

Ste. Genevieve County Commission Minutes

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

REGULAR Day of the April 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 30, 2026 WERE READ. COMMISSIONER FORD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID MINUTES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONER FORD YEA. COMMISSIONER MARBERRY YEA. 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:

*R&B Department in need of 'Fuel Bid Request'; Bid awarded to Heil Oil Company with the following pricing: "On-Road" Fuel - \$4.159/gallon, "Off-Road" Fuel - \$3.906/gallon. (Copy of Fuel Bid Request along w/Tickets attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*While Mr. Schmieder present, Corbin Carlton, Area Engineer w/MoDOT, was contacted as it relates to 'Intersection' of Hwy. 32 and Hwy. C. It was noted that 'sight distance' @ this location is NOT GOOD. Mr. Carlton noted that it is opinion of MoDOT that 'best' solution' @ this location is 'realignment of intersection' to the 'west'.

*Commissioner Ruzicka advised that one of the 'road blocks' would be for property owners to give up 'land' for 'Right of Way' to see something of this nature reach 'fruition'.

*All present agreed that 'C' Highway extremely narrow, which, in turn, results in dangerous situations.

*Several of the serious concerns/issues that were noted pertaining to this intersection are as follows: Vehicles travelling @ high rate of speed, poor 'sight distance', potential for serious accidents,

*Mr. Carlton noted that he plans to attend the next regularly scheduled Southeast MO Regional Planning Commission Meeting; he questioned the Commission surrounding what 'easement(s)' are in place at this location.

*Additional discussion reverted back to 'R&B Routine Reporting'. Mr. Schmieder provided 'detail' from previously approved, Diesel Laptops, LLC with the understanding that 'Total Cost' will be < \$6,000. After careful consideration, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve payment of said invoice detail with the 'Total Cost' to be approximately \$9,282. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of '1st installment payment invoice attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

*Mr. Schmieder reported that R&B Department 'winding down' on tasks on Holmes Road.

*R&B intends to start work next week on Genevieve Church Road.

*Regarding 'Equipment'; Mr. Schmieder noted that 'Backhoe' currently running properly.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 8:13 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 Marberry to 'Exit' the 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 8:21 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.

As it relates to 'Transient Tax', the 'City of Ste. Genevieve' has adopted "RESOLUTION" of the City of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri approving the intent to establish 'Intergovernmental Agreement' with Ste. Genevieve County to administer tourism-related 'County Tax Revenue' if the 'County' 6% Transient Tax is approved by the Ste. Genevieve County Voters in April 7th, 2026 election. Additional information to be provided as it becomes available.

Meeting conducted @ 9:00 A.M. with Mr. Ryan Hale, Business Manager w/Laborers Local 830 as it relates to 'health insurance'. Ste. Genevieve County in the process of gathering rate information to determine 'how best to proceed' going into 2027 as it pertains to 'County Health Insurance'. With the rising cost of insurance, especially health insurance, the 'County' must be stewards of taxpayer dollars to determine 'best options' for County. Conversation was very preliminary. Additional details surrounding this issue will be provided at a later date.

Representatives from Citizen's Electric Corporation appeared before the Commission to provide updated report as 'County' had reached out to said organization because of area residents request for information regarding 'status' of Salem Bulk -Valley View Project. Representatives in attendance were as follows:

*Randall Lewis, J.W. Hackworth, Ron Bushnell, and Kevin Swiech – These are representatives directly involved with above-named project.

*Project History provided by Mr. Lewis along with the benefits that will be offered/available as a result of said 'project'. It was noted that 'Salem Bulk-Valley' Project is "a critical enhancement to the transmission system in Ste. Genevieve County. By adding a second transmission feed, this project will provide redundancy to three substations currently supported by a single line; project's 'goal' to increase reliability, operation flexibility, and supporting future growth.

*Ste. Genevieve County was provided with 'Project Benefits, Project Schedule, and Project Contractors. "Final Proposed Route" also provided on mapping detail. (Copies of all applicable detail can be located in Records that can be found in Ste. Genevieve County Clerk's Office.)

*The 'Goal' of Citizen's Electric is to have said everything accomplished regarding this project by 'Fourth Quarter – 2027'.

- *Regarding 'Phase III', current 'easements' currently @ 95%.
- *Road Use Agreement still necessary for Phase III of 'Project'.
- *Mr. Swiech advised that Citizens to perform 'ride throughs' on all property owners.

Ste. Genevieve County reviewing possibility of 'potential grant' through 'Fish and Wildlife'. Funding Cycle does not open until January 2027; thus, the 'County' simply in the stages of researching said opportunity. As additional information becomes available, additional details to be provided.

Letter of resignation received by member of Senior Citizens' Fund Committee Board Member. After careful review and consideration, Commissioner Ford made a 'Motion' to approve the 'resignation' of Ms. Judy Schilly from Senior Citizens' Fund Service Board. Commissioner Marberry seconded the 'Motion'. Commissioner Ford yea. Commissioner Marberry yea. All in favor. Motion passed. (Copy of resignation letter attached to Commission Record Supplement for this Date.)

The Friends of Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital forwarded Commission a 'reminder' that their annual event, Taste of Ste. Genevieve, is scheduled to be held at the Ste. Genevieve YMCA 'All Sports Complex' on Saturday, 4/18/2026.

A 'Motion' was made by Commissioner Marberry to 'Enter' into 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 11:10 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 'Emergency Closed Session' Meeting at 11:29 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.

Accounts Payable for Date 4/2/2026 could not be completed; office was without a server.

The Commission convened at 12:00 P.M. as Commissioner Ruzicka along with Commissioner Ford to meet with 'Roofing Contractors' for 'Pre-Bid' Meeting surrounding the damages discovered on Courthouse Roof.

Commission reconvened at 1:30 for 'Pre-Bid' Meeting with (3) separate roofing contractors.

ADJOURN

A Motion was made by Commissioner Ford to adjourn @ 2:00 P.M. Commissioner Ruzicka seconded the 'Motion'.

Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 4/6/2026.

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER