

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

19th 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 10, 2025 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. COMMISSIONER FORD YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

The Commission completed 'final review' of Backhoe Bid, which was awarded on Monday, 3/10/2025 to McCoy Equipment. Equipment Model is "John Deere 310 P-Tier Backhoe Loader to include Rubber Bumper for Grille Frame, 1.25 YD Bucket, and 5-Year Extended Warranty" @ the 'Final Cost' of \$82,450.00. As a result of the same, Customer Purchase Agreement signed and returned to McCoy Equipment. (Copy of Paperwork attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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

- *Truck No's 12 & 19 have been returned to the 'Road & Bridge' Department.

- *Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department in process of patching potholes/hauling rock/and plan on performing 'Dig Outs' beginning next week.

- *Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Prep Work' to begin on Brushy Creek Road next week; he noted that they are still waiting on 'Pipe'.

- *Bucket Truck passed recertification and is reported to be in good operating condition.

- *Local resident contact the 'County' and wanted to inform R&B Department that 'tires' were 'dumped in ditch' on Burks School Road near Kocher Road. Mr. Schmieder advised that R&B Department will be in said area yet this week and will handle the same.

- *Bodine Road 'Project' – This project is scheduled to be started in approximately (3) weeks.

- *Holst Road Project – Road to 'settle' before paving; anticipated 'paving' to be completed in the 'Fall'.

- *The Ste. Genevieve County Road & Bridge Department completed 'project' for Ste. Genevieve '911' Project on 'Z' Road; Invoice detail forwarded to Ste. Genevieve County '911'. (Copy of 'Invoice Detail' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Community Center Update: Regarding HVAC issue @ Administration Building @ Community Center – As previously reported, 'Variable Speed Drive' that needs to be replaced will cost

approximately \$4,700. Said 'piece' needs to be replaced; thus, item is on order for necessary repairs.

*Bade Roofing – Still has not shown up for review of 'Roof Issues'. Commissioner Ford to reach out to them.

Ste. Genevieve Fairgrounds Update: 'Signs' for Grants to be delivered next week for installation on picnic tables that were made possible by 'Grant' through Department of Natural Resources.

*Said 'signs' are required to meet 'Grant Qualifications'.

Mr. Daniel Coomes (Vice President of Engineering) along with Mr. J.W. Hackworth (Manager of Member Services) with Citizens Electric Corporation appeared before the Commission for update as it relates to the *"Salem to Valley View Transmission Line Project"*. The following 'Points of Interest' were noted:

*Planned 'Start Date' for Project – August '2025.

*It was noted that there are several additional 'easements' needed for project to be finalized. (Commission requested that they be advised when 'Easements' are received.)

*Updated paperwork to be forwarded to Citizens Electric for review as it relates to 'Right of Way' Permitting.

*As additional information becomes available, said detail will be provided.

Commission reviewed 'Hiring' of Summer Help for Ste. Genevieve County Road & Bridge Department. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve reimplementing of 'Summer Help' Program with a 'Total' of (3) Boys to be hired for the same. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Ford provided report from Bloomsdale City Council Meeting that he attended. Following were Items of Importance noted:

*Mr. Rick Drury provided presentation as it pertains to Proposition to be placed on April 8th Election Ballot regarding 'Fire Districts' for City of Ste. Genevieve as well as throughout the 'County'.

*Remainder of Meeting surrounded purchase of local property and necessary measures that needed to be taken regarding the same.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 11:03 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 Marberry to 'Exit' the 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 11:43 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.

Accounts Payable for Date 3/13/2025 in the amount of \$70,750.12 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 3/17/2025.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER