

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024**

5<sup>TH</sup> Day of the July 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, JULY 11, 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 THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 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.

Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, was absent from today's meeting. Nothing was reported for Road & Bridge today.

Update on 'Declining Sales Tax' per Commissioner Ruzicka. Key points of interest were noted as follows:

- \*Due to the 'Due Diligence' of the Treasurer, she discovered that RSMo 144.054 in effect for what has adversely affected our 'County' in the form of 'Sales Tax Revenue'. RSMo 144.054 – "Additional Sales Tax Exemptions for Various Industries and Political Subdivisions."

- \*Commissioner Ruzicka noted that 'Statute' is result of SB153 & SB97.

- \*It was acknowledged that the 'County' has discovered the 'Why' of 'Sales Tax Revenue' being down; however, this does not alleviate the problems of 'issue'.

- \*Commission noted that meeting to be conducted with 'Elected Officials' in effort to review 'where' Budgets are in comparison to 'Actual Balances'. Commissioner Ruzicka noted, "We cannot spend what we do not have".

- \*It was noted that 'some Projects' have been cancelled for 'Budgetary Reasons'.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from 'Tourism Advisory' Meeting that she attended. Following were the 'Points of Interest' provided:

- \*Honey Bee Festival was reported to be a 'Success'.

- \*It was reviewed that 'Turnout' was Great @ Ste. Genevieve County Fair.

- \*It was noted that 'Jour de Fete' is quickly approaching.

- \*Group 'reviewed' TAC & TTC 'combining'. Representation to consist of 'City'/'County' & 'County Business'.

Report provided from Ste. Genevieve Community Center Board Meeting. Following were the items reported:

- \*Community Center noted that they had spent additional \$\$\$ on advertising this past year for 'Summer Help'. It was noted that 'Expense' paid off; waterpark is fully staffed this year; many lifeguards are from neighboring 'Counties'.

- \*Numbers slightly 'down' from Summer Day Camp; however, rates went up slightly, thus, it was noted that profit margin should be relatively close to last year.

- \*Volleyball Lessons being 'offered'.

- \*Summer Baseball Leagues 'winding down'.

- \*5K Run scheduled 'Jour de Fete' weekend.

- \*Review of 'Potential' revenue generating events is 'On-Going'. Additional detail to be provided as details are solidified.

- \*City Alderman, Joe Steiger, was present for meeting to review 'Prop S' that is being proposed in upcoming election.

- \*Review of upcoming 'Bond Payment' due for the Community Center was reviewed by Commission.

Commissioner Marberry provided update surrounding his meeting with 'Maintenance Staff' @ Community Center. Following are the items reported:

- \*Maintenance Staff continuing to try to determine 'Leaking Issues' w/HVAC Units on 'Roof'.

- \*Work continuing on 'Masonry Project' @ Community Center.

Local resident appeared before the Commission surrounding 'On-Going' Project w/Wabash Energy as it relates to Salem Bulk – Valley View Project. It was noted that Commission had responded to Wabash several months ago surrounding 'Requirement Requests' by the 'County' in effort to protect the interest(s) of the 'County'; no additional response has been received by Wabash.

Commission noted that 'Local Government Townhall' Meeting to be held on July 25, 2024.

Payment request submitted for 'Election Pens' as approved previously through LATCF Grant through vendor, American Solutions for Business. Payment forwarded as per request and for approved amount of \$8,790.48. (Copy of 'invoice detail' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:52 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) as it relates to 'Potential Litigation'. 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 Marberry to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 12:35 P.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Potential Litigation'. Commissioner

Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye.

Accounts Payable for Date 7/18/2024 in the amount of \$36,868.78 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

**ADJOURN**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 1:00 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 7/22/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER