

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025**

20<sup>TH</sup> 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, DECEMBER 15, 2025 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

The Commission reviewed 'Accounts Payable' for 'Emergency Day Room Project' @ Ste. Genevieve County Jail. Said project had already been approved. Final invoicing detail was received from Brockmiller Construction for 'FINAL PAY' as a result of said project. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' said detail in the amount of \$231,405.00 as project was for emergency contracting for services related to the 'Urgent Need' to expand jail for proper housing of prisoners. Legal Counsel consulted surrounding the same. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of all pertinent, related documentation surrounding said 'Project' can be located in County Clerk's Records.)

The Commission reviewed 'Change Order No. 2' from TAP Grant Project that is NOT a 'part' of actual TAP Grant, but would, rather, be the responsibility of the 'County'. Discussion surrounded the 'Retaining Wall' near location of 'Ste. Genevieve Art Guild'. Said 'wall' needs to be replaced. After a great deal of consideration, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve proceeding with "Replacement of Retaining Wall" @ said site for amount of \$4,356.00. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Change Order No. 2 attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*\*\*Note: Remaining 'Change Orders' that are responsibility of 'County' to be 'Tabled' at this time.

The Commission reviewed 'how best to proceed' with 'lawncare' for Community Center next year. After careful consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to proceed w/hiring 'Part Time' Employee for lawncare @ the Ste. Genevieve YMCA Facility. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Regarding FEMA Claim for DR-4872, Mr. Schmieder in process of working on details as it relates to 'Mitigation' Project.

Mr. Scott Schmieder, R&B Foreman, appeared before the Commission for today's meeting as Commission had planned 'Work Session' to review Road & Bridge Projects that are necessary for 2026. Following was detail reported from today's 'Work Session':

\*Commissioner Ruzicka reported that, unfortunately, the 'County' has more roads than money.

\*Projects that were reported that 'need' to be addressed are as follows:

\*In the 'North End' of 'County', it was noted that Holst Road will need to be completed, Cindy Lane & Cedar Trail will need to be attended to with this project being approximately 4/10 of a mile in length as well as the fact that 'Ditching needs to be addressed and 'Road' in need of being 'Built'. Anticipated cost for this project in the range of \$100,000.

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that Mill Creek Road in need of 'Chip Sealing' in 2026.

\*Holmes Road – In need of maintenance; it was estimated that expense for this road could be approximately \$405,000.

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that Genevieve Church Road is also in need of 'Maintenance' Improvements to said road.

\*Magnolia Hollow Road is 4.9 miles, which 'County' is responsible for.

Linda Wagner, Assessor, appeared before the Commission regarding 'Expenditure' for 'Insert' that needed to be sent regarding SB190. (Collector had said expenditure as well.) The Commission approved said expenditure to be taken from 'County Revenue' for amount of \$308.43.

Rachel Davidson, Superintendent for National Park Service, along with Mr. Joe Steiger, appeared before the Commission on behalf of the National Park Service. Ms. Davidson noted that the National Park Service has interest in purchasing "Historical Homes" for "Improvement" to Community. Ms. Davidson is requesting a 'Letter of Support' from Ste. Genevieve County to purchase the following: One said 'home' is 'Vital St. Gemme Bauvais House' as it is one of the oldest homes in Ste. Genevieve, but also an example of one of the rarest French vernacular architectural structures and is constructed as "Poteaux-en-Terre", which means "Post -in-Ground".

\*Request also being made for the NPS to purchase the Ste. Genevieve Welcome Center, which is currently owned by 'City of Ste. Genevieve'. Request for this purchase being made due to the fact that the Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park does not have a Welcome/Visitor Center of its own. The 'City of Ste. Genevieve' would also have presence at the same; however, the maintenance, etc. would be responsibility of the National Park Service.

\*Purchase of above 'structures' is effort to preserve the historical significance of the same and said 'structures' would also be utilized for 'education/conferences, and would promote learning about architecture, gardening, foodways, history, along with many other subjects.

County Clerk, Sue Wolk, presented the Commission with approximate cost of placing 'Transient Tax' on April Ballot as has been requested that the 'County' do. Approximate cost would be projected to be \$15,000.

After a great deal of 'back and forth', Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve *RESOLUTION NO. 12182025* to 'Approve' placing Transient Tax on April 7, 2026 Ballot acknowledging that funds would be placed in 'Special' Account with exclusive use for the promotion of tourism with oversight by Ste. Genevieve County. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said Resolution can be located in County Clerk's Records.)

The Commission reviewed the matter of SB3. At this time, Ste. Genevieve County will not be placing said issue on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Ballot with the understanding that 'lawsuit' has been filed challenging the same by 'School District(s)'. As additional information is made available, said detail to be reported.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ford to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 11:23 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 Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. 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 11:59 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.

The Commission convened at 12:00 P.M.

Commission reconvened @ 1:00 P.M. The Commission completed review of 'how best to proceed' as it relates to all pertinent items to be taken moving forward in the New Year with Community Center.

Accounts Payable for Date 12/18/2025 in the amount of \$329,403.16 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 12/22/2025.

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Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

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Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner