

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

24TH Day of the October 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, DECEMBER 14, 2023 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 2023.

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

*Repairs being made to 'Crack Patcher'; Additional details to follow as they become available.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'road work' being completed on Roth Cemetery Road.

*R&B to work on St. Mary Cemetery Road.

*Mr. Schmieder supplied 'Commission' w/'Rental Agreement' for 'Mini Excavator' to 'break bluff' on Roth Cemetery Road as 'road' needed to be widened. (Copy of 'Rental Agreement' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

University of Missouri Extension Council met with the Commission to do 'preliminary review' of their 'Budget' for '2024. Those present from the 'Extension Council' were Mr. Jason Blum, Treasurer as well as Kendra Graham, Extension and Engagement Specialist. The following details were reviewed/discussed:

*The 'Extension Council' is requesting a 5% 'increase' in budget primarily for 'Salary' Expense. It was acknowledged that 'Payroll' is the largest 'Cost' Component.

*Bonding Requirements an additional expense that now must be absorbed by the 'Council'.

*Ms. Graham noted that she will have 'annual report' available by February.

*The Commission noted that they will have to follow up with the 'Extension Council' when they are able to review 'Budgets' and will have a better idea of what '2024 will hold. (Copy of 'Preliminary Budget' for 'Extension Council' for '2024 attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Ms. Kate Becker, Outside Contractor, provided update surrounding the projects she is working on within the Collector's Office. She noted that progress is being made.

Meeting conducted at 9:30 A.M. for Ozora Community Improvement District. Attendees were as follows:

*Mark Spykerman – Counsel w/Gilmore Bell

- *Raymond Gettinger – Ozora CID Board of Directors Member
- *Dennis Otte – Ozora CID Board of Directors Member
- *Wayne Kreitler – Ozora CID Board of Directors Member
- *Michele Gatzemeyer – Ozora CID Board Secretary
- *Sara Hoog – Treasurer for Ste. Genevieve County
- *Erica Palmer – Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Spykerman called meeting to 'Order' promptly @ 9:30 A.M. After the same, the following 'Order' was followed:

- *Mr. Spykerman obtained Mr. Kreitler's "Oath of Office".
- *Property located in 'CID District' in Bankruptcy. Property being 'completely liquidated'.
- *Mr. Spykerman advised that a 'Bankruptcy Trustee' has been assigned to sell/liquidate property.
- *A 'Motion' to approve the Minutes from December 19, 2022 'Ozora CID Meeting' was made by Mr. Ray Gettinger. Mr. Dennis Otte seconded the 'Motion'. Mr. Gettinger yea. Mr. Otte yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

*The matter of appointing officers of the District, came on for consideration and was discussed. Upon motion duly made by Director Gettinger, seconded by Director Otte, and after further consideration and discussion by the Board of Directors, Resolution No. 2023-1, as amended, was unanimously carried and adopted as follows:

"A RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT"

*The matter of adopting an amended budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 and a budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, came on for consideration and was discussed. Upon motion duly made by Director Gettinger, seconded by Director Otte, and after further consideration and discussion by the Board of Directors, Resolution No. 2023-2 was unanimously carried and adopted as follows:

"A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024."

*As it pertains to the 'future' of the 'District', it should be noted that the 'County' has taken measures to dissolve the 'Ozora TIF'. The 'CID' has existing obligations as there was an outstanding loan tied to the 'CID'. Erica Palmer w/SEMO RPC noted that 'outstanding loan' is going to be 'written off'. With the same being said, the Board of Directors are in favor of 'Dissolution of CID' as well.

*Mr. Spykerman to take necessary steps to put this in 'Action' and will reach out to 'Bankruptcy Trust'.

*Ordinance of Dissolution to be passed regarding 'Ozora TIF' in January, 2024.

*Mr. Sypkerman noted to Mrs. Hoog, Treasurer, that 'TIF Special Allocation Fund' can be 'dissolved'. Explanation duly noted.

*Director Gettinger made a 'Motion' to adjourn Ozora CID Meeting @ 10:00 A.M. Commissioner Otte seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Gettinger yea. Commissioner Otte yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (All documentation regarding Ozora 'TIF' as well as 'CID' can be located in Ozora TIF Folder located in the Office of the 'Ste. Genevieve County Clerk'.)

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Stuppy to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session Meeting' at 10:18 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Potential Litigation'.

Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Stuppy to 'Exit' the 'Emergency Closed Session Meeting' at 10:49 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Potential Litigation'.

Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

Jason Schott w/'Ste. Genevieve 911 Board' as well as Sara Hoog, Treasurer for Ste. Genevieve County appeared before the Commission to review 'future' of best practices to proceed with said 'Fund'. Decision was made that 'matter' will be revisited in '2024. Current practices to remain in place until further changes are to be made.

Mr. Scott Sattler w/Parkland REDI Committee appeared before the Commission to provide an overview of their Economic Development Plan and to address any issues that the 'Commission' might have. Primary focus of said organization is to "Strengthen the capacity of communities in rural America to work together in developing and implementing an economic development blueprint that strategically builds on the current and emerging economic strengths of their Region". Mr. Sattler also inquired about potential locations that would be recommended by the 'Commission' that are located in Ste. Genevieve County for future 'Economic Development & Growth'.

Commission 'convened' @ 12:05 P.M.

Commission 'reconvened' @ 1:30 P.M. to meet with Brad Arnold as well as Dave Weber to perform 'Preliminary Budget Review' for the Ste. Genevieve Community Center for '2024. Also in attendance at meeting were several local residents that have expressed concern surrounding the 'Closing' of the pool at the Bloomsdale Community Center location. Following were the 'Points of Interest' that were reviewed/discussed:

*Mr. Arnold noted that Mid-America Rehab expressed concern surrounding the 'closing' of the Bloomsdale Pool due to the therapeutic success it can offer for 'healthcare'. As a result, Mid-America Rehab has offered 'solution' surrounding said matter with this to be discussed and determined at the next Community Center Board Meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

*Remainder of Discussion pertained to 'Preliminary Budget Review'; Final decisions not to be made until the 'County' receives 'Actual Figures'. Additional details to be reported as they become available surrounding the same.

There were NO 'Accounts Payable(s)' transacted for today's meeting.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 3:00 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 12/21/2023.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER