

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

12<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 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER FORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Adam Bequette, City of St. Mary, appeared before the Commission to present signed attached 'Floodplain Development Permit Application' for Bridge Replacement of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge/Franklin Bridge in St. Mary, MO. The Commission previously had submitted 'Floodplain Development Permit Application' on behalf of the 'County'. However, one was needed for City of St. Mary as well due to the fact that 'Bridge' actually lies in both Ste. Genevieve County as well as City of St. Mary. Signed paperwork forwarded to Smith & Company Engineers. (Copy of said Permit Application can be located in County Clerk's Office in corresponding folder for said 'BRO' Project.)

\*While present, Mayor Bequette also inquired about possibility of 'Ste. Genevieve County' collecting taxes for City of St. Mary. It was noted that Ste. Genevieve County is not currently equipped to do the same.

\*Mr. Bequette noted that he would be forwarding updated information on 'trailer' that is located on Ste. Genevieve County Road 'Right of Way' but was 'left there'.

\*Mr. Bequette also noted that there is 'housing development' potential and inquired about 'possibility' of easement relating to the same. The Commission advised that they would need additional information w/more detailed information on the same.

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

\*Fuel Bid(s) received for most recent fuel supply needed by R&B Department. Bid was awarded to MFA Oil for most recent purchase at the following prices: "On-Road" Fuel - \$2.978/gallon; "Off-Road" Fuel - \$2.683/gallon; "Gasoline" - \$2.328/gallon. (Copy of 'Bid Request' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Mr. Schmieder noted that he is working on 'Pipes' for upcoming Road Projects. Mr. Schmieder has figured 'Cost of Pipe' for upcoming 'Paving Projects'; Pipes for Holmes Road will cost approximately \$9,000; Pipes for Genevieve Church Road to cost approximately \$17,000.

\*Spectrum 'Project' as it relates to Ditch Road – Commissioner Ford and Mr. Schmieder to perform 'On-Site' Inspection with representative from Spectrum.

\*Update provided regarding FEMA Disaster DR-4872 Claim. Mr. Schmieder along with Deputy County Clerk Gatzemeyer working with most recently appointed PDMG, Angela Machon, and have submitted all applicable detail regarding 'Damages' that are being submitted to 'restore' all roadways back to 'Pre-Disaster' Condition vs. 'Roads' that are being requested for consideration as 'Mitigation' Project(s).

\*Emergency repairs had to be made to R&B Furnace that stopped working in middle of 'frigid weather' conditions. Mr. Schmieder reported; replacement of furnace approved a 'Emergency Repair' and was authorized to be handled by Shuh & Sons Plumbing & Heating as said 'Contractor' was able to address immediately. After review of 'Invoice' received, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to 'Approve' Purchase Requisition from R&B Department for 'Emergency Replacement' of Furnace through vendor, Shuh & Sons Plumbing & Heating @ a 'Total Cost' of \$6,167.00. 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, Executive Director of Ste. Genevieve YMCA, appeared before the Commission to provide report for today's meeting. Following were items reported:

\*Updated 'Operations Reconciliation' provided to Commission; this is final. (Copy of said 'Document' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

\*Ms. Fulford advised that 'Power Outage' that recently occurred resulted in 'issues' to RTU over the 'swimming pool'. The cost to 'unit' will be approximately \$5,000 - \$6,000. Question was posed surrounding making sure any potential 'Surge Protection' is available on all applicable 'Units'.

\*Ms. Fulford reported that there has been 'confusion' surrounding 'Yard Sales' that were held at the Community Center in the past and appears to have caused a 'stir' on social media. Ms. Fulford dispelled any incorrect information; the Ste. Genevieve YMCA is continuing to offer this 'community event' as has been held in the past and will be hosting (2) Yard Sales; one to be held in the 'Spring' and one to be held in the 'Fall'.

\*Commissioner Ford working with Ms. Fulford as it relates to 'storage' @ Community Center.

\*Conversation surrounded re-purposing of Spaces @ YMCA along with updates; the YMCA utilizing space in most effective manner to keep cost measures 'down'.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:18 A.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Litigation' as well as 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.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 12:06 P.M. – pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) – as it relates to 'Litigation' as well as 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.

Accounts Payable for Date 2/19/2026 in the amount of \$166,733.52 were reviewed and approved for payment by the Commission.

**ADJOURN**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ford to adjourn @ 12:25 P.M. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 2/23/2026.

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Michele Gatzemeyer – Deputy County Clerk

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Randy Ruzicka – Presiding Commissioner