

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023

25TH 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 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER STUPPY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER STUPPY YEA. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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.

Ms. Kate Becker, Contractor assisting the 'County' presented 'Contract' through 'Tipton Systems' as it relates to 'Service Contract' that applied for 'money counters'. The 'Collector' will have to revisit this in '2024 as 'Contract was negotiated without consult with the Commission'. Signatures were applied as 'Contract' had already been agreed upon; Tipton Services will not release the 'County' at this time from their obligation. (Copy of said 'Contract' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The Commission reviewed the 'County Government Legal Services Program/Contract' for '2024 as presented by Schraeder Law Firm. Upon close review of the same, Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve the 'continuance' of said 'Legal Services Agreement' with Ivan Schraeder as legal counsel for Ste. Genevieve County with 'Rate' remaining the same as last year @ \$1,800.00 annually. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Invoice' as well as 'Legal Services Program' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from Southeast Missouri Commissioner's Meeting with the following 'Points of Interest' noted as follows:

- *Sponsor of Meeting was 'Enterprise Fleet Management'.
- *Chris w/MoDOT provided report on update of 'Chester Bridge'.
 - *Reported on Route 61 – Fruitland Corridor.
 - *Reported on Route 61 – Jackson.
- *Representative from Bootheel RPC provided updates on 'Grant Possibilities'.
- *Drew Christian reviewed 'Hazard Mitigation' projects including 'Glen Allen' Buyout in Bollinger County, MO.

*Representative from SEMA noted that 'consolidated manual' for 'Seismic Plan' as it relates to Earthquake. (Ms. Stuppy to prepare copy of the same for Felix Meyer – Emergency Management Director.)

*Hank Voelker noted that there will be 'Full Scale Execution Drill' in April.

*SEMA has new 'Sandbagging Machine', which would expedite the process of sandbagging.

*Sandra Cabot attended meeting; she reported that Lesley Rone appointed to Delta Regional Authority Staff Person for Bootheel Region'.

*Jason Kirkman w/DNR @ meeting: He reported on landfill assessments/wastewater potential 'Grants'./Air Quality update/there was also discussion surrounding 'Meeting' that occurred in Ste. Genevieve County surrounding issues surrounding 'Establishment Creek' and the various flooding issues in 'creeks'. It was noted that meeting was 'very productive'.

*Rick Francis – Reported on 'last legislative session' – SB190 was (1) of the issues discussed.

*Jamie Burger – Discussed 'Budget' as well as 'Water Pipeline'.

*Eric Schmitt's Office – Reported on Passports.

*Congressman Smith's Office – Reviewed various 'House Bills' that he voted on.

*Matt Bain – Reviewed 'Border Control'

*The 'severity' of 'radiation issues' currently being discussed in St. Louis/Clean-Up Effort regarding the same discussed.

*Donna Hickman present/provided update.

*The same officers retained for '2024 for Southeast MO Commissioner's Meeting.

Commissioner Marberry reported that there are no new updates to report surrounding 'New Bourbon Regional Port Authority'.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from the Ste. Genevieve Community Center Board Meeting. Following were the items reported:

*It was reported that there was a 'great' turn-out for December 9th 'Vendor' Event that was held at Community Center recently.

*Ste. Genevieve Library held event on December 15th. This also generated a great 'turn-out'; it was noted that said event generated over 400 "+" visitors; The 'Library' held event the next day for persons with Developmental Disabilities.

*'Holiday Camp' will be held over 'Christmas Break'.

*The following events taking place/will be taking place soon at Community Center: Gym Hockey/Volleyball Tournament/Pickleball Tournament.

*Holiday Hour Updates for Community Center: "Closed" on 12/24, 12/25, and 12/31.

*Ste. Genevieve Library 'Office Space' completed.

*Panic Buttons purchased for Ste. Genevieve Water Park as well as 'All Sports Complex'.

Mr. Robert Lord, Central Committee Chair of Democratic Club, along with Mr. Robert Bach, President of Democratic Club, appeared before the Ste. Genevieve County Commission to express their support on behalf of Susan Mueller whom they noted to be forwarding request to the Governor's Office for appointment as Ste. Genevieve County Collector. They noted that she

has approximately (11) years of experience in said office. The Commission noted that Interim Appointment made; matter is now in the hands of the 'Governor'.

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

*Fuel Bid needed for R&B Department. Heil Oil Company was awarded 'Bid' as they had low-bid with the following pricing: "On-Road" Fuel - \$3.099/gallon; "Off-Road" Fuel - \$2.759/gallon; "Gasoline" - \$2.309/gallon. (Copy of 'Fuel Bid Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Mr. Schmieder noted that he has addressed his 'Trogdan' Project.

*Project on St. Mary Cemetery Road completed.

*Trees/Limbs will be 'cut' next week.

Linda Wagner, Assessor, noted that she forwarding 'Maintenance Plan' to State Tax Commission as required. If additional information becomes available; said detail will be provided.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Stuppy to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session Meeting' @ 10:54 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 11:02 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 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session Meeting' at 11:15 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. 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 11:59 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel' as well as RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Litigation'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

County Clerk, Sue Wolk, presented update surrounding decision made by the Missouri Supreme Court that struck down House Bill 1606, which means that 'Counties' that were allowed to utilize a 'short form' publication of the annual financial statements will be required to 'revert' back to the "long form" publication that will be due March 1, 2024. In addition to this, language was included advising that the potential increase (up to \$14,000) for the Coroner is now gone. (Copy of referenced documentation surrounding the above attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Accounts Payable for week of 12/18/2023 'thru 12/21/2023 in the amount of \$291,811.93 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

The Commission convened at 12:00 P.M. to reconvene at 4:00 P.M. to attend IDC Meeting at the 'All Sports Complex'. Reporting on said meeting to be conducted at next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting of 12/26/2023.

SUBMITTED BY:

Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner