

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

5TH 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 8:00 A.M.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER FORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER FORD YEA. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 8:00 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. 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 Ford to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 8:16 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

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

*R&B Department in need of 'Fuel Supply'. Request for Bids completed; MFA Oil was awarded 'low bid' for most recent fuel purchase with the following pricing: "On-Road" Fuel - \$2.792/gallon; "Off-Road" Fuel - \$2.522/gallon; "Gasoline" - \$2.592/gallon. (Copy of 'Fuel Bid Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date..)

*Holst Road – Project Start Date – 27th of January.

*Truck No. 7 ('2010 Freightliner) still @ C&B Diesel; 'Duelly' @ Woody's; 'Bucket Truck' – operational

*Mr. Schmieder reported that 'Pipes' being delivered to Bodine Road next week

*Blade Edges needed.

Mary Jane White, Recorder of Deeds, appeared before the Commission as she reported that she was in need of a new 'Printer'. In effort to have 'cohesiveness' with other equipment utilized in office; Proposal was received from GFI Digital for "*Sharp MX-B557P B&W Printer*". Mrs. White provided 'Cash Sale Agreement' as well as 'Maintenance Agreement' as it relates to the same. (Copies of said 'Agreements' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Representatives from 'Big River Fire District' appeared before the Commission as they intend to place issue on the 'Ballot' in upcoming April 8th Election in effort to make 'Big River' a fire district. Due to the fact that there are residents within Ste. Genevieve County that belong to the 'Big River Fire District'; they felt it prudent to present a brief overview of their intentions in pursuit of the 'District'. The following representatives from 'Big River Fire District' were present:

- *David Hawkins – Big River Fire District Committee
- *David Pratt – Big River Fire District Fire Chief
- *David Bahr – Big River Fire District Committee

The following 'Points of Interest' were noted:

*Request for approval from the Court and Voters to form 'Fire Protection District' named 'Big River Fire Protection District' requested under Chapter 321 of Revised Statutes of Missouri.

*Tax Rate of \$0.30 per \$100.00 of assessed value as allowed by Chapter 321 is requested.

*Tax Rate would fund fire protection based on valuation of properties in lieu of 'flat-rate' fee.

*Big River Fire District reported that, currently, < than 50% of property owners pay for their fire tags.

*Updated equipment needed and very costly.

*Currently, Big River Fire District has (2) fire stations to cover 175 square miles.

*Increasing costs 'issue' as well as the fact that volunteers receive NO pay, compensation or stipends; volunteers becoming harder to find with times that there are no volunteers available to answer an emergency call.

*Increasing call volumes lead to increased need. (Copy of Big River Fire Protection District Petition Information attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Storage 'Issue' reviewed/discussed. Ste. Genevieve County is currently participating in 'lease agreement' with Marzucio Electric for 'storage space' in property owned by them on Merchant Street. It has been brought to the attention of the 'County' that Marzucio Electric needs to reclaim their 'space'. Commissioner Ruzicka has made 'final office' that needs to remove their 'belongings' of the same. Said matter will be 'issue' that will continue to be monitored.

Commissioner Marberry provided report from Community Center Board Meeting that he attended on Wednesday, 1/15/2025. Following were items reported:

*Annual offering for 'Membership Sales' currently underway. Thus far, a 'total' of (127) Memberships have been sold; Last year, a 'Total Number' of Memberships sold was (189). (Membership Drive continuing over next several weeks.)

*Routine Maintenance being performed @ Community Center. Several issues that were addressed pertained to 'Roof Tarp' over 'Playground', Repainting of 'Lap Pool'.

Commissioner Ford provided report from 'City of Bloomsdale' Meeting that he attended. Main topic reviewed/discussed pertained to 'rate increase' on water.

*It was also noted that there were no 'new' Alderpersons running as candidates for positions for 'City of Bloomsdale'.

Sheriff Stolzer appeared before the Commission to present 'Budgets' relating to Sheriff's Department for 'review' between said Department and the Ste. Genevieve County Commission. Funds reviewed as follows: *LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FUND, INMATE SECURITY FUND, REVOLVING FUND, SHERIFF FEES, LAW ENFORCEMENT RESTITUTION FUND, K-9 FUND, FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND, CAFA, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, LAW ENFORCEMENT SALES-TAX FUND, AND JAIL FUND.*

Ste. Genevieve County is in receipt of 'Progressive Invoice No. 7 for Engineering Design Services) in the amount of \$3,579.99 as it relates to Project No. P230227.00/Invoice No. 11240039/FLAP-075. Said detail was reviewed for accuracy and is noted to be correct. Correct Documentation forwarded to Nora Fuller w/MoDOT. (Copies of all applicable documentation pertaining to Progressive Invoice No. 7 attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:30 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to '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 Ford to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 12:04 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 Ford – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

There were no 'Accounts Payable' items to report for 1/16/2025 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 Ford to adjourn @ 12:10 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the Motion.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 1/21/2025.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPOINTED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER