

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

9TH 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 THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2025 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, R&B Foreman, appeared before the Commission to present report for today's meeting. Following were the items reported:

*John Deere Backhoe is not working; Valve Cover had to be 'ordered'.

*Mr. Schmieder trying to locate 'Bucket Truck'.

*Mr. Schmieder reviewing 'Storm Damage' around 'County' as a result of storms last night.

Happy Welch, Ste. Genevieve City Administrator, appeared before the Commission as it relates to Parkland REDI request for payment for services performed by Mr. Scott Sattler as it pertains to economic development. The Commission noted that they will have to 'table' this until future meeting; however, it was noted that additional consideration would be given to matter.

Adam Bequette, Mayor of City of St. Mary, appeared before the Commission to provide update as it relates to 'wastewater treatment facility' in St. Mary. Mr. Bequette explained that they are working in conjunction with the DNR to ensure that they meet the necessary compliance standards. Mr. Bequette noted that they have been advised that they have qualified for 'Grant' that will assist in their 'Engineering Requirements' in effort to move forward with this project.

The Commission reviewed 'Request' from local constituent that had presented request as it pertained to Joint Health Ordinance 07252022. Upon careful review and consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to forward letter to said constituent advising that Joint Health Ordinance 07252022 would remain in effect as the Commission could not find any compelling grounds to repeal Joint Health Ordinance 07252022. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. (Copy of 'constituent letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Mr. Brad Arnold, Ste. Genevieve Community Center Director, appeared before the Commission to provide report for the Commission. Following were the items of importance:

*The Commission noted to Mr. Arnold that 'trees' causing 'mold issues' on building are scheduled to be removed. The Commission made sure that said trees were not 'memorial trees'.

*Issue of 'flooring repairs' in Aerobics Room was discussed. The Commission noted that before we proceed on repairs, we need to make sure that all 'flooding issues' have been addressed/taken care of.

*Mr. John Dumey w/Premium Mechanical appeared before the Commission with Mr. Arnold present to provide 'detailed report' as it pertains to the HVAC System at the Community Center Complex. Following were the items addressed w/Mr. Dumey present:

*Commissioner Ruzicka questioned if 'units' have a 'wet switch' that would shut off should there be a mechanical malfunction. Mr. Dumey said there was 'not'. Commissioner Ruzicka asked that there be a proposal/solution for the same. This would offer assistance in 'avoidance' of 'water' on areas such as gym floor, etc.

*Question was posed to Mr. Dumey surrounding 'life expectancy' of the 'Units' at the Community Center (Geothermal Units)? Mr. Dumey noted that 'life expectancy' is expected to be approximately (20) years; installation of units was completed in '2010. (Mr. Dumey did note that, as it relates to the 'Wells'; life expectancy of the same could potentially last 'forever'.)

*Question was posed regarding 'What' the 'Maintenance Service Contract' includes, which is in existence with Premium Mechanical? Mr. Dumey noted that they do 'Quarterly Reviews/Maintenance Checks' on HVAC Units/Equipment.

*It was noted that the 'Library Unit' was removed from 'Geothermal' with 'separate unit' being utilized for this space. (Mr. Dumey noted that, as units continue to age, it may be 'wise' for the 'County' to replace units 'one at a time' over 'gradual time span' to avoid exorbitant expense.

*Mr. Dumey advised the Commission that he would have his 'Team' review all units in effort to make sure there are not any existing/visible issues with existing 'units'.

*Mr. Dumey advised that he would obtain pricing for 'Pans/Switches' as noted above and would forward to the Commission. As additional information becomes available; said detail to be provided.

*Mr. Aaron Smith, Tourism Director for City of Ste. Genevieve, appeared before the Commission with Mr. Arnold present as well. His main topic surrounded 'E-Commerce'.

*Mr. Smith noted that 'Social Media Coordinator' has been hired.

*Mr. Smith reviewed 'Marketing Plan' as has been previously noted as well as how the 'City' intends to move forward.

*Mr. Smith noted that 'Editorials' and 'Publicizing' of our Community in metropolitan news publications (I.E. – St. Louis Area) are of importance to 'Tourism in Ste. Genevieve'.

*Mr. Arnold noted that there is still 'leaking issue' on 'Track' near Library. Mr. Arnold noted that it is believed to be 'mechanical' issue.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 12:03 P.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 Stuppy to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session Meeting' at 12:21 P.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) – as it relates to 'Contracts'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

Accounts Payable for Date 4/29/2024 in the amount of \$337,895.18 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:30 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 5/2/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER