

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

5TH Day of the October 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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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.

Ken Steiger, Fire Chief of Ste. Genevieve City Fire Department, appeared before the Commission along with Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, as it relates to potential of 'Ballot Issue' regarding fire districts. Fire Chief Steiger presented boundaries for proposed Ste. Genevieve City Fire District as required pursuant to RSMo 320.310. The following detail provided:

- *Intent is to place issues on April Ballot as it pertains to 'Fire Districts'.

- *Potential Ste. Genevieve City Fire District would have to stand alone to protect ISO Rating to protect their ISO Rating @ "4".

- *Required 'Boundary' Detail provided by Mr. Steiger as prepared by Bader Land Surveying, Inc.

- *Ste. Genevieve City Fire District working on 'Petitions'.

- *Mr. Steiger noted that measure is necessary. He reported that newest 'fire truck' owned by 'City Fire Department' is 18 years old; a new 'fire truck' would cost approximately \$1.5 Million.

(Copies of 'Statute' along with document from Bader Land Surveying attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Ste. Genevieve County Road & Bridge Supervisor, Mr. Scott Schmieder, was not present for today's meeting as he was on project on St. Mary Cemetery Road. Following were the important details noted:

- *Boyd Road – County resident contacted Commission due to 'traffic' traveling too fast on said road.

- *Coffelt Road – Resident called regarding traffic traveling too fast.

- *Clement Road – Commissioner Stuppy was contacted by resident on Clement Road questioning when 'unpaved' road would be potentially 'paved'? Commissioner Stuppy noted that finances are not available at this time for road paving due to reduction in 'County' Sales Taxes as a result of SB153, SB97, and RSMo 144.054.

- *Holst Road – Commission reinspected road with 'Engineer'. All possible options to be presented. County will have to review feasibility of presented detail to review for affordability.

As additional detail becomes available; information to be provided. Issue with said location surrounds the fact that 'Road' has been in place for substantial period of time; careful inspection to be completed for 'best possible outcome'.

Commissioner Stuppy reported on 'Tourism Advisory Council Meeting for City of Ste. Genevieve' that she attended. The following were main topic items that were reported on:

- *Farmer's Table Event (organized through the 4-H) reported to be a huge success.
- *Oktoberfest – Event was well attended; reporting indicates that local restaurants and businesses did well.
- *'Matching' Grant awarded for \$1,200 for 'Promotion' of European Tourists
- *Promotion of visiting Ste. Genevieve to European 'tourists' through Transportation Advisory Council.
- *Grant Application awarded for \$1,000 for 'Christmas Festival'.

Report provided from Community Center Board Meeting:

- *Discussion regarding finances.
- *Brad reported that 'Reporting' indicates that finances are down by 25%.
- *Update on 'Paving Project' @ Community Center – 'West Side' of Parking Lot has been completed. Contractor is now working on 'East Side' of Parking Lot. It has been reported that 'parking lot' in much worse shape after work has begun.
- *Mr. Arnold reported that 'Youth Wrestling Program' begins October 21st.
- *'Drive for Membership' created approximately \$7,000 in 'revenue'; promotion went well.
- *October 29th – Fall 'Youth Soccer' Program ends.
- *Gymnastics Event to be held at Community Center – November 8th thru 10th.
- *Community Center in need of updating 'registers'. At the current time, they are going to start with just (1) register in 'original building'; Agreement signed for 48 months @ \$59/month cost.
- *Community Center reviewing 'pricing' for '2025 'Budget'.
- *Commissioner Ruzicka noted that 'Maintenance Contract' to be reviewed as it relates to the 'Community Center' in effort to verify cost effectiveness.
- *Commissioner Marberry met w/Community Center Maintenance Staff this morning prior to Commission Meeting. The following items were reviewed:
 - *'EXIT Signs' to be replaced – This is issue that is 'Code Requirement'. They are battery operated; battery costs \$25 vs. new 'sign' costs \$30. Maintenance Staff handling matter in most efficient manner possible.
 - *Expansion Valves for HVAC 'Unit' had to be 'replaced'; Maintenance Staff utilized material on 'hand'; they only had need to order (1) valve.

Mary Jane White, Recorder of Deeds, appeared before the Commission for 'Preliminary Budget Review'; The Commission meeting with all Elected Officials as well as Department Heads in preparation of '2025 'Budget'. The Commission emphasized that 'cuts' to be necessary by all departments for '2025. Additional details to follow.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting @ 11:11 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Litigation'. 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 12:07 P.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Litigation'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

Accounts Payable for Date 10/17/2024 in the amount of \$89,687.78 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 12:10 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 10/21/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER