

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

4TH Day of the July 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 COMMISSIONER RUZICKA AT 8:15 A.M.

THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 14TH, 2025.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 8:16 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 8:51 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, R&B Foreman, appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were 'Items of Importance' noted:

- *Fuel Tickets supplied from most recent fuel purchase for R&B Department that was awarded to MFA Oil. (Copy of 'fuel tickets' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

- *Mr. Schmieder noted that Holst Road is in process of being reopened today due to the fact that 'County' has facilitated necessary documentation, which is officially recorded in 'Recorder of Deeds' Office as a result of 'property exchange' necessary for said 'Road'.

- *Commission questioned Mr. Schmieder as to how many 'units' have had to have been sent out for repairs since new mechanic has started working @ R&B Department. It was noted that there have been no 'Units' sent out; only work that has been outsourced is that which is under 'Warranty'. Commissioners noted the 'Savings' that this creates for the 'County'.

- *Mr. Schmieder was made aware of 'tree limbs' that need to be cut on various 'County Roads'. He noted that R&B Department addressing these issues as quickly as possible.

- *Department plans on working on 'Dig-Outs' beginning next week.

- *Dead tree reported on Hawn Park Road; R&B Department to address 'issue'.

- *Mr. Schmieder advised that R&B Department in need of doing 'chip sealing' work.

- *Mr. Schmieder advised that R&B Employee noticed that AT&T is performing 'cable work' on Holst Road; NO PERMITTING WAS OBTAINED. This appears to be on-going issue w/AT&T.

Mr. Drew Christian w/SEMO RPC, appeared before the Commission with 'Priority List' as it relates to 'TAC' Projects w/MoDOT. The top (3) projects that were reported last year remain the same this year. They are as follows:

- *Danger of approaching traffic at Intersection of Hwy. 32 and Route C needs improvement.

- *'Shoulders' need to be added along route of Hwy. C.

- *Poor visibility as vehicles approach intersection @ "F" Highway and Route AA needs to be addressed.

- *In addition, Commissioner Marberry suggested that an additional 'priority' be added to list, which is improvement @ Intersection of Gordon Road & Hwy. 32 for 'sight improvement'.

Mr. Christian also addressed 'Multimodal' Projects that are priority in Ste. Genevieve County. They remained the same list w/the following 'identified' projects:

- *No. 1 'issue' is to secure river access for rescue and emergency watercraft on Mississippi River.

- *2nd project addresses the need for operating costs for 'Ferry'.

- *Remaining project(s) all surround 'Port'.

- *(Copy of reporting surrounding the '2026 'Priorities' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Ruzicka provided 'Summary Report' surrounding 'Transition' of Community Center to the eventual management by YMCA. Following were pivotal points of 'Report':

- *All full-time employees are being encouraged and invited to keep their jobs.

- *Reason for 'Transition' and 'Management' by YMCA – Budget Concern.

- *This is (1) of several similar situations that the YMCA has facilitated.

- *Ultimate 'Goal' between 'County' and 'YMCA' is to set money aside for 'Reserve' for future projects/improvements that will be necessary @ the Community Center 'Complex'. In last several years, the 'County' has spent exorbitant amount on Community Center Improvements that were obtained through 'Grant Funding'. These 'Grants' have concluded and are no longer available. The 'County' has no 'RESERVE FUNDING' for the Community Center other than remaining funding in 'Foundation' Balance.

- *Goal is for 'Increased Programming'/'Cost Saving'/etc.

- *The public is invited to attend 'Town Hall' Meeting surrounding this transition on 7/16/2025 @ 6:00 P.M. or is welcome to appear before the Commission at regularly scheduled Commission Meetings, which are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:15 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Lisa Marschel, Collector, appeared before the Commission to present 2nd Quarter Review as it pertains to Tax Maintenance Fund. (Copy of 'Report' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Inquiry presented by Mr. Brian Keim, Mayor of Ste. Genevieve, along with local developer group as it relates to 'County Owned Property' @ site of 'Old' Riverview Nursing Home off White

Sands Road. Said 'group' advised that it is believed that 'Housing' a necessity within city limits, and this would be 'prime location'. Acreage amount is approximately 3.88 acres at said location. The Commission advised that they would discuss but would not make an official decision today. If/as additional information becomes available, it will be reported.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ford to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session Meeting' at 1:25 P.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.

Accounts Payable for Date 7/10/2025 in the amount of \$139,220.19 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ford to adjourn @ 2:10 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 7/14/2025.

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER