

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

16TH 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 8:15 A.M.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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.

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

*Mr. Schmieder reported that 1998 'Bucket Truck' was discovered to have 'Computer' Issue. Truck was reported to have had problems previously.

*R&B Department preparing for upcoming 'Chip and Seal' Projects.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that he assisted w/MoDOT 'Bridge Inspections' for 'County Bridges' last Thursday and Friday. Reporting detail to become available surrounding the same.

*"Employment Opportunity" for potential Road & Bridge Worker posted in the Ste. Genevieve Herald Newspaper. Interested parties are requested to submit applications to the Ste. Genevieve County Clerk's Office. (Copy of 'Employment Opportunity' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Salt Supply' needed after last week's weather incident.

*Mr. Schmieder advised that 'R&B Department' assisted with installation of lights at Ste. Genevieve Fairgrounds.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that if he is to start working on 'Potential' Road Projects; he will need to purchase 'Culvert 'Squash' Pipes' in effort to proceed. With the same being said, Mr. Schmieder advised (as previously noted) that the 'Pipes' that would be needed are for the following roads: Magnolia Hollow Road, Misplay Road, Patt Road, Mill Creek Road, and St. Mary Cemetery Road. The "Total Cost" for said 'Pipes' was \$61,737.70 if 'All' are ordered. After careful review of all detail provided, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve purchase of 'Culvert 'Squash' Pipes' as noted. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Culvert Pipe Listing' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Aaron Smith, Ste. Genevieve Tourism Director, appeared before the Commission to provide updated report as it pertains to 'Tourism' for Ste. Genevieve City/Ste. Genevieve County. Following were several items of importance:

- *Mr. Smith advised that the 'Goal' to promote tourism within our community is to 'Brand the City'.

- *Example of Marketing Strategies provided.

- *Event Flyer for upcoming 'Solar Eclipse' (Scheduled for 4/7 as well as 4/8) provided.

- *"Visitor's Kit" being prepared to provide detailed information for items of significance relating to Ste. Genevieve to include 'Lodging, History, Winery Details, as well as various Adventures' to attend in and around Ste. Genevieve. Upcoming Events such as the 'Gravel Classic', etc. were specifically noted. (Copies of referenced 'Attachments' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Recently appointed Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board Member submitted 'Letter of Resignation' from the same. After review of the same, Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to accept 'Letter of Resignation' from Mr. Tyler Weinhold from said 'Board'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Resignation Letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Community Center Update – Following were items reported:

- *Update provided on 'Waterpark Pipes' that had frozen; Insurance Adjuster advised that 'additional estimate' needed. As additional information becomes available, said detail to be provided.

Sheriff Stolzer appeared before the Commission to provide Purchase Requisition No. 24-0005 for (2) '2023 Dodge Durango units @ a "Total Cost" of \$80,996.00. Upon review of the same, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' Purchase Requisition No. 24-0005 as noted above through vendor, Lou Fusz Dodge (State Vendor 'Bid' List). Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Presented' Purchase Requisition attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

- *Note: Above mentioned 'Purchase Requisition' was 'Voided' due to the fact that vehicles were NOT 8 cylinder units but, rather, 6 cylinder units; THUS, Sheriff's Department did NOT proceed with purchase.

Sheriff Stolzer presented Purchase Requisition No. 24-0004 Dated 2/23/2024 as it pertains to 'Yearly Contract' for 'Professional Services' along with 'Agreements' for 'Flock Safety' Contracts. After careful review and consideration of said Purchase Requisition, it was noted that 'Contract Agreement' had already been approved/signed previously with "Flock Group, Inc."; thus, Commissioner Ruzicka signed for the same. The 'Total Cost' is amount of \$17,428.08. Payment to be taken from 'LEST' Fund. (Copy of Purchase Requisition No. 24-0004 attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Conference call held that was scheduled to provide updates as it surrounds SB190. In addition to the Commission, County Clerk, Sue Wolk, as well as Assessor, Linda Wagner, were in attendance. Following were several key items that were noted:

*House Bill 2588 discussed; Said 'Bill' relates to County Coroners, County Auditor for Counties of the 1st & 2nd Classification, Boone County Sheriff, Delinquent Property Tax Auctions, and Public Administrators. (Copy of Proposed bill attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*House Bill 2571 – Said 'Bill' relates to 'Financial Statements'.

*Potential 'Fixes' reviewed for potential measures that can be taken as it relates to SB190. It was noted that 'middle of the ground' would be best in effort to fix this issue and should be considered a 'Priority'.

*House Bill 1831 reviewed, which is a proposal to reduce 'Railroad & Utility' Evaluation from 32% to 15%. This could result in huge 'ramifications'. This brought up discussion surrounding 'How' Counties are affected by 'Unfunded Mandates'. The 'need to continually educate members' regarding how 'different' taxation methods affect each community and how various methods might affect your own 'County'. It was also noted surrounding the importance of 'School Districts' should 'weigh in' on 'Bills'.

*House Bill 1690 – "Modifies provisions relating to motor vehicle assessment valuations". (Linda Wagner, Assessor, provided explanation to those present regarding 'clarification' surrounding this issue.)

Accounts Payable for Date 2/26/2024 in the amount of \$115,982.08 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 3/4/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER