

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024**

20<sup>TH</sup> 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, DECEMBER 16, 2024 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES WITH SMALL ADDITION. COMMISSIONER STUPPY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. COMMISSIONER STUPPY YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Shawn Long, Ste. Genevieve Library Director, reached out to the Commission in effort to reach conclusion surrounding what 'County' is going to do as it pertains to 'minimum wage'. It was decided that the 'County' must remain cohesive in their decision; thus, decision was made to proceed with 'updated' minimum wage as provided to Community Center Director. Stance will be the same for entire 'County'. It was noted that current minimum wage is \$12.30/hour; Increase in '2025 will raise the same to \$13.75 with additional increase of \$1.25 per year until amount of \$15 per hour is reached.

Holst Road update provided. Contact to be made with legal counsel for Ste. Genevieve County for facilitation of the same. Details will follow as they become available.

Commissioner Marberry provided 'Road Count' Update for (3) separate roads within the 'County' with 'Count' having been taken the week of 11-19 'thru 11-26. They are as follows:

\*Brushy Creek Road – Total traffic reported for this week was 439 vehicles w/average daily total of (61).

\*E. Castor River Road – Total traffic reported for this week was 287 vehicles w/average daily total of (39).

\*Bidwell Creek Road – Total traffic reported for this week was 629 vehicles w/average daily total of (86).

The 'County' is still waiting on 'Proposal' from Meinershagen Roofing as it relates to 'Roof Flashing'. As soon as information becomes available; detail to be reported. Ste. Genevieve County also reached out to the following:

\*Contact made with Sargent Construction; they declined to Bid.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from TTC (Tourism Tax Commission) Board Meeting that she attended. Commissioner Stuppy was 'At Large' Member that represented Ste. Genevieve County. Following were pertinent points reported from said meeting:

\*TTC Board questioned Commissioner Stuppy as to 'who' will be replacing her since she will no longer be District No. 1 Commissioner after 12/31/2024?

\*Christmas Parade/Festival considered a huge success. It was noted that said event generated much traffic/visits for local shops and restaurants.

\*King's Ball to be held in February.

\*Aaron Smith, Tourism Director for Ste. Genevieve, provided report.

\*Vote taken on 'Hay Wagon' as presented by Joe Steiger to be utilized as 'temporary stage'; however, final review/decision will have to be conducted by Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen.

\*Conversation conducted about 'Rack Cards'/'Placement'. Pricing being obtained prior to moving forward.

Commissioner Stuppy provided report from Southeast Missouri Commissioner's Meeting that was held on Wednesday, 12/18/2025. Following were items reported:

\*Officers were elected for Southeast Missouri Commissioners Association:

\*Vince Lampe – President

\*Randy Ruzicka – Treasurer

\*Mark Marberry – Secretary (Taking over Karen Stuppy's position)

\*Jim Scaggs – Vice President

\*Clint Tracy – Legislative Representative for 'Group'.

\*Retirees recognized.

\*Corbin Carlton – Mr. Carlton to replace Mr. Chris Crocker from MoDOT.

\*DNR Report provided.

\*Sandra Cabot w/DED provided reporting update.

\*Jeremy Tanz w/SEMO RPC provided update as it relates to 'CDBG Grants' as well as 'DED Grant Funding'.

\*Gretchen Morris w/Workforce Development – provided update and noted 'extra funding' that they received to assist with their 'mission'.

\*Remainder of Meeting included discussion regarding SB190 & RSMo 144.054.

\*Tour was provided to 'Group' of Perry County Justice Center.

Mr. David Bova, Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board President, appeared before the Commission and provided 'detail' surrounding of Picnic Tables that were obtained on DNR Grant facilitated by Commissioner Stuppy for Ste. Genevieve County Fairgrounds. Road & Bridge Department assembled and will handle 'placement' of the same.

Local resident that resides on Holst Road appeared before the Commission to voice her concern surrounding said road/safety of the same. The Commission explained that 'critical decisions' must be made surrounding the same with the utmost consideration being that of the 'health/welfare/safety' of constituents that reside on said road.

Review completed as it pertains to 'Intergovernmental Agreement' between 'City of Ste. Genevieve' and 'Ste. Genevieve County' regarding 'loan' on 'Water Tank' on Progress Parkway.

Addendum to 'Agreement' is being facilitated. (Copy of 'loan schedule' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Review completed of 'Final Invoice Detail' for 'LATCF Project No. 00005 – Courthouse Balcony Repair Project. Bills were for 'lumber' necessary to complete project. After careful review of the invoice detail presented, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve expenditure of \$193.88 with payment to be allocated from ARPA Funding as presented. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yeas. Commissioner Stuppy yeas. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Invoice Detail' attached to 'LATCF' Project in County Clerk's Office.)

Accounts Payable for Date 12/19/2024 in the amount of \$266,779.36 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 12/23/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPOINTED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER