

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, January 29, 2026

7TH Day of the January 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 TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

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

- *Fuel Tickets submitted for recent fuel purchase that was awarded to MFA Oil. Said 'Award' based on the following pricing: "On-Road" Fuel - \$2.7652/gallon and "Off-Road" Fuel - \$2.4702/gallon. (Copies of 'fuel supply tickets' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

- *Mr. Schmieder noted that he was in need of additional fuel supply this week as a result of the 'Recent Storms'; Fuel Bid was awarded to Heil Oil Company with 'low bid'. Pricing for most recent bid was as follows: "On-Road" Fuel - \$2.715/gallon; "Off-Road" Fuel - \$2.125/gallon. (Copy of 'Fuel Bid Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

- *Mr. Schmieder reported that 'furnace' @ Road & Bridge Department not able to be fixed yet. Mr. Schmieder noted that he was advised that 'furnace' should be able to have repairs made by Monday.

- *Road Conditions – Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Road Conditions' are as good as they can be; as much snow removal completed as possible @ this time.

- *Mr. Schmieder noted that (10) Loads of Salt ordered/delivered as needed as a result of most recent snowstorm. (Bill(s) of Lading for Salt Delivery from Compass Minerals, Inc. attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

- *Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Grader Blades' are going to be needed. As additional information becomes available; said detail to be provided.

- *Mr. Schmieder advised Commission that he had spoke with representative from Perry County regarding 'Pull Behind Paver'. After close review of information provided by Mr. Schmieder, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve Purchase Requisition for "Bomag 413 Pull Paver" from Perry County for a 'Total Cost' of \$5,000.00. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'referenced' Purchase Requisition attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Ruzicka provided summary from 'Zoom' Meeting that was conducted w/SEMO RPC as well as from Southeast MO Commissioner's Meeting. The primary 'issue' that everyone

reviewed/discussed was regarding HB2761 and SB1586. This pertains to legislation that will affect 'Solid Waste', particularly 'Grants' that have benefited Counties. In Ste. Genevieve County, Solid Waste Grants are imperative to the operations of Recycling Centers. The primary discussion surrounded the fact that 'legislation' proposed in effort to 'clean' landfills; discussion surrounded one in Franklin County.

- *It is the understanding of 'Counties' that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would be in charge of 'handling the funds'.

- *Southeast MO Commissioners are comprised primarily of 'Rural Counties'. With this in mind, Counties are extremely concerned surrounding the effect that above-mentioned 'prospective' legislation will affect rural counties due to the exorbitant amount of 'unfunded mandates' that continue to be levied on 'Counties'.

- *If legislation is passed, Counties would have to come up with 'Remediation Plan' for 'Solid Waste'.

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

- *Copy of 'annual audit' provided.

- *Commissioner Marberry noted that 'Port' working on CIP Project; they are working on permitting w/Corps of Engineers.

- *It was noted that 'Port' working on installation of 'Dolphin'. As additional information becomes available, said detail to be provided.

- *There was conversation surrounding the desire to establish a website for the 'Ferry'.

- *Tourism Director for City of Ste. Genevieve, Aaron Smith, noted that 'promotion' of Ferry's importance to Ste. Genevieve.

- *Per Commissioner Marberry, he noted that financial reporting shows that between months of July 2025 and December 2025; there was a 'net loss' to the Ferry of \$63,000.00.

Update to BRO Project – 2nd Street/Franklin Bridge – Floodplain Development Permit/Application needed to be completed; documentation forwarded. Ste. Genevieve County working with Smith & Company Engineers in effort to 'move project' forward as quickly as possible. (Copy of said documentation can be located in appropriate folder in County Clerk's Office.)

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

- *The YMCA is 'digging into' renovations. It was noted that determinations will need to be made about several Basketball Goals/Bleachers; Commissioner Ford to inspect 'Bleachers' as they believe there may be potential for repurposing the same.

- *Maintenance staff obtaining 'Bids' as it relates to 'Lazy River'; this will have to be painted this year. Close inspection of any/all 'repairs' that are needed for waterpark to be completed. YMCA preparing for 'Waterpark' Opening.

- *Ms. Fulford noted that 'Data Systems' are being switched in April; this will increase improvement of communication.

*Ms. Fulford advised that there have been 'conversations' surrounding gym hockey. Ms. Fulford to meet with representatives from 'gym hockey league' to reiterate that 'league' is going to remain in place.

Maintenance Supervisor @ Courthouse appeared before the Commission to advise that 'contract' for refuse service is due to expire on February 28th. Quotes are being obtained in effort to insure that 'best use' of taxpayer dollars is being facilitated. As additional information becomes available, said detail to be provided.

Accounts Payable for Date 1/29/2026 in the amount of \$8,939.63 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 2/2/2026.

Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner