

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024

12TH 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, AUGUST 8, 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.

As previously noted, the Commission has been in constant monitoring surrounding loss of 'Sales Tax Revenue' to Ste. Genevieve County. As a result of the same and after consultation regarding the severity of said matter; Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve/adopt *ORDINANCE NO. 08122024 – AN ORDINANCE BY STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY COMMISSION RESTORING COUNTY SALES TAXES*; w/the 'Understanding' that said 'Ordinance' is for the Restoration of the \$800,000 "+" Sales Tax Dollars *and growing* withheld in Sales Tax Revenue. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copies of 'Ordinance 08122024 along with letters to 'Director of Missouri Department of Revenue' and 'Taxation Division' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Mr. Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Commission and advised of the following:

*Mr. Meyer attending SEMA Conference the 26th through the 29th in Columbia, MO.

Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, appeared before the Commission to provide R&B Report. Following were the items reported:

*Mr. Schmieder reported that R&B Department performing Chip Seal in effort to 'maintain' area roads.

*Commissioner Stuppy noted that she performed 'Road Inspections' on Friday, 8/9/2024 with the following roads included: Bodine Road, Zerwig, Clement, Becker, Dogwood Lane, Misplay, Ditch, Carron, Chestnut Ridge, and Kocher. Commissioner Stuppy noted what a tremendous job the 'R&B Department' did on Bodine Road surrounding Chip Seal Project.

Jason Schott appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Senate Bill 40 Board. Following were the items of importance that were noted:

*State of Missouri legislature passed budget for State of Missouri beginning on 7/1/2024; however, they did not appropriate money to Department of Mental Health for 'Waivers' issued to persons w/Special Needs. This impacts SB40 Board as persons w/'Waivers'

already in place have not 'lost' their 'Waivers'; however, no new 'Waivers' issued after July 1st through June '2025.

*SB-40 was in receipt of approximately \$350,000 in 'property tax' collected last year with funding requests in the amount of approximately \$600,000. Thus, SB-40 was already experiencing a 'shortfall'. With no new 'Waivers' issued; SB-40 in dire need of additional revenues in an effort to continue to provide services.

*SB-40 reviewing all possible options to include the possibility of 'undoing' voluntary rollback on their tax rate. If there is no recourse to recoup 'revenue'; SB-40 may be forced to deny services to individuals w/special needs that they serve.

*It was noted that it is the desire of SB-40 Board to continue to help those in 'need'; however, if the monies are not appropriated, this is an example of where 'services' may suffer.

Amanda Kuehn, Public Administrator, appeared before the Commission to provide update as it pertains to recent 'DOJ' report. Following were the items of importance noted:

*Department of Justice performed 'Investigation' of Missouri's Use of Nursing Facilities & Guardianship for Adults w/Mental Health Disabilities.

*DOJ felt that thousands of Medicaid-Eligible Adults w/mental health disabilities are living in Missouri's Skilled Nursing Facilities and separated from their 'communities'.

*Many are clustered in just 39 of the approximate '500' nursing homes in State of Missouri.

*Mrs. Kuehn noted that 'facilities' are being 'closed'; this, unfortunately, limits resources for individuals that were in what was considered a 'safe setting' resulting in some being left 'on the street'. Many need additional assistance.

*Mental Health Crisis is growing; resources are needed in our State.

(Copy of the Department of Justice Investigation can be located attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Mr. Brad Arnold, Ste. Genevieve Community Center Director, appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were the items of importance noted:

*Elevator Inspection due @ Community Center. Phone does not currently work in the 'same'. Mr. Ryan Grass inspecting the same; as additional detail becomes available; said detail to be reported.

*Mr. Arnold reminded of 'disconnection' of phone @ Bloomsdale Community Center location. Mr. Arnold to review w/Joann; detail to be provided as it becomes available.

*Domestic 'Hot Boiler' Tank System not working properly as previously reported. System is 'antiquated'. (3) separate options were reviewed as potential solutions to problem. Decision to be made on Thursday @ Commission Meeting.

*A total of (7) Days left @ Water Park w/ 'Greater Than' 51,000 attendees 'thus far'.

*Sara Hoog, Treasurer, reported that 'thus far' this year, just the Community Center is 'down' by \$235,000 in Sales Tax Revenue. This amount only applies to their 'entity'. Update provided relating to upcoming 'Payables'/'Payroll'/etc.

*Commissioner Stuppy questioned the possibility of utilizing 'Grant' Money for potential 'additional' projects at Community Center that could 'create' revenue generation. Mr. Arnold was going to research the same.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:27 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. 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 11:42 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye.

Accounts Payable for Date 8/12/2024 in the amount of \$166,072.65 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 8/19/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER