

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024**

6<sup>TH</sup> Day of the April 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 MONDAY, APRIL 15, 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 FROM 'BLOOMSDALE TOWN HALL' MEETING WERE REVIEWED AT TODAY'S MEETING. 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, appeared before the Commission. He informed the Commission that he will be attending SEMA Conference in August.

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

\*'Purple Wave' Auction Service closed out 'On-Line Auction' for various items no longer needed by R&B Department. Funds will be utilized for purchase of 'Used' Bucket Truck. (Copy of 'Motor Vehicle Bill of Sale' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Pipes' to be delivered next week for Magnolia Hollow Road as well as in St. Mary.

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department hoping to start patching 'Potholes' next week.

\*Mowing to 'Begin'/R&B Department also anticipating to start 'Chip Sealing' in May.

\*R&B Department in need of 'Fuel Supply'. Low Bid 'Award' provided to MFA Oil with the following pricing breakdown: "On-Road" Fuel - \$3.367/gallon & "Off-Road" Fuel Supply - \$3.122/gallon. (Copy of most recent 'Fuel Bid Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Updated 'Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Ste. Genevieve and the County of Ste. Genevieve' for the Collection of Taxes was signed at today's meeting by the following 'Elected Officials':

\*Presiding Commissioner - Randy Ruzicka

\*District No. 1 Commissioner - Karen Stuppy

\*District No. 2 Commissioner - Mark Marberry

\*Assessor - Linda Wagner

\*County Clerk - Sue Wolk

\*County Collector - Lisa Marschel

\*County Treasurer - Sara Hoog

'Cooperative Agreement' being forwarded to City of Ste. Genevieve for applicable signatures. Copy to be retained in 'Office of County Clerk'.

Report presented from Community Center Board Meeting that was attended by the Commission as well as Sara Hoog, Treasurer, on Wednesday, 4/17/2024. Following were the 'Items of Importance' noted:

\*Commissioner Ruzicka 'Thanked' Ms. Hoog for her excellent presentation regarding the financial breakdown that she presented at said meeting. Mrs. Hoog presented the 'actual financials' for Community Center in effort to offer financial update with actual figures.

\*Commissioner Ruzicka advised that the 'County' will have to take a serious look at the potential of a 'Use Tax' as a result of the consistent decline in 'Sales Tax' within the 'County'.

\*Board Meeting was very productive.

\*Review completed of 'ways' to generate interest in facility as well as the 'potential' for coming up with 'Special Events' in effort to generate additional revenue.

\*Upcoming Masonry Project reviewed with 'Board'. 'County' facilitated said project and will be utilizing ARPA Funding to see project reach fruition.

\*Commissioner Ruzicka noted that he will be performing inspection of 'Parking Lot' in effort to see what may need to be done for improvements.

\*Per Commissioner Ruzicka, he emphasized that comment made to the entire Community Center Board was that facility has to continue to be successful; "Failure is NOT AN OPTION".

\*Mr. Arnold presented 'updates' to include 'potential' for possible increase in revenue. (Copy of 'Update' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Stuppy presented report from Tourism Advisory Council Meeting that she had attended @ City Hall. Following were the items of importance noted:

\*Solar Eclipse Event – Huge Success!

\*The 'Chamber' noted that this was great exposure for our town.

\*The Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board has applied for 'Grant' through 'Tourism Council' for amount of \$1,000, and was awarded 'Grant Amount' of \$500.

\*April 27<sup>th</sup> – Gravel Classic scheduled.

Commission met with Mr. Shawn Long, Ste. Genevieve Library Director, regarding 'updates'. Following were several pertinent items noted:

\*Meeting will be conducted in June with Library Board, Director, Commission, etc. with 'Strategic Planning Partner' for the Ste. Genevieve Library as has already been approved. As has been noted numerous times in the past, the 'Ste. Genevieve Library' cannot meet minimum standards to be 'stand alone' as a result of the 'tax base' generated by the 'Library'. Meeting

will be conducted with Strategic Planner' for 'vision' of how best the Ste. Genevieve Library might move forward.

Lisa Marschel, County Collector, appeared before the Commission to present 'Request to Waive Interest and Penalties' for 'taxes' on vehicle. Close review provided to the same. After careful consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve 'Waiving of Interest & Penalties' for taxpayer, Tad Jokerst, due to payment having been received in proper time period without full knowledge if taxpayer received 'accurate statement'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of request to 'Waive Interest and Penalties' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Accounts Payable for Date 4/18/2024 in the amount of \$116,950.88 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 4/22/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER