

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024**

18<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 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 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.

As it pertains to the University of Missouri Extension's Budget; matter was tabled. The Commission is awaiting 'amended budget proposal' from 'Extension Council'.

Per Felix Meyer, Emergency Management Director, he advised that 'Ste. Genevieve 911 Meetings' are currently taking place on a weekly basis in effort to insure that process is 'smooth' while construction phase and 'radio communications' coordination is underway.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 8:18 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021 – as it relates to 'Contracts/Real Estate'. 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 9:20 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021 – as it relates to 'Contracts/Real Estate'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Stuppy – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

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

- \*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Truck' @ C&B Diesel in Cape for necessary repairs.
- \*Fuel Purchase Necessary – Purchase supplied by Heil Oil Company for this purchase as 'Sole Source Provider' as Road & Bridge Department required 'fungicide/sulphur additive' for Diesel Engines; said 'Provider' is the only one able to provide this need.
- \*Routine Maintenance being performed.

Mr. Ryan Hale representing Quarry & Allied Workers Union Local 830 (representing the Ste. Genevieve County Road District Employees) appeared before the Commission along with John Donze, steward for the department. The following items of importance noted:

- \*I was noted that 'Union Council' Dues to experience slight increase in upcoming year.

- \*Question was posed surrounding 'possible salary increase' for R&B employees.
- \*Question was posed surrounding 'Boot Allowance Increase'; R&B Department employees noted 'increasing cost of work boots (Steel Toe required).
- \*There was question surrounding what is included in 'Safety Glasses' allowance.
- \*Commission noted that these matters to be reviewed/discussed with 'follow-up' to be provided.

Tax Bill was presented to the Ste. Genevieve County Commission by Special Road District for 'Cottonwood Road'. (Levee District #3 Tax.) Review completed. After careful consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to NOT compensate/pay for 'Tax Bill' presented by Special Road District as noted above with the understanding that Special Road is their own District carrying their own Tax ID Number; thus, the 'County' does not bear responsibility to allocate for the same. Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Contact made with Special Road District notifying them of final decision.)

Preliminary Budget Review completed with the Commission as well as County Clerk and Treasurer. As has been reported, 'Budget' to be completed; however, it was noted that 'Budgets' will be tight going into '2025, especially with the knowledge of reduction in Sales Tax Revenue (on-going issue) as a result of legislation passed: SB153, SB97, and RSMo 144.054.

Ste. Genevieve Group Home Board of Directors presented request to the Commission for reappointment of (3) of their Board Members for 'extending' their 3-Year Terms. Upon careful consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to reappoint the following (3) Members to the Ste. Genevieve Group Home Board of Directors per the request presented:

- \*Mr. Ray Ziegler
- \*Ms. Sandy Naeger
- \*Ms. Cindy Koetting

Commissioner Stuppy seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Stuppy yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Request' as presented attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Marberry presented report regarding New Bourbon Regional Port Authority Meeting he attended. Following were 'primary' Points of Interest obtained from said meeting:

- \*Review was completed surrounding 'Corps of Engineer' Permit needed by the 'Port'
- \*Ste. Genevieve MoDoc Ferry reopen at the current time.

Commissioner Marberry noted that he did not have report to present from SEMO RPC Meeting as he was unable to attend.

Commissioner Stuppy presented report from the Bloomsdale City Council Meeting that she attended. Following were items of importance noted:

- \*Sales Tax Figures are 'Down' for City of Bloomsdale; Copy of 'same' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*City of Bloomsdale has secured a 'Contract' with 'Contractor' for Water Pipe Improvements on Clement Road. It was noted that contract secured w/C&E Contracting.

Commission convened at 12:00 P.M.

Commissioner reconvened at 1:30 P.M. for 'Budget Work Session' as per 'Agenda'. Work Session included Commission, County Clerk, Treasurer, and Sheriff's Department to identify 'issues/concerns' in effort to reach a 'Balanced Budget' for '2025 for entire County of Ste. Genevieve. Special circumstances identified and 'special attention' provided to cost of payroll as well as benefits. All present in agreement that until budget finalized, close attention to be necessary moving forward.

Accounts Payable for Date 12/12/2024 in the amount of \$162,654.27 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

**ADJOURN**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stuppy to adjourn @ 3:05 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 12/16/2024.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPOINTED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER