

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

20TH Day of the April Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Presiding Commissioner Randy Ruzicka, Associate Commissioners Mark Marberry and Karen Stuppy 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, JUNE 6, 2024 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024.

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

*Backhoe still not working; still down.

*Mr. Schmieder reported that it is their plan to start working on 'Dig Outs' this week.

Commission reviewed matter of 'Change Orders' that are completed on any project. Commission noted that ANY CHANGE ORDER completed on ANY PROJECT must be approved by the Ste. Genevieve County Commission. Commission is responsible for performing their 'Due Diligence' on use of taxpayer dollars.

The Commission is requesting 'Bids' for 'Storage Shed' @ Road & Bridge Department, which was budgeted in this year's budget. Said project should complete all remaining storage issues with R&B Department for many years to come. 'On-Site' Review/'Pre-Construction Meeting' to be conducted with all interested contractors on Friday, June 28th @ 7:00 A.M. Sealed Bid Opening to be held on Thursday, July 11th @ 10:00 A.M.

Sara Hoog, County Treasurer, appeared before the Commission to review detail surrounding upcoming 'Bond Payment' that is due for Ste. Genevieve Community Center.

City of St. Mary Mayor, Adam Bequette as well as Mary West-Calcano with 'Missouri Rural Water Association' appeared before the Commission to provide update regarding situation involving 'Wastewater Treatment Facility' in St. Mary along with the pertinent issues that this has resulted in surrounding 'wastewater' in St. Mary. The following points of interest were noted:

*Ms. West-Calcano is independent/non-profit.

*Mr. Bequette was reaching out to the 'County' in effort to see if 'County' could offer assistance.

*Mr. Bequette noted that their 'Wastewater Treatment Facility' is at the 'end of its life'.

*Mr. Bequette noted that each household has its own 'Grinder Pump' with many having been installed approximately 40 years ago.

*'Plant is constipated'.

*Ms. West-Calcano advised that there are issues with 'bugs' needing 'oxygen'. The increased amount of 'solids' lessens the 'oxygen level'.

*Ms. West-Calcano noted that she is 'Certified Operator' and noted 'Rules' must be followed for DNR/governmental entities/etc.

*Concern over the 'sludge removal' that is much needed.

*It was also noted by Ms. West-Calcano that an upgrade was supposed to have been completed to 'Wastewater Treatment Facility'; however, it was not done.

*The 'County' noted that the 'County' has limited funds as unforeseen issues have surfaced that must be addressed. The 'County' noted that they would review information presented. As previously recommended by DNR as it relates to 'Sludge removal'; the Commission asked if 'City of St. Mary' had reached out to City of Ste. Genevieve/City of Perryville, etc. as was recommended by the DNR? Question was also posed as to whether or not Bob Kluender had been apprised of matter?

*Additional issue to note is that 'Engineering Study' is needed for 'City of St. Mary' to receive professional guidance on how best to move forward with their situation.

*It was noted that meeting to be conducted with 'Water District' in St. Mary as of this afternoon.

Mr. Brad Arnold, Community Center Director, appeared before the Commission to present updated report for today's meeting. Following were updates provided:

*Water Park Swim Meet was done on Saturday.

*Mr. Arnold advised the Commission that 'Core Group' that worked together during the Eclipse to meet together again.

Review of Sales Tax Dollars were completed. This month's 'Sales Tax Dollars' reported were \$87,446.04. Sales Tax Dollars for same period in '2023 were \$107,761.88; Sales Tax Dollars for said period in '2022 were \$105,494.02.

Accounts Payable for Date 6/10/2024 in the amount of \$48,522.42 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 6/13/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER