

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

17TH 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 MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER FORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES WITH MINOR CORRECTION. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY 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 items reported:

- *Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Repairs' to Equipment need to be made.
- *Mr. Schmieder reported that Road & Bridge Department busy cleaning up 'roads' from recent windstorm as well as 'flooding' that recently occurred.
- *Mr. Schmieder reported that 'Pipes' will be necessary as result of recent 'flooding issues'.
- *Mr. Schmieder noted that 'local constituent' expressed 'concern' to him regarding 'Fields Road'.

Local resident reached out to the Commission regarding Citizen's Electric 'Salem Bulk Power Project'. Following were items reported:

- *Commissioner Ford has reached out; he still has not received response from Vice President of Citizen's.
- *Ditch Road – Resident has made Commission aware of issue surrounding 'easement' regarding 'location' near the area of Ditch Road & Whiskey Lane. Area of 'Whiskey Lane' is 'private road'; Ste. Genevieve County confirmed the same.
- *It should be noted that 'Permitting' for Phase III has not been released from Ste. Genevieve County. (Phase III includes 'Kinsey Substation' to 'Brickey's'.)
- *The 'County' to reach out to legal counsel in effort to inquire 'what' can be done to protect constituents of the 'County' acknowledging their many concerns.

Review of proposed legislation reviewed regarding 'Treasurer' being only party to sign 'checks'. This is concerning to Elected Officials and 'halts' the 'Checks and Balances' currently in place.

Letter of Resignation forwarded to the Commission regarding the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. After careful consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the 'Resignation' of Mr. Austin Capps from the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. Commissioner

Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

County Clerk reviewed 'necessity' for 'Sunshine Law Policy' that needs to be implemented for Ste. Genevieve County. Issue has been tabled for Monday's Commission Meeting at which time Resolution is 'planned' to be implemented regarding the same.

*Mrs. Wolk advised the Commission that 'County' has been going through 'Audit' for > one (1) year. Final Details will be 'reported' as soon as they are provided.

The Commission, along with County Clerk, reviewed 'Final Draft' of Inter-Governmental Agreement proposed between the 'City of Ste. Genevieve' and the 'County' of Ste. Genevieve. Very close detail was provided with the following items reported:

*Reference in 'Agreement' was 'Lodging Tax'; it was noted that reference should be 'Transient Tax'.

*It was noted that 'IF' Transient Tax is implemented; review of 'Agreement' would have to be revisited prior to April 2027 in effort to make a better determination of what changes should be implemented.

*Ste. Genevieve County proposing that 'Monthly Reporting' to be provided by the 'City' IF 'Tax' goes into effect. Agreement between 'City' and 'County' would be subject to this happening.

*Final 'Revisions' requested were forwarded to legal counsel; Ste. Genevieve County Commission is waiting on the same.

Ms. Kris Fulford w/YMCA appeared before the Commission to present report for today's meeting. Following were items of importance noted:

*Ms. Fulford provided detail regarding 'Repainting' of 'Pool Area' to include Lazy River at the River Rapids Waterpark. A total of (3) separate bids were obtained. The Commission is scheduled to review the (3) separate 'Bids' so determination can be made regarding which to proceed with. Commission to give special attention acknowledging that taxpayer dollars utilized for upkeep/maintenance of ALL County Buildings/Grounds/etc.

*Invoicing Protocol reviewed. This was reviewed with consideration given to recent HVAC 'issue' on 'roof top unit'.

*Timeline along with 'updated drawing' provided for 'gymnasium improvements – both floors. Notification to be provided to members. Ms. Fulford advised that she will continue to keep the 'Commission' informed of progress as it continues. (Copy of 'Timeline/Drawings' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Ms. Fulford provided update also as it relates to Bloomsdale facility. 'Door Scanner' in process of being changed at said facility. Implementation of changes to take effect on 3/23/2026. Notification forwarded to 'Members' accordingly.

*Agreement between 'YMCA' and 'Sunshine Day Care' implemented/in effect.

*Ms. Fulford reported that 'Agreements' in process for the University of MO Extension as well as the Ste. Genevieve Library.

Accounts Payable for Date 3/12/2026 in the amount of \$162,073.92 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

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

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 3/16/2026.

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER