

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

21ST 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 12, 2024 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024.

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

*Mr. Schmieder reported that the 'Bucket Truck' is still disabled; the R&B Department is in need of the same. Mr. Schmieder going to make contact in effort to determine how much longer it will be before said unit can be placed.

*Mr. Schmieder reported that 'tree' being cleared off Clement Road.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Tailgate Road' bent on both ends of Truck #20; as additional information is available, said detail to be provided.

Several constituents that reside on Brushy Creek Road appeared before the Commission surrounding 'on-going' issue of severe dust problems on their road. The following items of importance were noted in meeting:

*R&B Foreman advised that 'solutions' to 'dust issues' seemingly always go back to using 'Sodium Chloride' product. Mr. Schmieder advised that product has been tried previously (Hart-Pinkston Road); however, product does not usually solve the problem. Mr. Schmieder noted that product is highly corrosive.

*Residents noted that contact had been made w/DNR; they suggested use of 'Water Truck'.

*Mr. Schmieder advised that he has diligently tried researching options and upon several suggestions having been made; he noted that he will try to follow through with 'options'; residents were satisfied with this response.

*While present, residents also asked if something could be done surrounding 'traffic' that is parking on 'Minnith Slabs'. Problem is increasingly becoming worse as traffic parks in areas that hinders local 'thru' traffic. Again, Mr. Schmieder advised that he would place signs on road; additional options being reviewed in effort to address the issue.

County Clerk, Sue Wolk, appeared before the Commission and conducted thorough review of the 'Budget' in preparation of upcoming budget for '2025.

*While present, Mrs. Wolk reminded the Commission that 'Missouri Association of Counties' is accepting legislation proposals until October 18th.

*Update also provided surrounding 'canvassing' process for voters. Constituent had reached out stating that she had not received 'postcard'. Consult being completed with the company, EJ Rice, which performs this service.

Commissioner Ruzicka signed off on 'Grant' for 'Picnic Tables' to be utilized at Ste. Genevieve County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Stuppy facilitated said grant funding.

Mr. Brad Arnold, Community Center Director, provided 'weekly update' as it relates to Community Center. Following were the items of importance noted:

*As previously reported, 5-year 'internal inspection' of wet fire sprinkler system due at Community Center. Quotes obtained; Premier Fire & Security had 'low-bid' @ an amount of \$3,000.00. (Copies of bids obtained attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*(As it relates to the above, 'gauge' needs to be replaced, which will be taken care of.)

*Mr. Arnold spoke about "Prop A", which will be on the November ballot. Said legislation would increase the 'minimum wage' to \$13.75 effective 1/1/2025 with progressive increases in the following years. He wanted to make sure that all present were aware that 'County Government' is 'excluded' from the same; however, this could make it difficult (if not adhered to) when searching for qualified employees.

Accounts Payable for Date 9/16/2024 in the amount of \$117,763.55 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 9/19/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER