

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

23RD 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 24, 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.

Commissioners reviewed invoice detail as it relates to 'Holst Road Project' pertaining to "Phase 1" of project. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve reimbursement through ARPA Funding (as was previously approved) for "Phase 1" of "Holst Road Improvement Project" to Vern Bauman Contracting Co. for amount of \$243,407.34 as submitted w/itemized detail. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of invoice detail attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Thank you to the efforts of Ste. Genevieve Learning Center Museum, Ste. Genevieve County was contacted to display artwork from the "*ROSCOE MISSELHORN EXHIBITION*" in the Courthouse with the understanding that 'Artwork' would be on 'Loan'.

*After careful consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to proceed with the 'Artwork Loan Agreement' between the Ste. Genevieve Museum Learning Center and Ste. Genevieve County. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of Artwork Loan Agreement attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Review completed as it relates to Progressive Invoice No. 6 for Project as identified as BRO - R095(001) – 2nd Street Bridge (Franklin Bridge) Project in St. Mary, MO. Reimbursement made to Smith & Co. Engineers in amount of \$5,524.03 for Engineering Design Services. Paperwork sent to MoDOT for reimbursement as 'Grant' is a 100% 'Grant Allowance'. (Copy of Progressive Invoice No. 6 attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

After review of 'Estimates' received from 'Diesel Laptops' as well as 'Snap-On' with the realization that 'pricing' is less costly after all options considered, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve proceeding with purchasing 'Diagnostic Equipment for R&B' through Diesel Laptops as presented. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Ford noted that he will inspect 'Generator Fencing' that sustained wind damage on Courthouse premises. Additional 'options' will be provided as they become available.

Commissioner Ford provided report from Bloomsdale Fire District 'Town Hall' Meeting that he attended. Commissioner Ford reported that meeting was not well attended; presentation was provided by 'Bloomsdale Fire District'.

Commissioner Ruzicka provided report from Regional Planning Commission attended on Tuesday, 3/25/2025. Following were the items reported:

- *Ste. Genevieve County has applied for 'Solid Waste Grant' for '2026.
- *Regarding the '2025 Solid Waste Grant, Ste. Genevieve County is gathering 'final bills'.
- *Meeting was sparsely attended.
- *It was reported that many 'Counties' are still cleaning up from recent storms/tornadoes.

Commission received call from T-Mobile as they wanted to inquire about 'permitting' necessary as they have project for installation of cable @ (2) separate locations with one on 'Lime Kiln Road' and one location @ 'Bodine Road'. Both locations are on private property. The County advised T-Mobile Representative that bot locations do not fall under the jurisdiction of 'County'.

Mr. Scott Schmieder provided report for today's Commission Meeting. Following were the items reported:

- *Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department hauled rock @ Ste. Genevieve County Fairgrounds.
- *Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Equipment is currently Good'.
- *Mr. Schmieder cutting trees on Brushy Creek Road.
- *Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department working on installation of 'Hand Rails'.
- *Routine Maintenance on 'Roads' being completed.

After additional information being provided, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to 'Rescind' the 'Motion' for purchase of diagnostic equipment for R&B Department. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Report provided from Brad Arnold w/Community Center. Following were 'Items of Importance' provided:

- *Premium Mechanical currently putting in Compressor.
- *SMCI – Waiting on Metal. (They are working on 'Roof Flashing' Project being facilitated through LATCF Grant.)
- *Commissioner Ford reported that 'Hydrotherapy Pump' is out. This applies to 'Indoor Pool'; they have reviewed with 'Equipment Pro'.
- *Maintenance Staff still working on 'lap pool'.

Commissioner Marberry reported report from New Bourbon Regional Port Authority Meeting: Following were the items of importance reported:

*Concern was expressed as it surrounds funding for 'Ferry'.

*There was discussion surrounding possibility of 'Fundraising'. There was discussion surrounding possibility of 'Rate Increase' for Ferry. (It was noted that large majority of attendance on 'Ferry' are persons from Illinois.)

*Income reported by Port Authority for Ferry - \$65,055.55; Unfortunately, the Ferry continues to 'lose money'. One issue reported surrounds the fact that 'Federal Regulations' have to be followed.

*Special Road District attended meeting regarding 'Road', which is 'Federal Aid Highway'. There was conversation surrounding updates/changes that need to be made; discussion surrounded 'Road Improvements'.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 9:56 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021 as it relates to 'Agreements/Contracts'. 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 11:05 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021 as it relates to 'Agreements/Contracts'. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. 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 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:09 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 12:01 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.

Accounts Payable for Date 3/27/2025 in the amount of \$361,221.98 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

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 3/31/2025.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER