

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

21ST Day of the October Term. The Commission Met Pursuant to Adjournment. Present were Presiding Commissioner Randy Ruzicka, Associate Commissioner Mark Marberry along with Deputy County Clerk, Michele Gatzemeyer. Absent from today's meeting was Associate Commissioner Cory Ford as he and Road & Bridge Foreman, Scott Schmieder were inspecting item of equipment.

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, DECEMBER 18, 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 MINUTES FROM COMMISSION MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Scott Schmieder, Road & Bridge Foreman, was not present for today's meeting. He and Commissioner Ford on the 'road' to perform inspection of equipment item in effort to determine if said item would be of use to R&B Department.

Commission reviewed 'Legal Services Contract' between the Ste. Genevieve County and legal counsel for the 'County', Mr. Ivan Schraeder. After much conversation, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to continue 'County Government Legal Services Agreement' between Ste. Genevieve County and Ivan Schraeder and Schraeder Law Firm pursuant to RSMo 432.070 as well as RSMo 56.250 to provide legal services for the 'County' with special rates available on guaranteed basis for the same noting especially the fact that 'County' is entitled to a non-cumulative ten (10) hours per month for telephonic advisory or opinion relating to legal services on employment and labor relations specifically regarding 'County' based legal opinion. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Legal Services Agreement' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The Commission noted that they are 'tabling' Group Home Board 'Appointment' until next regularly scheduled 'Commission' meeting.

Gerald 'Duck' Bader appeared before the Commission regarding 'line item' within his 'Budget'. The Commission noted that they will provide additional detail to said item; additional information to be provided as soon as it becomes available.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ruzicka to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 8:45 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Legal'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 9:50 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Legal'. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

The Commission was notified by Mr. Schmieder, R&B Foreman, as well as Commissioner Ford that, upon inspection, they were able to 'inspect' 'Mid-Size Excavator' being sold on 'Purple Wave Auctions' that was sufficient to meet the needs of R&B Department. As 'Purple Wave' is 'State Approved Auction Site'; the 'County' could proceed without having to obtain bids. Purchase of equipment through Purple Wave Auction Service would benefit the 'County' from having to purchase brand new item of equipment lending to 'efficient' use of Tax Payer Dollars.

*After close review and consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve 'Purchase' of "Kubota KX080-452 – a powerful mid-size excavator well known for its clean-running Tier 4 engine, enclosed cab (w/A/C and heat), hydraulic thumb option, versatile angle blade....Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'.

Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ruzicka yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

Kris Fulford w/Ste. Genevieve YMCA appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were the items reported:

*Ms. Fulford advised the Commission that they are in the process of hiring 'Custodian Manager' as well as 'Membership Specialist'.

*Work continues on 'Child Watch' Room.

*Contracts still in progress between YMCA and Univ. of MO Extension, Sunshine Day Care, and Library.

Accounts Payable for Date 12/29/2025 in the amount of \$197,021.06 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Marberry to adjourn @ 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 12/31/2025.

Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner