

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

6TH Day of the April 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 THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES WITH MINOR CORRECTION. COMMISSIONER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. COMMISSIONER FORD YEA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 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.

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

- *R&B Department in need of 'fuel supply'. Bids requested. Low Bid was 'awarded' to Heil Oil Company with the following pricing: "On-Road Fuel" - \$2.759/gallon; "Off-Road Fuel" - \$2.499/gallon. (Copy of Fuel Bid Request(s) along w/'Fuel Tickets' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

- *Mr. Schmieder noted that McCoy Equipment performing 'service call' on new 'Grader' @ R&B Shed as 'unit' is under warranty.

- *Update on 'County Roads' – R&B Department patching as a result of recent 'flooding'.

- *Ditch Road – Issue on said road 'to be addressed'. Mr. Schmieder noted that he is scheduled to receive 'Pipe' for said project next week.

- *Misplay Road – Mr. Schmieder noted that 'issue' has been taken care of on said road; was taken care of yesterday.

- *Mr. Schmieder noted that he is scheduled to address 'Field Road' within next several weeks.

Invoice detail forwarded to Commission by Assessor's Office for 'ARPA Project #011', which was previously approved for the purpose of providing entitlement to the EagleView Platform, a secure hosted infrastructure and access to EagleView enabled workflow, analytics, and high-resolution imagery to dramatically improve efficiency for government agencies. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve reimbursement to Pictometry International Corp. for the amount of \$115,280.00 as was previously approved with appropriation coming from ARPA FUNDING. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'.

Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of referenced 'Invoice Detail' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Marberry provided report from 'Northeast Regional Commissioner/Clerk Spring Conference' that he attended with Jim Scaggs, Presiding Commissioner of Iron County. Commissioners Marberry/Scaggs were invited to attend said meeting by Mark Shahan, Adair County Presiding Commissioner. Following were several 'highlights' from said meeting:

- *Commissioner Marberry noted that the 'effects' of RSMo 144.054 reviewed/explained.
- *Counties in 'Northeast Region' deeply affected by reduction in 'Sales Tax' as result of 'solar panels'; they are feeling impact.
- *Approximately (20) Commissioners in attendance.
- *Commissioner Marberry noted that they feel 'Momentum' is gaining.
- *Commissioner Marberry noted that there are (89) Third-Class Counties in State of Missouri out of (114) Counties.
- *Commissioner Ruzicka advised that Ste. Genevieve County is doing everything they possibly can for our 'Constituents'.

Commissioner Marberry provided report from New Bourbon Regional Port Authority Meeting. Following were items reported:

- *Margaret Yates – Retiring.
- *Discussion involved 'raising rates' to Ferry.
- *March Report provided on Ferry; It was noted that Ferry Lost \$13,404.36 for this month. Question was posed as to how 'Ferry will continue to survive'?
- *Aaron Smith, Tourism Director, reached out to State of Illinois in effort to see if there would be any financial assistance for 'ferry operations'.
- *Annual Audit as it relates to the Ferry was completed for 'Year Ending' June 30th, 2024.

Commissioner Ruzicka provided report from Regional Planning Commission Meeting/Solid Waste/TAC Meeting:

- *'Grant Call' completed as it relates to 'Solid Waste Grant'.
- *Scored Grants submitted for '2026.
- *There was conversation of changing RPC Meetings to 'Bi-Monthly'. As additional detail becomes available, said information to be provided.
- *CDBG Grant Call was noted; Currently, Ste. Genevieve County does not have potential grants available at this time.
- *In 'TAC – Transportation Advisory Committee' Meeting, Commissioner Ruzicka made MoDOT aware of the fact that there is a rather large 'manhole' @ Intersection of Hwy. 32 & Progress Parkway.
- *In meeting, additional conversation surfaced regarding several 'House Bills' as well as 'Senate Bills'; Omnibus Bills to possibly lead to larger issues/problems.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 9:36 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 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 11:27 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.

Sheriff Stolzer presented 'Purchase Requisition' that he presented for '2025 F-150 'Responder' Vehicle. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the Purchase Requisition No. 25-0009 with funding to be allocated from Federal Forfeiture Fund @ a "Total Cost" of \$50,302.00 through 'State Vendor' – Broadway Ford – which was necessary to replace 'old' fleet vehicle. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of referenced Purchase Requisition attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:47 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 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:56 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 4/24/2025 in the amount of \$136,389.25 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 4/28/2025.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER