

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026**

14<sup>TH</sup> 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, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER FORD SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Several local constituents appeared before the Commission to voice their 'concerns' over the 287(g) contract facilitated by the Ste. Genevieve County Sheriff's Department. Said 'local residents' simply wanted to express their concern surrounding said agreement along with requesting transparency concerning the same. Commissioner Ruzicka noted that said agreement is an MOU that was handled by the Sheriff's Department and said 'Department' would have to answer any questions surrounding the same. Suggestion made by Commissioner Ruzicka to reach back out to 'Sheriff'.

\*Question was posed surrounding availability of 'Budget'. Commissioner Ruzicka noted that 'Budget' is Open 'Public' Information; detail to be provided per their request.

\*Group present was part of organization called "Stand Up Ste. Genevieve".

\*Constituents worried about safety/security of their neighbors.

Local resident wanted to provide report surrounding 'incident' that occurred over the weekend w/Sheriff's Department appearing at incorrect address. The Commission advised that this would need to be addressed with Sheriff's Department; resident was given their address/information to reach out.

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

\*Mr. Schmieder reported that several 'breakdowns' have occurred @ R&B Department; Mr. Schmieder noted that "all can be fixed".

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B to continue 'working on roads'; Hauling Rock; Grading, etc.

\*Commissioner Ford advised Mr. Schmieder that he was unable to meet with Derek Welker w/McCoy when attending CCAM but did speak with a "Parts Representative".

Commission met with several 'entities' as it pertains to future 'Right of Way' Considerations for expansion project for Lhoist that involves 'Public Water'. Representatives present were as follows: Mr. Wes Hogenmiller w/Public Water Supply District No. 1; T.J. Garbs w/Cochran

Engineering, and Mr. Mike Stevenson w/Lhoist North America. Following were the items reported:

- \*Portions of 'White Sands Road' that had previously been 'vacated' are in need of 'new' water lines. Representatives from above-mentioned (3) entities met with the Commission to review their plans to proceed with necessary improvements as mentioned. Additional review to be completed surrounding said project with 'review' from the Ste. Genevieve County Road & Bridge Foreman.

- \*Prospective 'Start Date' for 'Progress' of Project – Approximately (1) Month.

- \*Goal of Project – Straightening of 'water lines' with 'elimination' of 'bends'.

- \*"Right of Way" of 'County Road' as well as some 'private properties' to be facilitated.

- \*Cochran Engineering Representative noted that their plans are currently @ approximately 90%.

- \*Project anticipates improving 'Pipe' from 6" (Pipe) to 8" Pipe.

Commission addressed numerous 'questions/concerns' from local residents relating to SB190 'Issue'. Ordinance initiated by Ste. Genevieve County as well as application requires applicants applying for 'said credit' to be registered voters of Ste. Genevieve County. With this in mind, there have been questions that may not be 'registered' that question 'why' this is necessary. The reason for said requirement was the decision of the 'Elected Officials' involved in the 'Application Process' in effort to offer checks and balances that individuals would not try to apply/receive said 'credit' in multiple counties in the event there was ownership in more than one 'county'. The Commission also mentioned the possibility of potential to receive 'Circuit Breaker' Credit and directed several constituents to speak to the Assessor's Office regarding the same.

Local resident that resides near 'F' Highway appeared before the Commission to inquire about 'Private Cemetery'. Pursuant to RSMo 214.090, information was provided to said individual as 'land surveyed' for said 'cemetery' to be conveyed to Ste. Genevieve County with proper 'Recording' of said 'tract of land' in effort to record land in the County of Ste. Genevieve as 'Private' Burial Ground. Appropriate information forwarded to said individual for reference in effort for transaction to reach fruition. (Copies of above-referenced documentation attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Ford emphasized to the Commission that he is working diligently to find 'Fair Board Members' in an effort to 'continue' the Ste. Genevieve County Fair. Commissioner Ford noted that 'continued meetings' with the Extension Council, Beef & Swine Club, and 4-H will continue to be held to hopefully make this happen.

Mr. Scott Sattler appeared before the Commission to announce that he is running for State Representative for District 145. The Commission questioned Mr. Sattler what he thought about several issues that the 'County' has dealt with regarding various issues.

Accounts Payable for Date 3/2/2026 in the amount of \$465,516.25 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 3/5/2026.

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Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

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Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner