

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026**

21<sup>ST</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, MARCH 23, 2026, ARE SCHEDULED TO BE READ AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026.

Letter requesting 'Appointment to the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board'. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to appoint Mr. Daniel Halek to the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Request Letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Letter requesting 'Appointment to the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board'. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to appoint Mr. Scott Williams to the Ste. Genevieve County Fair Board. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Request Letter' attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

Commissioner Ruzicka reported that he attended 'Informational Meeting' that was held at City Hall last night as it relates to 'Transient Tax Issue' that will be on upcoming April Ballot. Commissioner Ruzicka noted that he felt information provided left public knowledgeable regarding the same.

Commissioner Marberry provided report from the New Bourbon Regional Port Authority Meeting. Following were points of interest noted:

- \*Jeremy Tanz and Mr. Inman attended 'Zoom' Meeting relating to 'Grant Funding' that 'Port' is working on obtaining. Additional information to be provided as it becomes available.

- \*Port still awaiting 'information' as it pertains to USDOT 'application'.

Commissioner Marberry noted that 'Port Authority' working on 'installation' of new CIP – Capital Improvement Plan as it relates to 'Modifying Dock/Adding Dolphin'.

The Commission noted that 'Letter of Opposition' to SB1586 has NOT been sent at this time until final clarifications have been made; this issue pertains to 'Solid Waste Districts'.

Report provided from Southeast MO Commissioner's Meeting, which was attended at Viking Cives Plant with remainder of meeting conducted at VFW in Morley, MO. Following were details from said 'Meeting':

- \*Presentation provided by Mitchell Insurance Agency.

- \*Attendance was 'Down'.

- \*Consensus among the Commission surrounded the fact that most Commissioners are not happy with the 'State of Their Counties'. It was also noted that Presiding Commissioner for Iron County, Mr. Jim Scaggs, has been going to various counties to do 'Townhall' Meetings through the end of the month in an effort to educate constituents of each 'County' on what 'content' of some of the legislation being recommended actually 'means'.

Commissioner Marberry attended 'Earthquake Summit' on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 in Poplar Bluff, MO. Meeting was presented @ Black River Coliseum. He noted the following 'Points of Interest':

- \*Commissioner Marberry advised that there was an excellent presentation on 'Family Reunification'; he noted that presentation was very informative. Speaker was in charge of 'Joplin Tornado'/Hurricane 'Helene'.

The Commission reviewed current SB190 Application. There have been numerous 'questions' from constituents regarding the 'Registered Voter' requirement on Application. Measure was placed on 'original' application to insure that property owners did not have another 'homestead' in another County in Missouri that might also be capturing said credit. After a great deal of time and review, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to approve modifications to the SB190 'Application' effective 03/26/2026 in which 'Requirement' for being a 'Registered Voter' of Ste. Genevieve County will no longer be mandated. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of 'Application' can be located in 'Records' in County Clerk's Office.)

The above 'Motion' then led to review of 'Ordinance' that was adopted. After careful review of the same, Commissioner Marberry made a 'Motion' to **RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 11202025 THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADOPTED, WHICH APPLIED TO SB190**. Commissioner Ford seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Marberry yea. Commissioner Ford yea. All in favor. Motion passed.

At this point, 'REVISED' Ordinance was prepared regarding SB190 Process. After careful review, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve the REVISED ORDINANCE THAT APPLIES TO SB190, **ORDINANCE NO. 03262026**, with the appropriate corrections that 'removes 'Registered Voter of Ste. Genevieve' Requirement for applicants. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Revised Ordinance can be located in 'County Records' in County Clerk's Office.)

Upon inspection of 'falling' brick on Courthouse 'Grounds', it was discovered that the Ste. Genevieve County Courthouse is in need of masonry repairs. Said need is considered 'EMERGENCY' in nature; masonry contractor was notified; additional details will be reported as

they become available. Commissioner Ford also noted that 'Windows' need to be re-caulked. Additional 'Gutter' work needs to be completed as well. Additional 'damage' to Chamber Building was discovered as well.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 9:59 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.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Ford to 'Exit' the 'Closed Session' Meeting at 10:29 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 'Enter' into 'Closed Session' Meeting at 11:01 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 11:22 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 3/26/2026 in the amount of \$96,2047.34 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 3/30/2026.

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APPROVED BY:

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PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

