

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025**

Regular Day of the January Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Presiding Commissioner Randy Ruzicka, Associate Commissioners Cory Ford 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 30, 2024 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Mobilization for Holst Road 'Emergency Project' projected to begin within the next several days.

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

\*Road & Bridge Department in need of 'fuel supply'. Requests for 'Bid' returned. 'Low Bid' awarded to Heil Oil Company at the following 'rates': "On-Road" Fuel - \$2.809/gallon; "Off-Road" Fuel - \$2.569/gallon; "Gasoline" - \$2.509/gallon. (Copy of 'Fuel Bid Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 8:21 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Potential Litigation'. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Exit' the 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 9:53 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Potential Litigation'. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye.

Mr. Brad Arnold, Community Center Director, appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were the 'Points of Interest' noted:

\*Budgets reviewed for '2025. The 1<sup>st</sup> 'Budget' reviewed was Community Center Budget.

\*Regarding 'Community Center Operations'; Mr. Arnold noted that they factored increased pricing for memberships; thus, this resulted in 'increased revenue'.

\*Mr. Arnold noted that they factored in 'increased' insurance expense (to include Workers Compensation) as well as noting there will be increase in 'Part-Time' Salary Expense due to minimum wage increase.

\*Mr. Arnold noted that they are not replacing 'position' that was vacated in effort to 'save cost'.

\*Additional expenses for cost savings: Shredding/Advertising Expense being 'cut'/etc.

Waterpark 'Budget' reviewed:

\*Increased pricing taking place in '2025 by \$2.00 for 'Waterpark Admissions'. Said measure should assist with revenues.

\*Season Pass Pricing – increased.

\*Mr. Arnold noted that there is a 'good possibility' that waterpark will hold a promotional sale in April for 'local residents'; this is potentially scheduled for 'April'.

\*Mr. Arnold noted that there will be 'minor' increase in concessions @ waterpark in '2025; however, their goal is to keep costs affordable.

\*Part-Time Employee Expense – AGAIN, this will be additional expense for the 'Waterpark' due to increase in minimum wage expense.

\*Several 'maintenance items' to be reviewed for '2025: Re-evaluation of 'Slides'; this to be evaluated at end of '2025. It was also noted that 'lap pool' will require 'routine maintenance'.

Community Center 'Sales Tax Fund' Budget Review was final 'review'.

\*Sales Tax 'legal fees' reviewed/discussed.

\*Review of Bond/Interest Payments for upcoming year reviewed.

\*'Transfer to Library' Expense reviewed/discussed. (This could change dependent upon "Prop L", which is on April '2025 ballot.

\*All present aware of on-going issue with reduction in 'Sales Tax Revenue', which will most likely not get better with reduction as a result of SB153, SB97, and RSMo 144.054.

\*Bloomsdale Facility reviewed; Mr. Arnold noted that as a result of changes made by the 'County'; Property Taxes @ said location have been removed; there has been additional cost reduction due to 'Pool Expense' being eliminated @ said facility.

There were no 'Accounts Payable' items to report for 1/2/2025 meeting as 'County' must now work on providing 'Balanced Budget'. Budget Hearing has been scheduled for 1/21/2025.

**ADJOURN**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Marberry to adjourn @ 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Ford seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 1/6/2025.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPOINTED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER