

Gasconade County Commission

October 07, 2021

MINUTES

The Gasconade County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Larry Miskel at the Owensville City Hall beginning with Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance: Commissioner Jerry Lairmore, Present; Commissioner Jim Holland, Present; Presiding Commissioner Larry Miskel, Present.

PRIOR MINUTES

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to approve prior commission minutes dated 9/30/2021 8:30 AM. Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Larry Miskel (Yes).

WARRANTS FOR PAYMENT - 117659 through 117671

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to approve the following items:
WARRANTS FOR PAYMENT 117659 through 117671
Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Larry Miskel (Yes).

ROAD CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

When Commission convened at Owensville City Hall, they updated Clerk Lietzow on their meeting earlier this morning at Drake with the road dept. for the official minutes: the concrete screen was being worked on at the shed and the new dump truck is still at the shed waiting on parts to get it back on the road. They met with the 3-4 employees that have retirement dates set for 2022-2023 and discussed how that will affect staffing; also discussed was increasing salaries for not only new hires coming in, but for existing employees. When Commission was ask if they give bonuses or recognition to employees retiring, Commissioner Lairmore said there is usually a retirement party hosted by the dept.; he went on to say Commission usually hosts an Employee Recognition event once a year where they BBQ and present plaques to employees' who have crossed another threshold of service, ie: 5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc. That event is being worked on for scheduling as we speak.

Commissioner Lairmore reported someone threw out some trash along a county road that had to be cleaned up; he said the roads are in pretty good shape, particularly now that there was some rain. He also said Kathryn Hawes, representing Ozark Rivers Solid Waste, has scheduled the Roethemeyer road dump cleanup for Nov. 4 with road dept. helping; this has been scheduled and re-scheduled many times last year due to COVID-19. Commissioner Holland said the entrance to Little Bay road will be widened yet this year, working with MoDOT; he said Three Rivers and local telephone company have had to remove poles and there has been a lot of compliments about brushcutter work at the Courthouse and how good Liske road looks after it has been widened.

Rob Conaway, Archer-Elgin Engineers, was present along with several contractors bidding to complete the BRO project on Valentine Ford road. The following bids were received, along with required bid bond and acknowledgement of addenda and announced publicly:

BuildTec Construction LLC - \$771,217.25
C&C Bridge & Concrete Inc. - \$1,179,168.00
Cale Seymour Construction LLC - \$749,283.63
Gene Haile Excavating Inc. - \$637,120.00
Kozeny-Wagner - \$832,285.00
Magruder Construction - \$616,452.00
Mera Excavating - \$628,834.20
S&A Equipment & Builders - \$799,482.10
Don Schnieders Excavating Inc. - \$763,763.45

Mr. Conaway had ask Clerk Lietzow to record the bids as he announced them and when finished ask her to announce the lowest bidder, which she did; he will study the 2 lowest to be sure they meet all requirements. This project will actually be constructed during 2022.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Presiding Commissioner Miskel received the annual report from Turning Point Shelter along with their request for funds available from the Victims of Domestic Violence Fund; Treasurer Mike Feagan was in receipt of the same information from the Rape & Abuse Crisis Service Center as both of these organizations provide services to Gasconade County residents. He will look at the amount of funds budgeted to be spent and if that amount is available and will let Commission know action to be taken.

Commission also received request from City of Bland asking them to consider using some of the ARPA funds to help the city meet their water and wastewater needs; while the city is receiving their own ARPA funds, it is not enough to meet the upgrades required by MoDNR. Presiding Commissioner Miskel said the request will be tabled for now since they have not made any

determinations yet for the use of those funds. Treasurer Feagan also reviewed for them his monthly account balances and the monthly report of sales tax received; while the funds are maintaining balances, the sales tax receipt did drop below the \$100000 level this month, after 4 months in a row exceeding it, but it was the first time in 5 years where it reached over \$96000.

Kelly Sink, MRPC arrived to conduct the Public Hearing for the Public Water Supply District #1; also attending from Peaceful Valley Lake were Randy Fuller, Jim Verhulst and Ray Oldfather. Commission is the official sponsor as the governing body of the county as PWSD#1 applies for Community Dev. Block Grant in the amount of \$750000. They too, are faced with MoDNR requirements to upgrade their treatment facility totaling over \$2 million price tag; they have been operating off temporary extensions issued by the state agency since good faith effort is being shown. Ms. Sink said the Water Supply District also has received a USDA rural development loan for over \$1 million they are using to fund the improvements and extensive testing for leaks as they move forward. Clerk Lietzow has provided all the financial documents and information needed to move forward and Presiding Commissioner Miskel has signed several required resolutions, certifications and agreements needed; there is a community needs assessment that Commission is responsible for completing today during the hearing, so they took 10 minute break to do so. Commission ask about timeframe for the project for budgeting purposes; Ms. Sink said it will likely be mid-late 2022 before receiving funds to start expending; the county budget can either be amended at that time, or if Commission chooses to do so, can allow for it in January. She explained a non-interest bearing bank account will need to be created for the CDBG and maintained for the length of the project.

Commission was notified by Greg Lara, Admin. of the Gasconade County Health Dept., that Glen Duncan has resigned his board position as of August 9 with his term ending in April 2023; they have found Molly Steinbeck, 3069 Hwy. A, Bland, MO to fill that vacancy and Commission agreed to appoint.

MOTION/VOTE - APPOINT MOLLY STEINBECK TO FILL THE VACANCY ON GASC CO HEALTH DEPT BOARD

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to appoint Molly Steinbeck to fill the vacancy on Gasc Co Health Dept board. Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Larry Miskel (Yes).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Before adjourning, Commission announced that unfortunately there would not be a County Government Day event sponsored by the Univ. Extension Council again this year; the conflict in scheduling between the 2 schools and attending live court session did not work out. Commission will host an Employee Recognition Day to make up for 2 years' worth of plaques to be presented to employees and officials who have met the threshold of 5, 10, 15, 20, etc. years of service; Treasurer Feagan will join hosting duties since he usually tries to schedule a Courthouse Tailgate Party in October so the 2 events will be combined. Agreed upon date is Tuesday, October 26 at the Courthouse for noon lunch and plaque presentation afterward for all depts.

Last 2 issues Clerk Lietzow ask about was the only inventory report she was missing was from EMD Clyde Zelch and she ask them to mention it to him; he responded to Commissioner Lairmore and will have it turned in by next Tuesday. She ask Presiding Commissioner Miskel if he was familiar with a Hermann Chamber of Commerce event known as a Cookie Walk in Dec.; she had been ask by Wanda Ruediger if Courthouse could be open on Sat. Dec. 18 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm for this 4th annual event. It was her hope to not only include businesses, but to reach out to government buildings, tax supported agencies and political subdivisions. While he is familiar with the event, he does not want to ask any employee to be at the Courthouse on a Saturday, or another elected official, and the Commission did not want to do so either.

ABATEMENTS AND ADDITIONS

Commission received for file abatements #2206 through #2209 and additions #9062 through #9071.

REPORT OF FEES

Commission reviewed monthly reports of gross collections of Shawn Schlottach, Collector for the month of September in the amount of \$30589.15; also for the same month from Lesa Lietzow, County Clerk in the amount of \$21.36 and from Scott Eiler, Sheriff in the amount of \$528.70 civil fee fund and \$100.00 DSSSF.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Jim Holland made a motion to adjourn commission until 10/14/2021. Commissioner Jerry Lairmore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

SIGNATURES

