

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024

7TH 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 MONDAY, JULY 18, 2024 WERE READ. 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.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2024 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES WITH MINOR CORRECTION. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. COMMISSIONER STUPPY YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Scott Schmieder was not present for today's meeting. The following items were reported by Commissioner Ruzicka as it pertains to Road & Bridge:

- *Boom Mower – Not functioning.

- *Constituent that resides on Mill Creek Road contacted 'County' to advise of concern surrounding the tall grass that is limiting visibility and questioned 'when' the R&B Department would be 'mowing'. District #2 Commissioner Marberry noted that he would inspect site and would provide report at 'future' Commission Meeting.

- *Regarding 'Dust Control' Issue, Commissioner Marberry advised that vendor provided information; however, detail indicates that this will not be a 'feasible' solution to resolving 'Dust Control' issue. Commission will continue to research other 'possible' methods.

Commission reviewed BRO(R095)001 as it relates to 'Franklin Bridge' in St. Mary. Progressive Invoice #2 has been paid to Smith & Company Engineers; however, there were 'over-charges' that were mistakenly charged that will be 'credited' to the 'County'. Corresponding will continue between the 'County', 'Smith & Company Engineers', and 'MoDOT' to insure that all accounting is handled appropriately.

Lisa Marschel, Collector, presented 'Agreement' from company 'Auto Agent', which is at no cost to the 'County'. Company is an 'Escrowing Platform' that works with banking facilities. Commissioner Ruzicka provided signature to said agreement in effort to allow for more efficiency when Collector working with escrow accounts at time of tax collection. (Copy of signed agreement attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Lisa Marschel, Collector, appeared before the Commission to present proposal that she had received from 'Master's Touch' as it relates to the 'Mailing' of Annual Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills. as well as 'Postage Proposal' from same company. The 'County' had used said company previously. The 'Collector' noted that this was a 'cost effective' method for sending out 'Tax Bills'. In addition, it was noted that this cost was less than what is required for 'Bid'. In addition, Collector advised that she had checked with her 'Group'; many peers use said company due to cost effectiveness of the same. (Copy of 'Signed Agreement' with Master's Touch attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Collector also advised Commission that she was researching information on Merchant's Licenses. Statutorial changes occurred approximately (2) years ago resulting in the 'handling' of Merchant's Licenses. Review on-going.

Commissioner Marberry provided report from 'New Bourbon Regional Port Authority Meeting' that he attended. Following were the items of importance noted:

- *Inquiry had been made at 'last' Port Authority Meeting surrounding 'Ramp' @ Ferry Landing. Mr. Inman provided update to said inquiry by noting that 'suggestion' would not be feasible as this change would require complete 'retrofitting'.

- *Pilot that was working @ Ste. Genevieve Ferry on Mon-Fri 'shift' quit. Ferry is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday as weekend 'Pilot' now available.

- *The 'Port Authority' noted that 'Deckhands' are becoming an 'issue'.

Report provided from SEMO Regional Planning Commission Meeting by Commissioner Stuppy. Following were the items of importance noted:

- *Update provided from T.A.C. updates, which were previously reported.

- *There was discussion surrounding the need for additional knowledge in the area of 'Multimodal' projects.

- *Update provided surrounding progress on 'Chester Bridge Project'.

- *Statewide Improvement Transportation Program was reported to have '5-year' transportation plan.

- *It was noted that 'Counties' must have 'Qualified Person' w/LPA Training to qualify for 'Grant Projects'. All (3) of Ste. Genevieve County Commissioners have been LPA 'Trained'.

Update provided as it relates to 'Solid Waste'.

Portion of Meeting that relates to 'Regional Planning Commission' had following updates:

- *CDBG Grant closing on September 6th, 2024.

- *It was announced that HUD has changed their 'low' to 'moderate' income index. This has impact on many communities that will not allow them to qualify for 'eligibility'.

- *State Representative, Dale Wright, was present. The Commission spoke w/him surrounding the 'Sales Tax Issue' affecting Ste. Genevieve County as has been previously reported.

'Council of Government' met and reviewed updates necessary to the SEMO RPC 'Building'. Additional review and consideration being given as to how SEMO RPC will need to proceed.

Local resident that resides on French Village Road contacted the Commission with concern surrounding 'road work' recently completed on said road. Resident advised that "no flagmen utilized, loose gravel, etc."

*Interim R&B Supervisor, Ronnie Karl, appeared before the Commission to provide report relating to this issue. He advised that there WERE FLAGMEN present and utilized on job site. He noted that rainstorm surfaced while out on project; workers were forced to take shelter for short period of time to insure their safety. Weather disturbed the 'Patching Material' utilized on said road. R&B Department had already identified the situation. Mr. Karl advised the Commission that he would place 'Road Construction Signs' in area as well as 'Loose Gravel' signs.

Resignation Letter had been received by Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board Member. After careful consideration, said 'Fair Board' Member submitted letter rescinding her resignation. After careful review and consideration, 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Stuppy to reinstate Hope Dougherty to Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Reinstatement Letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Notification received from Department of Agriculture as it relates to 'Remonumentation Program' and participation of Ste. Genevieve County in the same. After review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to appropriate funding for participation in the 'Remonumentation Program' this year. Roll Call Vote Taken: Commissioner Ruzicka – Nay. Commissioner Marberry – Nay. Commissioner Stuppy – Nay. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Bill Robison w/Smith & Company Engineers contacted the Commission to provide update regarding 'Bodine Road'. Review of suggestion presented by Mr. Robison to be reviewed w/Mr. Schmieder, R&B Foreman.

Accounts Payable for Date 7/25/2024 in the amount of \$84,776.51 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 7/29/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER