

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

5TH 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 16, 2025 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER FORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Jason Cates, CEO of Citizens Electric Corporation, appeared before the Commission to review 'Road Use and Maintenance Agreement' as has been discussed over a very lengthy period with the 'County' as well as 'Citizens Electric Representatives' working together to meet the 'necessities' as it pertains to 'County Roads'. After a great deal of careful consideration and close review of agreement; Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement between Ste. Genevieve County and Citizens Electric Corporation for Phase I and Phase II of *construction* as it relates to 'Salem Bulk Power' Project. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said 'Agreement' can be located in County Clerk's records.)

Commissioner Marberry noted that pursuant to RSMo 49.266; County Commission may regulate use of county property, traffic, and parking as well as the fact that "Upon a determination by the state fire marshal; a burn ban order is appropriate for a 'County' and gives authorization to issue said Burn Ban". Emergency Management Director was provided said information. (Copy of 'Statute' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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

- *Pricing obtained for 'Tar-Pot' from several vendors. Repairs necessary to make equipment operational. After careful consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve proceeding with 'Low Bid' for necessary repairs to Tar-Pot for amount of \$28,032.15 as presented. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copies of 'Proposals' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

- *Mr. Schmieder reported that 'Brushy Creek' Project now completely finished.

- *On-Site inspection completed @ intersection of Dry Ford Road & Hwy. DD. Stop Sign located @ said intersection. Sheriff's Department has been made aware of 'complaints' surrounding persons NOT stopping @ Stop Sign; Sheriff reported that department does patrol in said area; he will make sure that 'Road Deputies' aware of said matter.

*Mr. Schmieder advised that 'Grading' as result of heavy rains from Saturday completed.

*Mr. Schmieder reported that he is meeting w/MoDOT this Wednesday. Upon conclusion of meeting, MoDOT should authorize 'Permit' for necessary work @ Saline Creek & Hwy. WW.

*Mr. Schmieder and Commissioner Ford to 'meet' on-site @ Aubuchon Drive in Bloomsdale area in effort to determine 'scope of project' that needs to be completed on said road. Additional details to follow upon conclusion of said meeting.

*Mr. Schmieder and Deputy County Clerk, Michele Gatzemeyer, to work on required documentation as requested by FEMA Representative for Project DR-4872.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 8:46 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021 – as it relates to '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 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 9:03 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021 – as it relates to 'Contracts'. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye.

Review completed surrounding most recent 'Work Order' submitted as it pertains to 'Chamber Building'. Commissioner Ford reported that there is section of Baseboard to be replaced as well as 'BACK DOOR' is scheduled to be replaced. Commissioner Ford to handle project.

There was discussion surrounding 'Repairs' to be completed at Youth Building @ Fairgrounds. Final decision tabled for upcoming Commission Meeting; inspection to be completed on said location.

Ste. Genevieve County has recently disposed of various autos no longer 'functional' for the 'County' on 'Purple Wave Auction Service', which is a service utilized by Counties/Municipalities/etc. and meets 'State Requirements'. The reason for 'sale' of no longer functional items is in an effort to purchase 'reliable' County Vehicle that can be utilized by all Elected Officials for required attendance at conferences/meetings/etc.

After review of 'income' derived from 'Sale' of vehicles no longer in use by 'County'; Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the purchase of Chevrolet Traverse through 'Barley Automotive' who worked in accordance with Jim Butler Chevrolet through 'State Bid Process' @ a "Total Cost" to Ste. Genevieve County for amount of \$37,995.00. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Vehicle Detail' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 10:32 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 10:40 A.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.

Matt Clark w/YMCA appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were items reported:

- *Mr. Clark to work on 'determination' of proceeding with 'Exercise Equipment' currently owned by the County/Community Center.

- *Review to be completed as it pertains to 'Pro Forma' on Bloomsdale Facility. Additional details to be provided as they become available.

David Bova, Interim City Administrator, appeared before the Commission to question the 'Commissioners' if they intended to place issue on the Ballot as it relates to 'Lodging Tax Issue' now that HB199 has been implemented. The Commission advised that they will consider and decision to be provided.

Community Center Update:

- *Decision to be made on 'Wave Machine' @ Water Park 'Pool'; Preventive Maintenance necessary; decision to be made upon additional information being provided.

- *It was noted that any billing detail > \$5,000 at the Community Center will be made aware to the Commission prior to any final decisions being made. It was reiterated that upon Community Center being 'managed' by YMCA; this is a cooperative agreement between Ste. Genevieve County and the YMCA.

Resolution reviewed as it relates to 'dissolution' of existing Community Center Board as it currently exists. After close review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 10202025 – AN ORDINANCE BY STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING 'REPEAL' OF AMENDMENT 05152023 – "RECONSTITUTED AND AMENDED BY LAWS OF THE SGCCC", WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR 'DISSOLUTION' OF EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD WITH IMPLEMENTATION TO BE EFFECTIVE BY NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025.**

Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said 'Resolution' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Accounts Payable for Date 10/20/2025 in the amount of \$74,221.31 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ford to adjourn @ 12:15 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 10/23/2025.

Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner