

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

11<sup>TH</sup> Day of the January Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Presiding Commissioner Randy Ruzicka, Associate Commissioners Cory Ford along with Deputy County Clerk, Michele Gatzemeyer. Commissioner Marberry was absent from today's meeting due to illness.

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, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA YEA. COMMISSIONER FORD YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Ste. Genevieve County Assessor appeared before the Commission to note a 'correction' that was reported in local newspaper as it pertained to SB 190. Correction was noted/identified and correction to be made.

The Commission was made aware that 'campaigning' to begin regarding Proposition for 'Fire Districts'.

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

- \*Equipment – Good.

- \*Mr. Schmieder received notification that 'tree' needs to be 'cut' on Sawmill Road. Tree touching AT&T Line. Mr. Schmieder noted that AT&T has been notified; Matter is out of the 'jurisdiction' of R&B Department.

- \*Project moving forward on Holst Road.

- \*Clement Road – Mr. Schmieder notified of 'issue' on Clement Road. Location of 'Issue' has been coned off. Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department has hauled 'Gabion' to site.

- \*Commission, along with Mr. Schmieder, will have to review R&B projects that will need to be addressed and to be considered 'priority'.

- \*C&B Diesel has started working on Truck #7.

- \*R&B Department working on project on 'Bodine Road'.

'Work Order Program' to be implemented 'internally' within the 'County' in effort to streamline process. All applicable departments notified.

Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board had notified the Commission that there is 'shortage' of parking during 'Fair'. This is issue that Fair Board is trying to address. Matter reviewed with legal counsel; Fair Board in need of reaching out to their insurance company strictly for 'Dates of

Fair'. Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board continuing to work on matter and will reach out to the 'County' if additional questions/issues arise.

Letter received from Fair Board Member advising of his resignation due to prior and continued commitments. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Ruzicka made a 'Motion' to accept the resignation of David Bova, Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board Treasurer. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Resignation Letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Ford provided report from the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board Meeting. Following were the items of importance provided:

- \*Commissioner Ford noted that new 'Roof' on 'Stock Barn' along with fans are being facilitated as previously noted to the Commission by 'Beef & Swine' Club.

- \*There is plan to build 20' x 100' "Lean To" for standing room only (Projected cost - \$8,300), again, as was previously presented to the Commission. All work to be completed 'In-House' for cost saving measures.

- \*Demo Derby Ticket Pricing to be raised from \$15 to \$20; "Top Notch" running Demo Derby for '2025 Ste. Genevieve County Fair.

- \*Potential for 'moving' Tractor Pull to be reviewed for '2026 'Fair; Tractor Pull to have 'Supermodel Class' (5500 – 6000 lbs.)

- \*Sponsor Letters being sent by mail.

- \*Vendors to be moved to 'Entrance' of 'Derby Area'.

- \*New 'Sound System' being purchased at approximate cost of \$8,100.

Brad Arnold, Community Center Director, met w/Bade Roofing. Bade 'accepted' responsibility for 'Roof Flashing' issues.

- \*Commissioner Ford noted that he is still waiting on response/answer from Crystal Heating & Cooling.

- \*It was noted that 'Associated Metal' will not provide 'Bid Proposal' on said project; there are too many 'uncertain' variables that are unknown until project is started.

- \*Commissioner Ford met with Maintenance Staff @ Community Center. They noted that 'motor' from waterpark pulled; at Equipment Pro for inspection/repairs.

County Clerk, Sue Wolk, advised Commission that Ste. Genevieve County is being audited; we are in the middle of (2) separate audits with one administered by the 'State'. The other is due to 'outstanding bond debt'.

Storage removal reviewed with Prosecuting Attorney's Office as has previously been reported. Commissioner Ruzicka noted that as a result in 'downturn' of Sales Tax Revenue; no overtime can be paid out on said project.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ford to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:11 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Litigation'. Commissioner Ruzicka

seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:40 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 Ford – Aye.

Accounts Payable for Date 2/6/2025 in the amount of \$161,169.37 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

### **ADJOURN**

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

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 2/10/2025.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPOINTED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER