

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

11TH 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 9, 2026 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER FORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Lisa Marschel appeared before the Commission. Clarification made as it relates to SB190 Application process.

Commissioner Ford provided several updates as they relate to 4-H:

*4-H has noted that they want (2) of the Bleachers.

Commissioner Ford provided update on 'Walk-Through' for TAP Grant. There were several items that required 'follow through'. Contractor has already reported that updates were completed; MoDOT has been made aware of final details; Mark Webb w/Smith & Company Engineers was also present and submitting 'final paperwork' for complete project completion.

Review completed of 'Paving Bids' that were conducted at previous meeting. Following information provided upon 'Review':

*Bid for Paving of Cindy Lane/Cedar Trail was reviewed to include 'Addendum' for 'Sawcut and Removal' of approximately 144 square feet of existing concrete for several entrances. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' the 'Bid Proposal' for Paving of Cindy Lane/Cedar Trail (to include addendum) to Vern Bauman Contracting Co. @ a TOTAL COST of \$74,566.30. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Notification made to 'Contractor' regarding 'Bid Award'.)

*Bid for Paving of Holmes Road was reviewed. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' the 'Bid Proposal' for Paving of Holmes Road to Jokerst, Inc. @ a TOTAL COST of \$328,569.30. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Notification made to 'Contractor' regarding 'Bid Award'.)

*Bid for Paving of Genevieve Church Road was reviewed. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' the 'Bid Proposal' for Paving of Genevieve Church Road to Vern Bauman Co. @ a TOTAL COST of \$384,473.28. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Notification made to 'Contractor' regarding 'Bid Award'.)

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 'Single Axle Dump Truck' not working correctly. Mr. Schmieder will advise the Commission as soon as information becomes available.

- *Mr. Schmieder currently working with Derek Welker for 'Equipment Update'.

- *Mr. Schmieder and Commissioner Ford performing inspection for 'Spectrum Cable Installation' as it relates to Ste. Genevieve County Road 'Right of Way'. Spectrum is working on obtaining proper 'Right of Way Permitting' as required by the 'County'.

- *Mr. Schmieder reported that the R&B Department is hauling rock; they are also putting in 'driveway pipes'.

- *Routine Maintenance continues to be performed.

- *Regarding 'upcoming' Paving Projects; projected start date should occur in May.

Additional review and consideration to be conducted as it relates to 'Request for Qualifications' for Sheriff's Department. Additional detail to be provided as it becomes available.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ford to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 10:05 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 10:27 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) – as it relates to 'Personnel'. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye.

The following representatives from 'City of Ste. Genevieve' appeared before the Commission to propose potential Inter-Governmental Agreement between the 'City' and the 'County' as it pertains to 'Transient Tax' that is proposed for the April Ballot. Those representatives that presented before the Commission were as follows: David Bova – City Administrator, Joe Steiger – Ste. Genevieve City Alderman, and Aaron Smith – Tourism Director. Commissioner Ruzicka emphasized that information presented is definitely information to be taken 'under review' and all present are aware that everything presented is subject to 'Transient Tax' being passed by the voters of Ste. Genevieve County. Ste. Genevieve County to forward 'IGA' being proposed to legal counsel for Ste. Genevieve County for review. Following were several key factors that need to be taken into consideration per above-mentioned representatives:

- *City of Ste. Genevieve proposing "IGA" to provide 'Accountability'.

- *To qualify for 'certain' Grant Requests, a DMO – Designated Marketing Organization – has to be in effect. The 'City of Ste. Genevieve' is the DMO for entire Ste. Genevieve County.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ford to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 10:54 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) – 'Contracts'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ford to 'Exit' the 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 11:06 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) – as it relates to 'Contracts'. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. All in favor. Motion passed. Roll was Taken. Commissioner Ruzicka – Aye. Commissioner Ford – Aye. Commissioner Marberry – Aye.

Kris Fulford as well as Matt Clark appeared before the Commission to provide report as it relates to Ste. Genevieve YMCA. Following was information provided:

*Update provided regarding 'Equipment Bill of Sale' for exercise equipment purchased by YMCA for amount of \$54,975.00. (Copy of 'Equipment Bill of Sale attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Scheduled opening of 'Waterpark' is set for May 23rd.

*Ms. Fulford noted that there are 'Tubes' left remaining @ 'Waterpark'.

*Ms. Fulford advised the Commission that the 'Ste. Genevieve YMCA' continues to work with the 'Challenger Organization'.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 11:14 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) – as it relates to 'Contracts'. 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 Marberry to 'Exit' the 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 11:45 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) – as it relates to 'Contracts'. 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 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:58 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.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ford to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 12:07 P.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 2/12/2026 in the amount of \$291,790.03 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ford to adjourn @ 12:15 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 2/19/2026.

Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner