

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026**

5<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, JANUARY 15, 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:

\*Mr. Schmieder reported that there is an 'issue' with the 'Hydraulics' of Backhoe. Issue is being reviewed.

\*Mr. Schmieder inquiring about purchasing 'used' Paver. Additional detail to be provided as it becomes available.

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that 'prep' being completed for possible bad road conditions that are expected to occur this weekend.

\*Mr. Schmieder advised Commission that R&B Department will need to 'replenish' salt supply; Additional detail will follow.

\*Review completed surrounding 'Bid Proposals' for 'Paving Projects' for 2026. Bids requested; Mr. Schmieder to meet with contractors @ proposed sites on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> for review.

Commissioner Ford provided report from IDC Meeting that he attended. He advised that 'Election of Officers' postponed; no additional information to report at this time.

Commissioner Marberry provided report from SB190 Work Session. Applications for Ste. Genevieve County Residents to begin on February 1, 2026.

\*Applications to be completed in Recorder of Deeds Office.

\*The (2) Flex Employees will be available to notarize applications in the Courthouse.

\*It was noted that 'Dry Run' to be completed in preparation of Application Process.

\*Final 'Approval Process' to be conducted by Commission.

Audit Process relating to Opioid Settlement Funds completed.

The Community Services Forum reached out to Ste. Genevieve County Commission based on funds that were in existence as a result of 'Board' that had distributed said funds allocated through Holcim Funds resulting from Chapter 100 'Agreement'. It was noted that the only 'revenue' that 'Community Services Forum' receives is from 'dues' collected from members.

Thus, the Community Services Forum has very limited resources and receives many requests for 'assistance'.

After careful consideration and review w/legal counsel, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve transfer of amount of \$7,507.93 from account that was 'earmarked' to be distributed based upon recommendation of 'County' to 'Community Services Account' that is 501(c)3 and with the understanding that there are very limited funds being transferred into their account. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of email request from Community Services Forum attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Budget Hearing conducted for 2026. County Clerk, Sue Wolk, presented the same. Following were 'Budgets' reviewed/approved:

\*Tax Maintenance Fund Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 Fund Balance - \$34,699. Expected Balance for 12/31/2026 - \$50,500. After review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the 2026 TMF Budget as presented. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Senate Bill 40 Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$370,748.18. Anticipated revenues for 2026 - \$701,600.00 w/anticipated expenses for 2026 - \$677,637.50; thus, expected 'Ending Balance' for Senate Bill 40 for 12/31/2026 - \$394,710.68. After review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve the Senate Bill 40 Budget for 2026. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*County Revenue Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$3,172,598.78. Estimated Revenues for 2026 - \$17,117,807.19 w/Expected Expenses - \$18,063,888.78; thus, expected 'Ending Balance' for County Revenue for 12/31/2026 - \$2,226,517.19. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the County Revenue Budget for 2026. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*County R&B Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$3,905,659.80. Estimated Revenues for 2026 - \$5,577,010.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$5,448,396.00; thus, Expected 'Ending Balance' for Road and Bridge for 12/31/2026 - \$4,034,273.80. After careful review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve the Road & Bridge Budget for 2026. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*T.I.F. Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$0.00; said 'Fund' is an "In and Out" Fund. Estimated Revenues as well as Expected Expenses are projected @ \$10,000 leaving a ZERO 'Balance'. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the T.I.F. Budget for 2026. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Assessment Operating Fund Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$41,612.22. Estimated Revenues for 2026 - \$1,196,130.70 w/Expected Expenses - \$1,191,947.61; thus, Anticipated 'Ending Balance' for Assessment Operating Fund for 12/31/2026 - \$45,795.31. After careful review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve

the Assessment Operating Fund Budget for 2026. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Community Center Sales Tax Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$127,502.87. Estimated Revenues for 2026 - \$3,860,000.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$3,162,643.69; thus, Anticipated 'Ending Balance' for Community Center Sales Tax Budget - \$824,859.18. It should be noted that in preparing 'Budget' for 2026; there were (3) Budgets for Community Center and have now been streamlined to just (1) Budget. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the 2026 'Budget' for Community Center Sales Tax Fund 'Budget' as presented. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Law Enforcement Training Fund Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$3,437.15. Estimated Revenues for 2026 - \$6,050.00 w/Estimated Expenses - \$7,012.00; thus, Anticipated 'Ending Balance' for Law Enforcement Training Fund - \$2,475.15. After careful review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve the 2026 'Budget' for Law Enforcement Training Fund. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$22,624.76. Estimated Revenues for 2026 - \$4,500.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$10,000.00. Anticipated Ending Balance for 2026 - \$17,124.76. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the 2026 'Budget' for Prosecuting Attorney Fund as presented. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Library Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$177,192.84. Estimated Revenues for 2026 - \$512,475.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$505,442.60. Thus, 'Ending Balance' for 2026 - \$184,225.24. After careful review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve Library Budget for 2026 as presented. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Senior Citizens Services Fund Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$200,057.17. Estimated Revenues for 2026 - \$218,005.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$225,000.00; thus, 'Ending Balance' - \$193,062.17. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the 2026 Senior Citizens Services Fund 'Budget'. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$50.18. Estimated Revenues for 2026 - \$3,695,737.55 w/Expected Expenses - \$3,695,737.55; thus, 12/31/2026 'Ending Balance' - \$50.18. Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve LEST 'Budget' for 2026 as presented. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Mental Health Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$1,390,319.89. Estimated Revenues for 2026 - \$712,500.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$704,500.00; thus, 'Ending Balance' - \$1,398,319.89. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the 2026 Mental Health Fund 'Budget' for 2026. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Special Elections Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$0.00. \*It should be noted that this 'Account' is a 'flow through' account for April Elections. Estimated Revenues - \$30,000.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$30,000.00; thus, leaving ZERO Balance. After close review of 'Budget', Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve Special Elections Fund Budget as presented. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*911 Emergency Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$0.00. Estimated Revenues - \$1,000,000.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$1,000,000.00; thus, leaving a ZERO Balance. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve the '911' Emergency Fund 'Budget'. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Sheriff Fees Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$188,511.10. Estimated Revenues - \$110,600.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$287,000.00. 12/31/2026 'Ending Balance' expected of \$12,111.10. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve Sheriff Fees Fund Budget as presented for 2026. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Inmate Security Fund Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Balance' - \$149,641.11. Estimated Revenues - \$331,300.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$426,600.00; thus, resulting in \$54,341.11 'Ending Balance'. After careful review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve the 2026 Inmate Security Fund 'Budget'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Victims of Domestic Violence Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$2,666.09. Estimated Revenues - \$7,100.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$7,100.00; thus, leaving 'Ending Balance' of \$2,666.09. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve Victims of Domestic Violence Fund 'Budget'. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*K-9 Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$1,296.13. Estimated Revenues - \$530.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$800.00; thus, 2026 'Ending Balance' - \$1,026.13. After careful review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve K-9 Fund 'Budget' for 2026 as presented. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Recorder's Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Balance' - \$78,541.85. Estimated Revenues - \$17,800.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$30,015. Ending Balance - \$66,326.85. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve Recorder's Fund 'Budget' for 2026. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*It was noted surrounding the Prosecuting Attorney's 'Delinquent Tax Collections Fund' that this 'Fund/Budget' is being phased out.

\*Capital Improvement Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$2,267,880.07. Estimated Revenues - \$5,125,000.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$6,292,880.07. Projected 'Ending Balance' for 12/31/2026 - \$1,100,000.00. After careful review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve 2026 Capital Improvement Fund 'Budget' as presented.

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

\*Sheriff Revolving Fund Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$9,670.33. Estimated Revenues - \$6,700.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$15,000.00. Projected 'Ending Balance' for 12/31/2026 - \$1,370.33. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve Sheriff Revolving Fund 'Budget'. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Administrative Handling Cost Fund Budget reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$1,261.20. Estimated Revenues - \$430.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$25.00; thus, leaving 'Ending Balance' for 12/31/2026 - \$1,666.20. After careful review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve Administrative Handling Cost Fund 'Budget' as presented. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Law Enforcement Restitution Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$52,557.72. Estimated Revenues - \$134,000.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$160,909.84. Anticipated 12/31/2026 'Ending Balance' - \$25,647.88. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve Law Enforcement Restitution Fund 'Budget' as presented. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Election Services Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 Balance - \$43,559.30. Estimated Revenues - \$15,900.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$19,000.00. 12/31/2026 'Projected' Ending Balance - \$40,459.30. After careful review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve Election Services Fund 'Budget'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Federal Forfeiture Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$11,760.09. Estimated Revenues - \$200,000.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$211,760.09. Ending Balance projected for 12/31/2026 - \$0.00. After careful review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve Federal Forfeiture Fund Budget for 2026. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*Three (3) 'Additional Budgets' that are being eliminated as they are no longer in 'use' with no additional funding being entered into said 'Budgets' are as follows: Community Center Water Park Fund, ARPA Fund, and LATCF Fund.

\*Opioid Settlement Fund 'Budget' reviewed. 12/31/2025 'Ending Balance' - \$217,079.95. Estimated Revenues - \$54,000.00 w/Expected Expenses - \$75,000.00. The 'Projected' Ending Balance for 2026 - \$196,079.95. After careful review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve Opioid Settlement Fund 'Budget' as presented for 2026. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

\*(Copy of Fund Balances/Budget projections attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date. Budget can be located in Office of County Clerk.)

The following representatives from the 'City' who are also 'Ste. Genevieve City Residents' appeared before the Commission with concern surrounding the "Fourth Street Bridge". This relates to "FLAP Grant – FLAP-075". Expressed interest on behalf of Ste. Genevieve County

began in 2021. Persons on behalf of the 'City of Ste. Genevieve' that appeared before the Commission to review the same were as follows: City Administrator – David Bova, Representative for 'Busing Service' – Michael 'Buck' Jokerst, and City of Ste. Genevieve Alderman – Sam Hughey. Following were several 'Points of Interest/Concern' expressed:

\*The 'City of Ste. Genevieve' routinely receives calls from city residents that travel across the Fourth Street Bridge on a daily basis with general 'concern' surrounding the stability of bridge since it has been known to be continuously showing signs of deterioration and has for some time.

\*While the 'City of Ste. Genevieve' along with its residents are extremely appreciative of the effort that the 'County' is contributing; it was questioned 'what' could be done to 'move project along' as a result of expressed concern?

\*It was noted that it would be 'ideal' if project were to be able to be completed over the 'summer' months so as not to interfere with busing service.

\*The 'City' has several projects that they would possibly like to proceed with; however, are waiting on this project to reach fruition in consideration of not wanting to adversely affect construction/progress on the same.

Ste. Genevieve County expressed the following 'response(s)':

\*Project had been flagged for 'Historic 4f Review'. (This is a much more 'in-depth' cultural resources review. Archaeological Study was realized to be in need of being completed; all of these processes have led to additional paperwork necessary.

\*Ste. Genevieve County working with Smith & Company Engineers in effort to complete all required documentation as promptly as we can.

\*The 'County' expressed that they are grateful for 'FLAP' Grant; without the same, the Fourth Street Bridge could not reach fruition.

Sheriff Stolzer appeared before the Commission regarding need for 'item of equipment'. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve 'new Genie GR-15 "Lift" utilizing GSA (Government) pricing with the Sheriff's Department able to obtain equipment even 'below' the GSA Pricing 'threshold' through 'Equipment Share' at price of \$16,654.78 via Purchase Requisition No. 26-0001 with funds to be allocated through Capital Improvement Fund. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of said 'Purchase Requisition' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

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

\*Ms. Fulford to provide Commission with renderings of 'Fitness Recommendations' as it pertains to existing Community Center Building.

\*Ms. Fulford agreed that any 'Projects' will be separated per 'Project'.

\*HVAC 'Issue' on 'Units' above All Sports Complex reviewed; Determination had been made that (1) Unit will need to be replaced; Commissioner Ford noted that we were aware of this. Ms. Fulford simply wanted to make sure that Commissioners were brought 'up to date'. Unit will have to be coordinated with Premium Mechanical; they would be considered 'Sole

Source Provider' for said equipment due to the fact that 'Unit' will have to be coordinated/collaborated with 'Existing System'.

\*Continued improvements being made to facility as result of wear and tear that was not addressed.

\*Ms. Fulford noted to Commissioners that she wanted to 'commend' the effort from current employees.

Accounts Payable for Date 1/22/2026 in the amount of \$827,345.57 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 1/26/2026.

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Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

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Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner