

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

7TH Day of the October 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, OCTOBER 23, 2025 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER RUZICKA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

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

- *Ferry 'lost money' last month.

- *It was noted that the 'State of Illinois' was in process of 'issuing' funding for 'Ferry Operations'. It was brought up in said meeting that there may be an issue with said 'Funding' as one of the requirements was thought to be that the 'Ferry' must be in operation 7 Days/Week.

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

- *Commissioner Ford and Mr. Schmieder to meet with 'Representative' from Citizens Electric with 'intent' of reviewing/discussing vegetation clearing. Additional detail to be provided as it becomes available.

The Commission once again noted that 'Townhall' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Evening, 10/28/2025 @ 6:00 P.M.

Work Session conducted for SB190 with the following present in addition to the Commissioners and Deputy County Clerk:

- *Sue Wolk – County Clerk

- *Lisa Marschel – County Collector

- *Mary Jane White – Recorder of Deeds

Following were several 'key points' noted in said meeting:

- *Mrs. Marshel noted the fact that 'Senior Base Tax' must be placed in system; she is working closely with Tyler Technologies in effort to make sure that all information is accurate and 'can be figured' properly to realize accurate 'tax credit' information.

- *Mrs. Marschel noted that several other counties already doing this 'task'.

- *It was noted that for Ste. Genevieve County Residents, the 'Senior Real Estate Property Tax Relief Credit' Application to be completed each year; said 'credit' will not automatically renew.

*Flyers to be sent out with 'Tax Bills' by Collector's Office. (She also noted that pertinent information surrounding SB190 will be placed on 'website'.)

*General questions were asked in reference to determine 'ordering of supplies', etc. for everything to flow 'smoothly' in said process as entire SB190 process is 'new' to Ste. Genevieve County.

*Mrs. Marschel questioned the 'need' for Notary/Notaries as this will be necessary component of said process. Consult conducted with legal counsel who suggested that the 'County Courthouse' should have several Notary Public 'persons' on staff.

Pre-Construction Meeting held for 'Ste. Genevieve Sidewalk Improvements' Project at 11:00 A.M. Following were attendees @ said meeting in addition to the Commission and Deputy County Clerk:

*Mark Webb – Smith & Company Engineers

*Jeremy Burch – CE Contracting

*Aaron Drury – CE Contracting

*Keith Wilson – Smith & Company Engineers

*(Copy of 'Sign-In' Sheet for said project located in Ste. Genevieve Sidewalk TAP – 9901(869) Grant Folder located in Office of the County Clerk.)

Meeting comprised of the following details surrounding said project:

*Representatives listed for 'Owner' – Ste. Genevieve County; 'Engineer' – Smith & Company Engineers; 'Contractor' – CE Contracting, Inc. Also noted was MoDOT PE Resident Engineer – Seth Bollinger.

*Project Start Date – 11/3/2025 & 'Final' Completed Date of Project – 3/3/2026.

*Responsibilities of Engineers

*Responsibilities of Owner's Governing Body

*Responsibilities of Any other Agency Contributing to the Project

*General Discussion Surrounding the Contract

*Construction Related Items

*General Discussion

*(Copy of 'Agenda' can be located in project folder located in County Clerk's Office.)

*Inspections to be conducted on work being completed.

Matt Clark along with recently appointed 'Executive Director' for Ste. Genevieve YMCA, Kris Fulford, appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were several 'key points' that were discussed:

*Kris Fulford reported that meeting held last week with the Ste. Genevieve County Treasurer to discuss the 'financial side' of matters to be finalized between the 'County' and 'YMCA'.

*Staffing orientations 'in process'.

*Orientations completed for 'Full-time' Staff and 'Part-Time' Staff.

*Full Day of Training @ YMCA is scheduled for this Friday, October 31st.

*It was noted that 'Rates' will remain the same for existing members.

*It was addressed that 'Pricing' for YMCA Memberships to be based on 'Tier-Pricing'.

*Per 'survey' that was sent to the public, it was noted that members of the public are requesting more in the 'form' of Group Exercise Classes; this is one of the 1st things that the 'YMCA' plans to address.

*The 'goal' for November for YMCA is to transition employees to their new roles.

*Both Matt Clark as well as Kris Fulford to be present at 'Town Hall' Meeting scheduled for Tuesday Evening (10/28/2025) @ 6:00 P.M.

*Wave Machine Preventive Maintenance reviewed/discussed; it is likely that this will be revisited next year.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 12:05 P.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 Ford to 'Exit' the 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 12:12 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.

Business Agent, Ryan Hale, for R&B Employees along with their Union Steward, Frank Naucke, visited with the Commissioners in effort to review 'Proposed Changes' prior to 'Budget Planning' for 2026. The Commissioners advised that they will take 'requests' under consideration and any final changes to be determined upon 'Budget' Decisions being determined.

Sue Wolk, County Clerk, made the Commission aware of the 'Proposals' that have been received as it relates to Health Insurance Coverage. Mrs. Wolk advised that 'conference call' to be conducted with our 'Broker'; additional details to be provided as they become available.

Accounts Payable for Date 10/27/2025 in the amount of \$105,706.24 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ford to adjourn @ 12:50 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 10/30/2025.

Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner