

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

13TH 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 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER FORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. 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 the items reported:

*Mr. Schmieder provided 'Fuel Tickets' from MFA Oil who was awarded most recent 'Fuel Bid Award' for recent purchase.

*Routine Maintenance being completed by R&B Department.

*Ditch Road – Mr. Schmieder and Commissioner Ford inspected 'site'. Fiber is 'bad'. Representative from Spectrum noted that they need to 'bore' new fiber in one specific location in area of 'Ditch Road'. Right of Way Application provided to Spectrum Representative so that they can proceed w/'Project'.

Updated 'Contract' facilitated as it relates to 'Trash Service' specifically related to the Ste. Genevieve County Courthouse as well as 'Road & Bridge' Department. (Copy of said 'Agreement(s)' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Ford noted that he is scheduling 'Meeting' with the Ste. Genevieve County Extension, representative from 4-H, as well as representatives from 'Beef & Swine' Club. Meeting is being facilitated due to the fact that with the number of resignations recently from the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board; the 'County' as well as other organizations involved need to be made aware of the fact that there must be Fair Board Members to pursue/hold a 'Fair'. This situation directly affects these entities; Commissioner Ford wanted to make all aware and wanted to reach out to see if they knew of persons that would be interested in serving on the 'Fair Board'. All parties agreed to 'reach out' to persons that may be interested. Additional meeting to be held between these same entities in effort to 're-group' with updated information.

Recorder of Deeds, Mary Jane White, appeared before the Commission to present several questions that pertain to the SB190 Applications. Following were 'list' of questions:

*"If taxes go down, what occurs to persons completing request through SB190 Application for 'tax freeze'?"

*There was also question surrounding 'Names' that are listed on 'Ownership Material' of Property that relates to application.

FLAP Grant Update as it relates to 'Fourth Street Bridge' – The engineer on said project is working diligently with MoDOT regarding preliminary planning phase. Hopefully, these plans will get approved relatively quickly in effort for progress to continue on said project. As soon as additional information becomes available; said detail will be provided.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:22 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Litigation'. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ford to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:53 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Litigation'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

Accounts Payable for Date 2/23/2026 in the amount of \$92,334.49 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 3/2/2026.

Michele Gatzemeyer – Presiding Commissioner

Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner