

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024**

8<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 25, 2024 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024.

Meeting conducted w/Ste. Genevieve Library Director as well as all members of the 'Library Board'. Following were the items of importance that were reviewed:

\*The Commission reviewed 'significant drop' in Sales Tax Revenues (as has been previously discussed) as a result of Senate Bill 153/Senate Bill 97/RSMo 144.054. The Commission stressed that meetings have been held with 'Elected Officials' to stress the impact this has on the 'County' as well as the fact that all Departments have been requested to 'cut back' on their expenditures. Commissioner Ruzicka noted that all departments must look at 'needs' vs. 'wants'; *"We cannot spend what we do not have."*

\*The Commission has been in contact with 'legislators' surrounding this critical issue. The adverse effect is serious due to the fact that Ste. Genevieve County does not have enough 'retail' to 'compensate' for this loss of revenue.

\*Commissioner Ruzicka noted that 'Budgets' can be reviewed; however, we have to look at 'Actuals'.

\*Commissioner Ruzicka felt that Library Director along with the 'Board' needed to be informed; County Commission simply trying to do their 'Due Diligence'.

\*Commissioner Ruzicka advised that it is never the intent of the Commission to 'micromanage' appointed boards but must take necessary steps when the evidence shows that there may be any 'concern' with the use of taxpayer dollars. This is of relevance to the Commission as they are the 'final door' to be visited should problems arise.

\*Mr. Shawn Long, Director, noted that he will continue to focus on the 'future growth' of the Ste. Genevieve Library. He, along with the Board, expressed their understanding of the 'situation at hand'. Mr. Long advised that the 'Library' has proven to be a tremendous resource to our community; he will continue to 'push' in the correct direction.

\*Mr. Long also commented on progress that is being made for the Library as a result of strategic planning meetings that have been conducted. He noted the 'lack of space' that current library is experiencing and noted several programs that they would like to see reach 'fruition', i.e. space solely for genealogy research. Mr. Long noted that they will continue to rely on their 'Foundation' and will continue to examine methods of 'growth'.

Sealed Bid Opening was held @ 10:00 A.M. for 'Bid Request' for 'Repairs and Painting' to Columns/Bases/Railings/etc. for 'Porch Area' at site of 'Original Community Center Building'. Only (1) Bid was received. Proposal received from Ritter Painting Services, LLC with 'Proposal' to include the following work:

- \*PREP AREAS FOR PAINT
- \*WASH PORCH AREAS
- \*SCRAPE LOOSE PAINT/PERFORM NECESSARY CAULKING
- \*APPLY (2) COATS OF PAINT ON RAILINGS
- \*APPLY COAT OF POLY ON PORCH CEILING

Total 'Proposed Amount' for said project - \$13,600.00.

Upon careful review and consideration of proposal presented; Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to award the 'Sole Bid' received by the 'County' to Ritter Painting Services LLC with appropriation of funds to be allocated from ARPA Funding with the understanding that this project was not budgeted for and the consideration that 'County' has no excess funds to provide for this necessary maintenance in an effort to protect the integrity of structure. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Proposal' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Sealed Bid Opening was held @ 11:00 A.M. as published for *PROPOSALS FOR RADIO TOWER SITE CIVIL WORK to PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES, CONCRETE FOOTINGS, FOR RADIO SHELTERS AND SECURITY FENCING @ (3) OF THE COUNTY'S NEW RADIO TOWER SITES*. Only (1) Bid received, which was from Brockmiller Construction, Inc. w/the following 'Breakdown'. Following is 'Breakdown' of Cost:

- \*Total Cost of Equipment & Services – Ste. Genevieve PSAP Site: \$9,000.00
- \*Total Cost of Equipment & Services – St. Mary Tower Site: \$70,900.00
- \*Total Cost of Equipment & Services – Wolf Creek Tower Site: \$71,900.00
- \*TOTAL COST FOR ALL (3) 'TOWER SITES' ..... \$151,800.00

After careful review and consideration and review of all requested documentation presented; Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to 'Award' Brockmiller Construction the 'Bid' for Radio Tower Site Civil Work as presented as it relates to on-going Ste. Genevieve County 911 Project. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Proposal' can be located in County Clerk's files.)

Local resident that resides on Sawmill Road contacted the Commission to advise the Commission of 'Speeding Traffic' on said road. Commission advised Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman of the same; he noted that he will check for 'speed limit' signs on said road.

Sara Hoog, Treasurer, provided 'Treasurer's Report' for today's meeting as it relates to the 'Community Center'. Transfer had to be made from 'Waterpark Fund to 'Sales Tax Fund'; Transfer then made from 'Sales Tax Fund' to 'Operating Fund'.

Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, appeared before the Commission. The following was reported:

\*Mr. Schmieder presented 'Fuel Tickets' for most recent fuel purchase made by R&B Department. (Copies of fuel tickets attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Bucket Truck – Electrical Issue with said vehicle; truck @ Bening Ford for necessary repairs.

\*Boom Mower to be picked up by Woody's for necessary repairs.

\*Mr. Schmieder advised that 'Mowing' is behind as a result of 'mower' currently not in commission.

\*Mr. Schmieder advised that R&B Department 'digging out spots'; he wanted to emphasize that there will be cost with necessary asphalt that will be necessary.

\*Mr. Schmieder provided report on 'expenses' that he anticipates the R&B will be responsible for in upcoming months. He simply wanted to make Commission aware of the same.

Deputy Collector, Lorrie Thomure, appeared before the Commission to present Form 4379 as well as Form 4379A as 'signature' needed for both forms by Presiding Commissioner Ruzicka. Signatures completed. (Copies of both 'Forms' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Accounts Payable for Date 7/29/2024 in the amount of \$357,569.14 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 8/1/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER