

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

Regular 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 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025 ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026.

Commissioner Marberry requested 'Elected Officials' as well as 'Flex Position Employees' to meet with the Commission in effort to discuss this 'change', which resulted from excessive workflow in certain offices but limited resources as a result in 'revenue decline' for the 'County' primarily due to 'Reduction in Sales Tax Revenue' as a result of RSMo 144.054. The following 'Points of Interest' were noted regarding the same:

*Commissioner Marberry noted that this will be a 'Day by Day' process until all 'kinks' are worked out.

*County Collector, Lisa Marschel, reviewed the many projects that remain to be completed in her office and noted that she will definitely utilize 'flex employees'.

*Additional 'help' that was provided by employees during 'Tax Time' was greatly appreciated.

*Courthouse staff to 'gear up' for the changes to occur as a result of SB190; this process scheduled to start in Ste. Genevieve County effective 2/1/2026.

The Commission reviewed 'Step Project' @ the Fairgrounds that is 'safety measure' and would allow for 'steps' near the 'Ticket Booth Side' in regards to location of Fairgrounds. After careful review of 'proposal(s)' received, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to proceed with 'Concrete Step Project' to be completed at the Ste. Genevieve County Fairgrounds as discussed. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Copy of 'Approved Proposal' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.

The next 'issue' reviewed were 'Improvements' around 'Courthouse Perimeter' that were NOT approved through TAP Grant Project but are measures necessary for 'safety purposes'. Said 'Projects' that were reviewed were as follows:

*Steps on Third Street 'Side' of Courthouse; this project is considered a safety measure – location is by 'Emergency Door'.

*Steps to 'Outside Entrance' of Courthouse nearest the 'Art Guild'. Said 'project' also considered a 'safety measure' due to 'steps' breaking up and in need of repair.

*Sidewalk leading to entrance of 'Ste. Genevieve Art Guild'. Sidewalk is crumbling and in need of being 'updated' to meet with ADA Compliance.

*After a great deal of review and consideration, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve 'proceeding' with above projects and awarding project to 'low bid' as presented by Bales Concrete, who the 'County' has worked with previously and was noted to have completed previous projects for the 'County' in a highly satisfactory manner with the 'Total Cost' of said 'Project' to be an amount of \$10,250.00. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copies of all 'Related Proposals' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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

*Fuel Bid Request needed for R&B Department. Fuel Bids submitted. Award for 'low bid' went to Heil Oil Company at the following rates: "On-Road" Fuel - \$2.649/gallon; "Off-Road" Fuel - \$2.299/gallon; "Gasoline" - \$2.209/gallon. (Copies of 'Fuel Bids' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department scheduled to perform work on Coldwater Creek as well as East Castor River Road.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that R&B Department currently working on 'Maintenance' Projects.

*Consideration provided to 'Paving Projects' for next year. The Commission had provided an immense amount of review to 'NECESSARY ROAD PROJECTS' for 2026 to 'maintain' roads that the 'County' has. After much consideration and 'back and forth', Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to proceed with the following 'Projects' that will require 'Paving' subject to financial availability and are named as follows: Holmes Road, Cindy Lane & Cedar Trail, and Genevieve Church Road. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

*Mr. Schmieder noted that he would be in touch with SGI so that 'truck' that R&B Department can 'deliver' truck to said facility that R&B has prepared for them.

Review of 'Preliminary Budget' reviewed for Ste. Genevieve Library w/Shawn Long, Library Director. (Copy of 'proposed budget' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commission convened at 12:00 P.M.

Commission reconvened at 1:00 P.M. to attend meeting at Community Center – All Sports Complex.

Accounts Payable for Date 1/5/2026 in the amount of \$293.09 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 1/8/2026.

Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner