

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024

13TH 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, AUGUST 12, 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.

Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, appeared before the Commission to present report for today's meeting. Following were the items reported:

- *Equipment Update provided; repairs to 'Boom Mower' should be resolved.
- *Bucket Truck still being repaired @ Bening Ford.
- *R&B Department 'patching' roads.
- *R&B Department plans on going back to Chip Sealing next week.

Follow-up completed on damages that were done to Ste. Genevieve Recycling Building. Only (1) Bid was obtained, which was for amount of \$3,120.00. Proposal was from Gettinger Construction LLC. Reimbursement received from Ozark Motor Lines, Inc. Contact made with Mr. Gettinger so that necessary repairs can be made. (Copy of referenced documentation attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Progressive Invoice #4 for 'Engineering Services' reviewed for Project, FLAP-075. Upon review of documentation for accuracy; necessary documentation sent to MoDOT in effort for project to proceed.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from Community Services Forum Meeting that she attended. Following were the items reported:

- *Financial Reports provided; Total Funds for Community Services Forum - \$15,827.09.
- *Ms. Kathy Kreidler organizing 'Domestic Violence Fundraiser' to be held on 10/5/2024. Fundraiser to consist of 'Rally & Car Show' to be held @ River Rapids Water Park.
- *Report provided from 'Resources to Recovery'.
- *Community Counseling Update – Update provided on 'Training Program/Planning Tool'; Conference to be held 9/17 & 9/18. Goal: To provide 'Treatment Plan for Substance Abuse/Mental Health'. They noted that there is a 'tremendous need' in our community. Community Counseling also spoke about 'Fundraisers'.
- *Drug 'Take Back' – To be held @ Ste. Genevieve County Firehouse on October 26th.

*Happy Welch, Ste. Genevieve City Administrator – provided report on ‘Passing’ of “Prop S” as of recent August 6th Election.

*Crystal Schumer – provided update regarding ‘Breastfeeding Event’.

*Report from ‘Gibson Center for Behavioral Change’ – Update on ‘CARE’ Project.

Acronym stands for *CRITICAL ACCESS, RESPONSE, and ENGAGEMENT*. Counties Services are: Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Perry, Scott, Ste. Genevieve.

*Jami Drury w/Ste. Genevieve RII School District – School starts Monday.

*There was also mention of Alzheimer’s Fundraising Event that is upcoming...The hope is for ‘huge support’ for this worthy cause.

*Bob Bach provided report on behalf of the Ste. Genevieve Library. He noted that ‘Mini Golf Tournament’ that was held there was HUGE SUCCESS! Approximately 100 persons in attendance.

*Robin Reynolds w/LIFE Center provided update/report.

*Kimberly Weakley – Southeast MO Childhood Community Leader w/Missouri Childhood Community Leaders provided report on ‘Childcare Services’.

*Kendra Graham w/University of MO Extension – spoke regarding their upcoming “Farmer’s Table” Event, which is scheduled for September. She also noted the services they offer as it pertains to ‘mental health’.

Commissioner Ruzicka provided report from ‘Regional Homeland Security’ Meeting that he attended on Wednesday, 9/14/2024. Following were the items reported:

*Grant Awards determined at this meeting. It was noted that there were many more needs than funding availability.

*Grant request from Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director for Ste. Genevieve County was awarded for ‘full amount of request’. (Grant requested for ‘Badging Printer/Supplies.’)

Commissioner Marberry provided report from ‘Meeting’ conducted this morning w/Maintenance Staff @ Ste. Genevieve Community Center. Following were the items reported:

*Research is on-going regarding ‘Hot Water’ issues at Community Center. System consists of antiquated ‘Boiler System’. Investigation into possible options being reviewed. It was noted that most efficient and cost effective method MUST BE pursued due to budgeting constraints.

*Mr. Greg Howell, Maintenance Dept. @ Community Center, is registered for ‘Backflow Certification Class’ in December as has previously been reported.

*It was noted that ‘UV Controllers’ are in need of ‘maintenance’.

*Routine Maintenance necessary for ‘Treadmills’.

David Bova, Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board Treasurer, appeared before the Commission to provide update regarding most recent ‘Fair’. Following were the noteworthy items reported:

*Financial Report provided w/the understanding that all payments have not yet been received and several invoices are still outstanding. To date, ‘Total’ Revenue generated by ‘Fair’ = \$23,219.21. (Copy of Treasurer’s Report attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Mr. Bova presented several 'request items' for improvements to 'Fairgrounds'. Details will receive additional review/consideration prior to final decisions.

*It was noted that a 'vacancy' remains on Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. Letter received from local resident who expressed interest in serving on said 'Board'. After careful consideration, Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve the appointment of Paul Arnold to the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board per letter presented. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Letter of Appointment' as well as 'Request Letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Sealed Bid Opening held at 10:00 A.M. as it corresponds to 'Request for Proposal' for radio system project for Public Radio Systems 'Ste. Genevieve County 911'. Present for 'Bid Opening' in addition to the Commission were as follows: Rey Freeman w/RFCC Communications, Dave Pieczynski w/RFCC Communications, Allen Stegall w/St. Francois Count '911', Chuck Farr w/St. Francois County '911', Jason Schott w/Ste. Genevieve County '911', Tom White w/A&W Communications, and Sarah Donley w/Tait Communications. Only (1) Proposal received, which was from 'Tait Radio Communications'. Two (2) other vendors notified RFCC Communications advising that they had made decision not to submit proposals. Following were pertinent details surrounding 'Bid Proposal':

*Proposal received was 'combined proposal' for both St. Francois as well as Ste. Genevieve Counties; however, separate detail presented specifically for Ste. Genevieve County.

*Mr. Freeman noted that 'Proposal' reflected that 'Radio Systems' as proposed by Tait Communications appear to be 'compliant w/requested specifications'.

*The new radio systems being proposed by Tait would include the following categories of equipment and services:

**Multi-site VHF Simulcast Repeater Systems, capable of both P25 (digital) and Analog operation.

**Microwave Radio equipment for providing network connectivity to all tower sites and the Dispatch center.

**Dispatch Center Radio Console Equipment upgrades and Backup Radios.

**Antennas, transmission lines and lightning protection hardware for all tower sites.

**Equipment installation, testing and tower climbing services (to be provided by A&W Communications, the county's current radio service provider.)

**Vendor Project Management.

**Tait Proposal would also supply 'Radio System Design and Tower Site Use'.

Total 'Proposal' by Tait Communications for 'Ste. Genevieve County' is \$2,534,403.62, which is approximately \$500,000 'over' budget as originally anticipated by Ste. Genevieve '911' when project was initiated in '2022. As a result, a more detailed review of the Tait proposal is being conducted to identify questions/concerns/as well as possible cost saving measures that might be available. No final 'Bid Award' to be made until additional review conducted with all questions answered/reviewed. As additional information becomes available, said detail to be reported.

Accounts Payable for Date 8/15/2024 in the amount of \$44,052.88 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