

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

7TH Day of the January 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, JANUARY 18, 2024 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.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 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.

Linda Wagner, Assessor, is required to forward annual Assessment Maintenance Plan to the 'State Tax Commission'. She presented the same for '2024-'2025.

*Upon review of documentation presented; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve the '2024-'2025 Assessment Maintenance Plan Agreement as presented. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said 'Agreement' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Community Center Roof Update – The following 'Points of Interest' were noted as it relates to said topic:

- *Bade Roofing on 'premises' Wednesday, 1/24/2024.
- *There is noted 'issue' w/'sweating' of Drain Pipes.
- *Due to issue with 'Compressor' that is on order (as has previously been reported); Condensation issues resulting in 'leaking'. Roofing Contractor projected to be 'on-site' next week. As additional information becomes available; said detail to be provided.

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

*Truck #4 (Freightliner) still located @ C&B Diesel in Jackson; vehicle is projected to be returned next week.

*Mr. Schmieder had noted that 'Truck' needed with ability to 'Haul Equipment', etc. After extensive searching, Mr. Schmieder was able to locate a 'Used Truck'. Mr. Schmieder presented to the Commission as this is much more cost effective than purchasing a brand

new vehicle; Mr. Schmieder noted that this was not necessary. Mr. Schmieder and Commissioner Ruzicka traveled to inspect vehicle.

*Upon review/discussion by the Commission; Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the purchase of 1999 Ford F450 Flatbed Truck (Single Cab) due to the cost savings of said vehicle acknowledging that said unit had low mileage and 'pricing' was well within reason. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Said Vehicle designed to replace unit w/300,000 miles on the same.)

*Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department trying to 'haul rock'.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that inspection to be completed @ 'Recycling Center' for 'projects' that need to be completed.

Commissioner Stuppy reviewed the 'Right of Way' Permitting Application that was forwarded by Charter Communications as needed for 'Aerial & Underground' Construction for cable installation. Many of the roads on said request need to be 'split' as request is not for just 'County Roads'. Mr. Schmieder noted that he wanted to meet 'Charter' on-site in effort to review the project. This request so that 'County' does not experience the same challenges that 'County' dealt with in the past. (Copy of 'Right of Way' Application submitted attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session Meeting' at 8:37 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) – as it relates to 'Contracts'. 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' the 'Closed Session Meeting' at 9:26 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) – as it relates to 'Contracts'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye.

Shawn Long, Ste. Genevieve Library Director, appeared before the Commission to present 'Event' that they are anticipating to hold at the Library over the 'Summer' with assistance from the 'Friends of the Library' Group. Said event would be a 'Mini Golf Fundraising Extravaganza' and designed for both 'kids' as well as 'adults'. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available. (Copy of 'brochure' w/explanation of event attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Solid Waste Grants were discussed. Although 'final' notification has not been made; it 'appears' that Ste. Genevieve Recycling Center will receive 'Grant'.

Commissioner Marberry provided report from the New Bourbon Regional Port Authority Meeting that he attended this week. Following were several key items noted:

*Mr. Dave Flieg – Appointed as Vice-President of 'Port Authority Board'.

*Contract awarded regarding Ste. Genevieve Modoc Ferry.

*Projected project of 'Warehouse' that has been noted to be possible project has been 'downsized'. Said project not final.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session Meeting' at 10:26 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Possible 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' the 'Emergency Closed Session Meeting' at 10:31 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.

Local Taxpayer who recently had request to 'Waive' Interest and Penalties Denied contacted the Commission to 'question' the same as this upset him. Commissioner Ruzicka explained the 'reasoning' behind the decision and reiterated that the 'County' must follow State Statutes as this is the 'law'. Commissioner Ruzicka advised that if the 'County' makes error; this is taken into consideration and 'Waiving of Interest/Penalties' would then be seriously considered.

SEMO RPC Update provided by Commissioner Stuppy, which lists several potential 'Funding' opportunities as well as upcoming 'MoDOT Projects' scheduled through 1st Quarter of '2024. (Copy of Update attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Accounts Payable for Date 1/25/2024 in the amount of \$77,276.56 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 1/29/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER