

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

23RD Day of the April Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Associate Commissioners Karen Stuppy and Mark Marberry along with Deputy County Clerk, Michele Gatzemeyer. Presiding Commissioner was absent from today's meeting. Commissioner Stuppy was appointed as 'Interim Presiding Commissioner' for today's meeting.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY INTERIM PRESIDING COMMISSIONER STUPPY AT 8:15 A.M.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 17, 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, was absent from today's meeting. R&B Report was provided by Commissioners Stuppy and Marberry for today's meeting. Following were items reported:

*Commissioner Stuppy received call from constituent that resides on Kocher Road. It was reported that 'low hanging trees and limbs' hanging 'in road'. Commissioner Stuppy notified Mr. Schmieder who advised that issue to be addressed w/'Boom Mower'. Currently, the 'Boom Mower' is being used in southern portion of the 'County' but soon will be moving to 'Western' portion of 'County'.

*Salem School Road – Commissioner Stuppy received 'call' from resident on said road questioning when 'their road would be paved'. Commissioner Stuppy noted that it is NOT in the budget to pave any additional roads this year. She noted that while the 'County' does understand the on-going issues with dust, etc., the Commission "cannot make promises that they cannot keep".

*Becker Road – Local constituent called regarding 'culvert pipe' under said road. Commissioner Stuppy contacted Mr. Schmieder @ R&B Department who acknowledged that they would 'address' issue as soon as time allows.

*Brushy Creek Road – Commissioner Marberry was contacted by residents that reside on Brushy Creek Road in effort to find out when their roads would be scheduled for paving. There are issues with insurmountable dust issues as well as heavy traffic. Commissioner Marberry acknowledged that he understood; however, there is no additional funding in the 'Budget' for road paving this year. As previously noted by Commissioner Stuppy, Commissioner Marberry also noted to said residents that the 'County' WILL NOT make promises that they cannot keep. Commissioner Marberry also noted that "he refuses to mislead people". Commissioner Marberry noted that 'door' is always open to the Commissioners; residents are always welcome to share their concerns.

*Commissioner Marberry to inspect 'Brushy Creek' area this weekend to inspect on-going issues as well as 'Minnith Slab'. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from 'Tourism Advisory Council' Meeting that she attended on Tuesday Evening, 6/18/2024. Following were the items of importance noted:

*Mr. Tim Heller was present and 'Thanked' the Tourism Advisory Council Meeting for the 'Grant' that was provided for truck show that was recently held at the 'Waterpark' Parking Lot, which Mr. Heller organized. Mr. Heller noted that 'Event' being organized for next year. Website being established; details will be noted on 'Facebook'.

*French Heritage Festival recently held – It was noted that crowds were somewhat smaller than normal.

*Honey Bee Festival – Said festival being held @ end of June.

*Promenade Des Arts – Mr. Aaron Smith, Ste. Genevieve Tourism Director, attended said event @ 'Art Guild'. Artwork of Joseph Vorst is being recognized. Mr. Smith noted that event was well attended and evening was amazing.

*Moonlight Madness Event is scheduled for Friday Evening, July 19th.

*Discussion ensued surrounding 'Visit Widget' to assist for planning trips with interactive mapping, etc. T.A.C. noted that trips can easily be planned via 'widget'.

*Reorganization of T.A.C. reviewed/discussed. As has been previously noted, the Transportation Advisory Committee is projected to be 'combined/coordinated' with the T.T.C. – Tourism Tax Commission. (It was noted that there are (5) T.T.C. Council Members w/ad hoc members as well.)

*Mr. Joe Steiger discussed 'Transient Tax'.

Review of 'Courthouse Elevator' completed; representative from TK Elevator is scheduled to inspect the same today @ 11:30 A.M. There have been previous issues with TK Elevator not presenting for appointments. It was noted that if they do not 'show up' for today's review/inspection, the 'County' WILL NOT reach out to them again.

Report provided from Community Center Board Meeting. Both Commissioner Stuppy as well as Commissioner Marberry were in attendance. Following were items of importance reviewed/discussed:

*Waterpark attendance has been extremely good. Commissioner Marberry held meeting with Maintenance Staff this morning and was advised that they had to 'step in' to help where needed.

*Treasurer, Sara Hoog, put together figures surrounding 'current status' of the entire budget for the Community Center (to include all three accounts). Bond Payment is due July 15th. (Copy of 'Financial Status Report' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24th @ 1:30 P.M. between Commission, Community Center Director, and Community Center Board. Subject matter was mentioned for meeting this Monday; additional/specific details to be provided after Monday's meeting.

*Commissioner Marberry noted that 'Repairs' made to Playground Equipment by Maintenance Staff at Community Center. They have also acknowledged that 'Mowing' is now going much better; Maintenance Staff has rhythm for this duty.

*It was noted that 'humidity level' was recognized to be at a higher level at the 'Ste. Genevieve Library'. With this being said, Commissioner Marberry is going to investigate to see if they have 'Dehumidifier' @ said location.

*Elevator inspection – Due @ Community Center. Maintenance Staff handling the same.

It was noted that Ste. Genevieve County Courthouse to be 'switching' from utilization of 'Trash Cans' for refuse service here at the Courthouse to 'Dumpster'. Refuse Service Provider remains the same. (Cost Difference per Month = \$1.69.)

Ste. Genevieve County Clerk, Sue Wolk, met with the Commission. Insurance Coverage for 'County' was placed for 'Bid'. Two (2) Bids received. Proposals received from Midwest Public Risk (Current Carrier) as well as Travelers Insurance Company. Following were updates provided:

*Midwest Public Risk had the 'low bid' regarding 'Cost Analysis' for Ste. Genevieve County' thus, the 'County' will remain with the same provider. However, rate did increase slightly with a 7% 'Rate Increase' over last year's rate. Coverage extends for Property/Liability/Auto.

Accounts Payable for Date 6/20/2024 in the amount of \$9,818.28 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 6/24/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER