

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025**

17<sup>TH</sup> 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, MARCH 3, 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.

Progressive Invoice No. 3 for Engineering Design Services for TAP Grant – TAP 9901(869) for the 'County' to proceed with TAP Grant Project. Total amount due for Progressive Invoice No. 3 to be forwarded to Smith & Company Engineering is \$23,974.97; Said 'Grant' is based on 80% Federal Reimbursement allowance; thus, 'County' to receive \$19,179.98 in return.) (Copy of applicable documentation regarding 'Grant' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The Commission conducted brief review of RSMo 144.032 due to the 'Reduction' of Sales Tax Revenue that the 'County' is experiencing resulting from RSMo 144.054. Drawback to RSMo 144.032 is that 'burden' would be placed on the 'back of the taxpayers'. This would not lead to a beneficial outcome for our taxpayers; topic 'tabled' at this time. (Copy of RSMo 144.032 attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Ruzicka reviewed what had transpired at 'Legislative Hearing' that was held in Jefferson City on 2/24/2025 and was attended by Commissioners Ruzicka and Marberry along with Sheriff Stolzer. Commissioner Ruzicka wanted to note the following 'Points of Importance':

- \*A sincere 'Thank You' to Bryant Wolfin for taking a 'Stand', especially for his constituents in Ste. Genevieve County.

- \*Commissioner Ruzicka emphasized that it was very 'disheartening'.

Commissioner Marberry provided report from SEMO District Commissioners 'Legislative Days'. Following were the 'Primary Points of Interest' noted:

- \*Commissioners Marberry and Ford attended.

- \*There were only a total of (6) Commissioners from the Southeast MO District in attendance.

- \*The Commissioners met primarily with Bryant Wolfin (State Representative) as well as Mike Henderson (State Senator).

- \*Both Commissioners noted that it is important to continue a 'presence' @ Legislative Days in effort to make sure that the 'Counties' continue to present concerns/needs.

Mr. Scott Schmieder appeared before the Commission to provide Road & Bridge Report for today's meeting. Following were 'Items of Importance' noted:

\*Holst Road – Project progressing well. Project to 'subgrade'; 'Top Cap' should be completed by tomorrow. Project looks great and importance was noted as has been noted previously due to 'Dam Failure'.

\*Tar Pot Update – Parts ordered; GW Van Keppel to repair as soon as parts come in.

\*No change in 'Truck Situation'.

\*Summer Help Program to be tabled for next meeting.

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Trees' had to be cleaned up on area 'County Roads' due to heavy winds.

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that he is preparing 'Pipes' on projected project – Brushy Creek Road.

\*R&B Department needs to begin 'Maintenance'.

Mary Jane White, Recorder of Deeds, appeared before the Commission to review 'Document Alert Program' in effort to assist with 'Title Fraud'. Issue was tabled for future meeting of 3/10/2025.

TREASURER – COMMISSION ORDER #2196 presented. (See Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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Sara Hoog, Treasurer, presented 'Annual Settlement' of Funds for '2024. (Copy received from Treasurer attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

While present w/Commission, review completed between Commission and Treasurer regarding next 'Bond' Payment for Community Center. Additional review to be completed at next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 10:30 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 Marberry to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 10:59 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.

Carolyn Bach w/Ste. Genevieve Art Guild, appeared before the Commission to provide updated report to the Commission. Following were the 'Items of Importance' noted:

- \*Updated report provided to Commission to highlight number of visitors in '2024 to 'Art Guild' (2,649), Fundraisers, upcoming 'Workshops', Membership, Sponsors, Upcoming '2025 Events, as well as some 'Art History' surrounding a painting that the Art Guild has been gifted by Sister Cassiana Marie & a 'lithograph' by Thomas Hart Benton. (Copy Attached)

- \*The 'Art Guild' continues to have an 'exhibit' at the Ste. Genevieve Library.

- \*Statement of Revenue, Expense, & Fund Balance Sheet provided. (Copy of 'Balance Report' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

- \*Ms. Bach explained 'sculpture' provided to the 'Art Guild' by renowned Ste. Genevieve Artist, Matt Ziegler.

- \*Ms. Bach then provided 'Proposal' to the Ste. Genevieve County Commission to *Place Public Sculpture and Landscaping Features on Property surrounding the Ste. Genevieve Art Guild*. Ms. Bach explained that 'Beautification/Improvement/Sculpture' Project(s) would be at no cost to the 'County'. Ms. Bach in the process of working on (2) Grants that would provide necessary funding.

After careful review of proposed "*Project by Ste. Genevieve Art Guild to Place Public Sculpture & Landscaping Features on premises of Ste. Genevieve Art Guild/County Property*", Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' for Ste. Genevieve Art Guild to proceed with desired project. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Entire' Packet explaining proposed project attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Linda Wagner along with Deputy, Lori Meyer, appeared before the Commission to review the possibility of reinstating UTV Permitting. The Commission requested time to have additional discussion surrounding the same and advised that they would provide answer in the future. In addition, Commissioner Ruzicka noted that one of the issues surrounding this permitting and removal of the same in the past surrounded 'Follow Through' if violation occurred. Additional review to be completed surrounding matter. As additional information becomes available surrounding said matter; said detail to be provided.

Accounts Payable for Date 3/6/2025 in the amount of \$88,697.78 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

### ADJOURN

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

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 3/10/2025.

SUBMITTED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER