

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

2ND Day of the October Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Presiding Commissioner Randy Ruzicka, Associate Commissioner Mark Marberry and Deputy County Clerk, Michele Gatzemeyer. Associate Commissioner Karen Stuppy was absent from today's meeting due to medical leave.

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 28, 2023 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES WITH A 'MINOR' CORRECTION. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

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

- *Work progressing on Ditch/Misplay Road Project(s).

- *R&B need to 'install' pipes.

- *Mr. Schmieder researching 'Guard Rails' for Ditch/Misplay Road 'Bridge/Box Culvert' Projects upon completion of the same.

Commissioner Ruzicka spoke with representative from Trapper Joe's Nuisance Wildlife Center. He provided revised start date as he had 'rental' scheduled for 'lift'; however, rental company cancelled the same.

Community Center Roof 'Project' – Commissioner Marberry to reach out to Chris Demien w/Grayco Roof Consultants for update surrounding the same.

- *Tiles looking good around 'Indoor Community Center Pool'.

Commissioner Ruzicka attended 'Missouri Office of Homeland Security' Meeting that was held in Warrenton, MO on Tuesday, 10/3/2023. Commissioner Ruzicka has been appointed to 'Board'.

- *It was reported that (2) DPS 'Grants' available.

- *Cyber Security – Main Topic of discussion.

Jared Nance w/U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service appeared before the Commission to review the Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion with the following key points noted:

*Map of Middle Mississippi River NWR provided.

*Copy of the 'Draft Land Protection Plan and Environmental Assessment Refuge Boundary Expansion provided. (Copy located in County Clerk's Office.)

*Mr. Nance explained that 'boundaries' of this project extend from 'Alton' with line extending below 'Cairo, Illinois'.

*Mr. Nance noted that 'Refuge' started in 1993 after 'flood occurrence' that year.

*Mr. Nance noted that they only sell to willing sellers with payment at 'Market Value', which is based on 'Appraisal Value'.

*The 'Ground' within this project lies within the 'Levees'.

*Funding is provided for 'Duck Stamp Dollars', which is used to pay for land purchased.

*Congress passed 'Bill' that appropriates \$1,000,000 for 'Middle Mississippi River MMR'.

Mary Bleckler contacted the Commission as it pertains to 'Resources to Recovery'. She advised that Ms. Bretton Stevens has been appointed as Vice-Chairperson to 'Resources to Recovery'. Ms. Stevens is a 'Certified Peer Counselor' and currently works as Administrator of New Vision, at Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital. Ms. Stevens has been appointed as she stays up to date on the latest data and trends affecting Substance Use Disorder and continues to attend conferences and workshops.

The Ste. Genevieve County Commission along with Wayne Williams, Prosecuting Attorney and Gary Stolzer, Sheriff, have forwarded notification in an effort to urge the Missouri Legislature to pass and request signature from the Governor in the '2024 legislative session that would specify a 'Class D' or 'Class E' felony charge for the theft or provable possession of a 'State' or 'Local' Government Owned 'Stop Sign' or 'Yield Sign'. (Copy of referenced documentation attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Brad Arnold, Community Center Director, reported that 'pool pump' had to be replaced at said facility. A 'total' of (4) Proposals obtained. Project fell below threshold for 'Placing it for Bid'; however, it should be noted that decision was made to proceed with '2nd lowest bid proposal' due to the fact that 'timeline' for receipt of pump was far less with said 'Bid' vs. the 'lowest' bid proposal. Company that the 'County' is working with is 'local vendor'. Awarded 'Quote' Price - \$5,949.84. (Copies of all applicable documentation attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting @ 10:31 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) – as it relates to 'Real Estate'. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Exit' Closed Session 'Meeting' at 10:41 A.M. – as it relates to RSMo 610.021(2) – Real Estate. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session Meeting' at 10:46 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) – as it relates to 'Real Estate' as well RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Litigation'. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Exit' Closed Session 'Meeting' at 11:43 A.M. – as it relates to RSMo 610.021(2) – 'Real Estate' as well as RSMo 610.021(1) – 'Litigation'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

Accounts Payable for Date 10/5/2023 in the amount of \$205,925.54 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Marberry to adjourn @ 12:05 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the Motion.

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

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER