

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

9<sup>TH</sup> 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 MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024 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.

Mr. Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director for Ste. Genevieve County, appeared before the Commission and provided update as it relates to recent 'Hazmat' situation on Highway C. Mr. Meyer reported the following:

- \*A 'Total' of (4) Fire Departments responded to incident as well as EPA/SEMA/and DNR.
- \*Missouri Highway Patrol had 'Officer' present throughout situation.
- \*The 'County' would also like to 'Thank' St. Francois County who also provided much needed assistance.
- \*The Commission provided a 'Special Thank You' to the Weingarten Volunteer Fire Department as well as all responding fire departments that responded and provided much needed assistance. All 'Response' was extremely appreciated!

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

\*Mr. Schmieder obtained 'Final Quotes' for 'Grader Blades' with 'Quotes' having been obtained from RUDD Equipment as well as McCoy Construction & Forestry even though amount is below 'threshold' necessary balance. Decision was made to purchase (30) Grader Blades for a 'Total Amount' of \$3,133.00. (Copy of 'Quotes' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

- \*Truck #4 (Freightliner) – Repairs Completed; 'Truck' has been returned.
- \*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Bucket Truck' issues have occurred.
- \*Road Inspection Report – Mr. Schmieder in process of putting figures to paper; There will be additional review of the same @ the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting.
- \*Additional review to be provided to 'Zero Turn Mower' for the 'County'.
- \*Mr. John Dowd, 'Governmental Sales' for Kirby-Smith Machinery, provided brochure surrounding services that they offer. Documentation was given to Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman.

\*The Commission reviewed 'Boot Allowance' for R&B Department. Due to ever increasing costs; Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve increasing 'Boot

Allowance' for R&B Department from \$150 to \$175. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Christopher Govero w/Lightwave Communications LLC contacted the 'County' as they are requesting 'permitting' for underground utility work to install 'fiber optic cable'. Notification was provided to Mr. Govero to contact Mr. Schmieder as 'On-Site' Inspection will need to be completed. As additional information becomes available; said detail to be provided.

Consideration provided to 'Start Time' for Regularly Scheduled Commission Meetings as has been brought up previously. With the same being said; Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve 'Change' of Start Time of 'Regular' Commission Meetings on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:00 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Update provided by Happy Welch, City Administrator for Ste. Genevieve as it pertains to the 'Tourism Board'. Laura Oliver had previously served as 'liaison' for the 'County' on the TAC – Tourism Advisory Council. Mrs. Oliver has been appointed to the TTC Board; Commissioner Stuppy has agreed to be the 'liaison' for the 'County' on Tourism Board as she attends meetings when possible and felt that said position was important.

Sara Turner, Regional Resource Planner/CWD Incident Commander with the Missouri Department of Conservation contacted the 'County' in an effort to inquire whether or not Ste. Genevieve County wishes to participate in the 'management of CWD' on the qualifying 35 acres of land that lies in Ste. Genevieve County. Information presented to the Commission. (Copy of 'Documentation' sent attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Bade Roofing provided update surrounding Community Center Roof. Projected estimate is that 'inspection' to reach conclusion surrounding most recent roof leaks is scheduled for early next week. As additional information becomes available surrounding said matter; detail will be provided.

Notification provided to Ste. Genevieve County Commission from Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services acknowledging community water systems in State of Missouri that were awarded a 'Water Fluoridation Quality Award' from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). (Copy of update attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Notice to Proceed was forwarded as it relates to engineering services for BRO Project awarded to Ste. Genevieve County for Franklin/2<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge to Smith & Company Engineers as they will be 'engineering' firm on said project.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Stuppy to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session Meeting' at 10:15 A.M. – pursuant to 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.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session Meeting' at 10:28 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.

Local resident that resides on Hennick Road questioned 'who' could be contacted regarding their displacement from their home. The 'County' has no involvement; however, the 'County' was made aware that 'Trucking Company' of truck involved in 'Hazmat Situation' on C Road could be contacted. Necessary information was provided/relayed to constituent.

Accounts Payable for Date 2/1/2024 in the amount of \$18,170.42 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 2/5/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER