

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

14TH 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 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Sales Tax Figures presented for 'Month of October, 2025'. Figures abysmal @ an amount of approximately \$57,489.71. Figures for '2024 for same time period were \$90,987.58. Thus, 'Reduction' in Sales Tax continues to decline. (Copy of 'Sales Tax Figures' for this time period attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Dena Kreitler, Ste. Genevieve Chamber of Commerce Director, appeared before the Commission to review several updates with the Commission. They were reported as follows:

- *The 'Chamber of Commerce' was awarded 'Contract' for the Ste. Genevieve License Office. This is a great benefit to our Community. The Commission thanked Mrs. Kreitler for her hard work and dedication.

- *Mrs. Kreitler also wanted to talk to the Commission about 'Tourism Transient Tax' that has been proposed. The following were noted regarding the same:

- *Said 'Tax' has been mentioned to the 'County Commission' by 'city representatives'; however, no final decisions have been made regarding the same. The 'County' is being requested to place said measure on April '2026 Ballot.

- *Commissioner Ruzicka advised that a 'consideration' is the 'cost' to the 'County' to place said measure on the Ballot.

- *Commissioner Ruzicka noted that there is concern surrounding 'Optics'. Mrs. Kreitler noted that the TTC has formed a committee regarding the same and that 'Education' would be key as 'Tax' would affect tourists and, by and large, would not affect residents of the 'County'. Mrs. Kreitler made the suggestion that, if proposed, we reach out to neighboring communities that have had success with this very issue.

- *Mrs. Kreitler invited the Commission to the Ste. Genevieve License Office 'Open House' to be held on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 @ their new location. (Copy of said 'Invitation' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Review conducted as it relates to previous funding that was allocated to Community Center through 'CARES ACT Funding' as well as 'ARPA Funding'. Following is detail surrounding attached:

**CARES ACT FUNDING WERE SUBMITTED IN (2) SEPARATE 'PACKETS' FOR A "TOTAL AMOUNT" of \$74,212.18.*

**ARPA FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER WERE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:*

**COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT - \$831,393.45.*

**INSTALLATION OF 'ROOF DRAINS' TO INCLUDE INSULATION OVER 'INDOOR POOL' AREA @ MAIN BUILDING AT STE. GENEVIEVE COMMUNITY CENTER AREA - \$102,400.00.*

**BADE ROOFING "HYPOTHESIS #1 AND #2" ON CONDENSATION ISSUE w/INDOOR POOL AREA of 'ORIGINAL COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING' - \$7,737.00.*

**URGENT MASONRY REPAIRS @ COMMUNITY CENTER to include TUCKPOINTING/SEALING/ADDRESS GRINDING/CAULKING TO CHIMNEYS & PORCHES ALONG w/REM'G. CAULKING OF ORIGINAL STRUCTURE ON 'MAIN' STRUCTURE' - \$72,645.00.*

**ASPHALT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE ON COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT - \$210,200.00.*

**REPAIRS & PAINTING TO PORCHES ON 'ORIGINAL' COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING - \$13,568.31.*

**TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATED TO COMMUNITY CENTER THROUGH ARPA FUNDING @ 36% IS AMOUNT OF \$1,237,943.76. (Copies of 'Breakdown' for these allocated funds attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)*

Opioid Funding Request presented by Sheriff Stolzer. Upon careful review and inspection of 'Request', Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' (4) XK300 'Medical Sensors' through vendor, Reassurance Solutions, @ a "Total Cost" of \$25,000 in an effort to assist in helping to prevent suicides, overdoses, and other health issues related to 'Opioid Addiction'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Opioid Funding Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

County Clerk, Sue Wolk, along with Human Resources Specialist, Kim MacMillan, reviewed 'Health Insurance Renewal' Detail with the Commission as 'decisions' were necessary for health insurance 'open enrollment' to be facilitated. After a great deal of review and careful consideration of 'negotiating' that transpired, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to 'approve' renewal of health insurance through United Healthcare with the understanding that the 'County' will have 'rate increase' of \$410,000.00 this year and acknowledging that this was the 'best coverage' available to Ste. Genevieve County Employees for this next year. (This equated to an increase of 29.9%). Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'related detail' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:41 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 11:51 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.

Work Session conducted to review the anticipated 'Final Draft' of SB190 Application along with all required documentation to facilitate said process. After lengthy discussion, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve Ordinance No. 11202025 *"Authorizing a Property Tax Credit Pursuant to Senate Bill 190, Senate Bill 756, and RSMo 137.1050 to Provide Tax Relief on Senior Citizens' Primary Residence"*. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

*Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' SB190 Application Process as presented. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

*(Copies of above-mentioned documentation can be located in records within County Clerk's Office.)

Commission conducted review of 'Flex Positions' to be implemented next year. Determination made regarding the same due to 'several offices workload' and the inability to hire additional staff as a result of 'Reduction in Sales Tax'; thus, creating a 'loss' in County Revenue.

The Commission convened @ 12:00 P.M.

Commission reconvened @ 1:00 P.M. – Salary Commission conducted with most 'Elected Officials' present. (Minutes of Salary Commission can be located in 'Salary Commission File'.)

Accounts Payable for Date 11/20/2025 in the amount of \$108,287.13 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ford to adjourn @ 1:45 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 12/1/2025.

Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner