

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

17TH Day of the April Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Presiding Commissioner Randy Ruzicka, Associate Commissioners Mark Marberry and Cory Ford along with Deputy County Clerk, Michele Gatzemeyer.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDING COMMISSINER RUZICKA AT 7:50 A.M. FOR 'EMERGENCY PURPOSES'.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES WITH 'MINOR' CORRECTION(S). COMMISSIONER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ford to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 7:51 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Exit' the 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 8:00 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.

Mr. Scott Schmieder was not present for today's meeting. Report provided by Commissioner Ruzicka in Mr. Schmieder's absence. Following were the items reported:

*Bodine Road – Mr. Schmieder has reached out to Contractor performing work on this project. It is believed that project to begin 'next week'.

*Mr. Schmieder working directly with 'Contractor' to perform work on 'Drain Basin' @ R&B 'Shed'. This is necessary due to the fact that situation has needed to be addressed for several years.

*Fuel Bid Request was needed for R&B Department. 'Low Bid' was awarded to MFA Oil with the following pricing: "On-Road" Fuel - \$2.872/gallon; "Off-Road" Fuel - \$2.602/gallon; "Gasoline" - \$2.671/gallon. (Cpies of 'Fuel Bids' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Sheet Metal Contractors forwarded 'Final Payment Request' as it relates to 'Roof Metal Flashing' Project at the Community Center, which was previously approved to be appropriated through LATCF Funding. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve final payment as presented for amount of \$8,670.00. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor.

Motion passed. (Copy of 'Request for Payment' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Ruzicka provided report from SEMO Regional Planning Commission Meeting that was attended on Tuesday, 5/27/2025. 'Council of Government' Meeting included in said meeting. The following was provided from 'Council of Government':

- *SEMO RPC Building in need of repairs. Options are being weighed to determine if it is more beneficial to 'repair' existing building or to find new location to move to.

- *Representatives from 'State Level' present.

- *There was discussion to go to 'less amount' of meetings for RPC; Final decision will be made in October.

- *Solid Waste Portion of Meeting – 'Final Approval' was provided for Ste. Genevieve County project submitted.

- *It was noted that additional discussion surrounded 'Pending Legislation' @ State Level.

Report provided from Southeast MO Commissioners Meeting, which was hosted by Ste. Genevieve and held at Ste. Genevieve Community Center. Smith & Company Engineers 'sponsored' event. Following were several items of 'interest' noted:

- *Meeting was well attended with representatives present from CCAM, several State Representatives in attendance, etc.

- *Discussion included 'State Tax Commission' and issues resulting @ the 'County Level' surrounding the same.

Report provided from New Bourbon Regional Port Authority Meeting that was attended by Commissioner Marberry. The 'main topic' surrounded the Ferry and its current financial instability. It is uncertain as to how operation can continue regarding the same.

'Zoom Conference Call' conducted with 'Financial Auditors'. They wanted to thank County Clerk and 'Staff' for cooperation prior to field work being conducted.

- *They will supply specific 'findings' in final report, which can be expected in August as has previously been noted.

- *Additional information continues to be requested in effort for 'Audit Completion'.

Sheriff Stolzer appeared before the Commission and noted that 'existing skylights' need to be replaced due to 'leaking issues'. After careful consideration and discussion regarding the same, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve 'Emergency Repairs' on Skylights (As described in Purchase Requisition No. 25-0011) understanding that company performing repairs was 'ONLY' company that would perform immediate repairs necessary to avoid 'damage' to structure with expense of \$9,819.00 to be allocated from 'Inmate Security Fund' with 'roofing company' noted as 'Riverside Roofing Company, LLC out of Cape Girardeau, MO. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of Purchase Order attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Sheriff Stolzer presented additional request to Commission. Careful consideration was completed. It was noted that 'new cameras' were necessary to replace 'old cameras' (federally mandated) realizing that project to be completed in 'Phases'. After much consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve Purchase Requisition No. 25-0010 for 'Cameras' through Securitas Technology with expense to be paid from 'Capital Improvement' understanding that 'vendor' is 'Sole Source Provider' with 'Phase 1' Expense of \$20,688.98. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of Purchase Requisition attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.) ***Total/Final Cost will not be determined until after 'completion' of all 'Phases' of project.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 11:03 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 11:08 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.

Mr. Brad Arnold, Community Center Director, appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were the 'Items' noted:

*Mr. Arnold advised that extra 'Electric Controller' obtained to control 'Speed of Pumps'. Commissioner Marberry noted that he will perform research to see if additional 'Controllers' can be purchased in the event they are needed.

*Preparation continues on Water Park to insure that all is ready for the 'Waterpark' Season.

Daniel Coomes, Vice President of Engineering for Citizens Electric Corporation, contacted the Commission in effort to inquire about 'what additional information' was needed for progress to continue on 'power line' project to extend from 'Salem' to 'Valley View' Power Stations as had previously been reviewed/discussed. It was noted that 'County' is awaiting 'Site Location(s)/Plans' that provide detailed viewing of location of 'temporary roads' as well as 'affected roads' that lie within the 'County' in an effort for the 'County' to determine where project is projected to lie in effort to address with constituents of 'County' as well as to insure the sanctity of 'County Roads' as the 'County' has sustained 'downturn' in revenue as result of RSMo 144.054 – 'Reduction in Sales Tax Revenue'.

Accounts Payable for Date 5/29/2025 in the amount of \$263,917.36 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 6/9/2025.

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER