraising'.

\*Century Farm Family chosen! It was reported to be 'Kevin Lipp Family'.

\*It was noted by 'Kendra Graham' with the Extension that she is encouraging the 'Council' to apply for 'Council of the Year Award' in the future.

Community Center Roof Project Update: Contractors/Investigation Team to meet on 20<sup>th</sup> of September for continuance of investigation into 'Roof Project'. As additional information becomes available; said detail to be provided.

New Bourbon Regional Port Authority Board Updates reviewed. Decisions affecting Ste. Genevieve County to be made by end of year. Commissioner Marberry noted that this is a matter to be addressed.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into Closed Session 'Meeting' at 11:04 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to potential '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 'Exit' Closed Session 'Meeting' at 11:25 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) as it relates to 'Litigation'. 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, appeared before the Commission with several matters to address. They are as follows:

\*There are several blinds 'upstairs' that are causing 'glare' issue. Commissioner Ruzicka contacted company that provided installation. Meeting scheduled to address issues on 9/12/2023 @ 12:00 P.M.

\*Mrs. Bova also wanted it noted that she has scheduled 'Salary Commission Meeting' to be held in the 'small courtroom' on 9/25/2023 @ 1:00 P.M.

Accounts Payable for Date 9/7/2023 in the amount of \$326,558.70 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

**ADJOURN**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:25 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 9/11/2023.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER