

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

20TH 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, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 provide report for today's meeting. Following were the items reported:

- *Mr. Schmieder reported that, as previously noted, temporary road closure occurring on Genevieve Church Road approximately 400 ft. 'IN' from Highway 32 entrance.

- *Mr. Schmieder expects that roadwork can begin on St. Mary Cemetery Road next week.

- *R&B Department working on 'Dig Outs'.

- *Mr. Schmieder reported that Valley View Road will need to be closed (weather permitting) on Tuesday, 9/17/2024. Pipe installation to take place beginning @ 9:00 A.M.

- *Coffman Road – Commission was notified surrounding truck traffic on Coffman Road; local constituent advised that there was 'damage' on road from truck traffic. Commission inspected and noted that there was no noticeable damage. It was noted that 'detouring' was taking place when MoDOT performing Highway 32 was being paved; however, Highway 32 has come to a 'halt'. It was noted that 'Road' is a public road; the 'Public' has right to use public roads.

Updates provided regarding Community Center. Following were the updates provided:

- *Sealing on 'Brick' is beginning; work progressing well.

- *'Clock Tower' repaired.

- *Commissioner Marberry provided report on meeting that he attended w/'Maintenance Staff'. 1.) Old 'Boiler' Furnace removed, 2.) Maintenance Staff reviewing alternate solution for 'sprinkler system', 3.) thorough 'closure' performed 'closing' of water park. In addition, it was noted that there is reconfiguring of 'maintenance shifts' as it relates to maintenance department.

County Collector, Lisa Marschel, appeared before the Commission to provide copy of response given to the State Auditor's Office as it relates to 'final findings' surrounding 'Audit' completed for said office that was statutorily required upon resignation of previous Collector. (Copy of 'Response Letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from Community Services Forum Meeting that she attended on Wednesday, 9/11/2024. Following were items of importance that relate to the Ste. Genevieve Community:

- *'Community Health Event' to be held on October 5th.

- *Domestic Violence Event is scheduled for October 5th.

- *Prescription Drug 'Take Back' is scheduled for the Ste. Genevieve Firehouse as well as Bloomsdale Medical Clinic on October 26th.

- *Gibson Recovery was 'Host Speaker'; review of their benefits discussed. They noted that they have a mobile unit that comes to Ste. Genevieve County that provides 'Outreach'; coordination efforts are being handled by them in effort to coordinate w/schools/hospitals/and health departments.

- *Community Center to coordinate the 'Adopt-A-Family' program for this year's Christmas Season.

- *Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, provided report regarding '911' Radio Project.

- *Krystal Schumer – Update offered for Ste. Genevieve County Health Department.

- *Mary Bleckler – Update given on 'Spirit of Pink' Event to be hosted on behalf of the SGCMH Friends Foundation, which is scheduled for October 10th to be hosted at the Bloomsdale Knights of Columbus Hall w/the 'Theme' being that of a 'Barbie Theme'. She also noted that 'Ride to Survive' is scheduled for this weekend. Lastly, it was noted that the 'Winter Wonderland Gala' is scheduled for November 9th. (This event also being hosted by the 'Friends Foundation' of SGCMH.)

- *Brad Arnold was present and provided 'Community Center' update.

- *Linda Fitzgerald – provided updates on behalf of 'Job Center'.

- *Update given as it pertains to 'Adult Education Program'.

- *"Options for Women" – 'Free Movie Night' scheduled for 9/21/2024. They also reviewed the 'Walk for Life' that is upcoming and scheduled for TG Trail in Perryville, MO.

Commissioner Ruzicka provided update regarding meeting that he attended on 9/11/2024 for Southeast MO Regional Planning Commission 'Executive Board'. It was noted that RPC continues to research options for solution to 'office space'. Additional details to be provided as they become available. They also mentioned that there may have to be 'incremental' changes regarding 'Dues Collections'.

Sales Tax Figures reported for this month. Current 'Sales' Tax Collections for this month are \$77,028.51; Sales Tax Figures reported for same month last year ('2023) were \$101,354.00. Obviously, this leads to a huge 'shortfall' for the 'County'.

Urgent request received from 'Resources to Recovery' for patient services as it relates to 'Opioid Settlement Funds'. After careful consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve 'patient request' as it relates to Opioid Settlement Funds, which is what monies were appropriated for. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Dena Kreitler, Ste. Genevieve Chamber President, appeared before the Commission to provide upcoming updates as it relates to Drivers License Office. Effective November 11th; "changes" will impact Drivers License Bureau. As a result; the Ste. Genevieve Drivers License Office will be closed on November 8th as well as November 11th for computer programming updates.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 10:38 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(17) – as it relates to 'Audits'. 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 Stuppy to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 10:53 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(17) – as it relates to 'Audits'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 10:59 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021 – as it relates to 'Contracts'. 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.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Stuppy to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:24 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021 – as it relates to 'Contracts'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

County Clerk, Sue Wolk, reviewed recent information from annual 'County Clerks' conference'. The following 'item of importance' noted as follows:

*As it relates to SB190, if 'issue' goes on 'ballot'; the 'County' will have to pay for 'Election'. She noted that for persons to even qualify for SB190, they would need to apply for the same and would be required to reapply each year. As previously noted, the 'issue' for 'Counties' is that the 'State Legislators' have not provided clear and concise direction of facilitating issue, where the 'Counties' will obtain the additional funding that will be required to handle 'process', what amount of 'lost revenue' will this create and 'where' will 'Counties' recoup said funding for services that constituents expect the 'County' to provide, etc.

*While present, Mrs. Wolk also noted that she is currently in the process of working on health insurance renewal information for the 'County'; she is diligently researching any/all options for the 'County' as she is completely aware of 'Sales Tax Situation' and 'Budget'. As additional information becomes available; said detail to be provided.

Accounts Payable for Date 9/12/2024 in the amount of \$256,550.08 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 9/16/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER