

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024

9TH 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 MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA YEA. COMMISSIONER STUPPY YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

The 'County' was notified that processing of closing the public funds as it relates to the Ozora CID has been completed. Balance that was left to be utilized for said 'District' is \$5,020.55. Matter to be given additional review w/final determination to be made at a later date. (Copy of notification of remaining balance of CIDS Funds for Ste. Genevieve County attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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

*Receipts from most recent fuel purchase submitted by Mr. Schmieder from MFA Oil. (Copies of 'Fuel Purchase Receipt' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Mr. Schmieder advised that 'County' agreement w/DBK Salt has changed due to the fact that DBK Salt was purchased by 'Consolidated Grain and Barge Company'. Representative that has handled 'salt supply' for Ste. Genevieve County, Mr. Jeremy Weiler, has remained with said company. Review of pricing completed. It was noted that last year's pricing for the 'County' was \$82.50/Ton. Pricing through Consolidated Grain and Barge is \$93.50/Ton. Mr. Schmieder noted that 'salt supply' for R&B Department is very 'limited'. Consolidated Grain would be considered a 'sole source provider' due to the fact that in effort to obtain 'salt' for 'Department'; there must be agreement 'in place' with company. As CGB purchased DBK; agreement remains 'in place'.

After careful consideration, Commissioner Stuppy made a 'Motion' to approve updated agreement for purchase of salt supply as needed for Ste. Genevieve County Road & Bridge Department through Consolidated Barge Company as presented. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Stuppy yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'CGB' Agreement attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Mr. Schmieder advised that 'Bucket Truck' still requires 'heater' to be fixed.

The review of potential 'BRO' Project for "Main Street Bridge" is being considered by the 'County'. Said 'bridge' is eligible on 'BRO' List. The 'County' has reviewed with MoDOT as well as Smith & Company Engineers. As additional information becomes available; additional detail to be provided.

Jason Schott w/Ste. Genevieve County '911' appeared before the Commission to obtain signature for 'New Account'/'New Customer' Agreement. Said agreement to be forwarded to Tait Communications as has been previously reported in 'Minutes'.

Stephanie Bennett met with the Ste. Genevieve County Commission. Ms. Bennett is the Executive Director of SEMO Family Violence Council. She noted that she began with the organization in '2004. The following pertinent details that pertain to said group and services provided as they relate to domestic violence are as follows:

- *SEMO Family Violence Council – Started in 1994.
- *In '1999, SEMO Family Violence Council's Director did a Capital Campaign for Facility.
- *Emergency Shelter offered as well as multitude of services. Several services that were mentioned that are offered are: Case Manager, Hotline Services, Court Advocate (assists with civil matters & Orders of Protection, etc.)
- *They provide sexual assault services to (5) Hospitals as well as (3) Prisons.
- *Professional Therapist offered for five hours per week; this service was offered by 'Grants' obtained.
- *Massive outreach program offered.
- *Community Education Offered.
- *To offer educational services, presentations provided in 'School Districts'; It is imperative, per Ms. Bennett, that education is 'key' especially with children.
- *The 'goal' of said organization is to offer independence and become free of violence.
- *It was noted that Ste. Genevieve County contributes an annual allowance of approximately \$6,500 towards 'support' to SEMO Family Violence; these funds are collected through 'Circuit Court' System.
- *Ms. Bennett noted that it is extremely difficult to meet 'Budgets'. She noted that they are currently working on '2025 'Budget' currently. Multiple fundraisers are held in an effort to meet their finances.
- *Statistics reflect that the 'average' amount of times for individual to go through system is approximately (7) times.
- *The 'service' that sometimes is difficult to provide is that of providing 'shelter' due to the fact that facility often 'runs out of room'.
- *SEMO Family Violence Council works with the group 'ALIVE' out of St. Louis. Said 'program' offers "Alternatives to Living in Violent Environments. They provide counseling as well as emergency sanctuary".
- *Ms. Bennett advised that their organization lacks 'Board Members' from Ste. Genevieve County. They have (6) Board Meetings per year and they encourage (2) Board Members to serve from each 'County'.

The Commission is in receipt of 'Proposal' from Smith & Company Engineers for 'Professional Services' in effort to provide design options and summary report as it relates to 'how best to proceed with Holst Road'.

After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to pursue/proceed with 'above referenced proposal' from Smith & Company Engineering Services as it relates to Holst Road. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of referenced 'Proposal' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Stuppy to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 10:58 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Legal'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. 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 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:38 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Legal'. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye.

Accounts Payable for Date 10/31/2024 in the amount of \$408,633.91 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 11/4/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER