

Gasconade County Commission

November 04, 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 10/28/2021 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 - 117758 through 117791

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to approve the following items:
WARRANTS FOR PAYMENT 117758 through 117791
Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Larry Miskel (Yes).

ROAD CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

Commission met at Drake with the road dept. first this morning before coming to Owensville City Hall and reported the following discussion to Clerk Lietzow for the official minutes: they spent most of that time conducting an interview that seemed to go well; work is ongoing on the roads and some equipment is in the shop for maintenance.

Both City of Hermann and City of Owensville officials will be present at the annual transportation meeting with the Commission on Nov. 18; Mayor John Kamler said they have talked with the new Supt. of Gasconade County R-2 Schools and she will also be there. The discussion about the turn lane on Hwy. 19 at the school complex is back on the table as a partnership deal and they want Preston Kramer, MoDOT and Bonnie Prigge, MRPC to be aware. Mayor Kamler also said that City Admin. Randy Blaske has agreed to serve on the TAC board in place of former city admin., so Commission agreed to appoint.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Presiding Commissioner Miskel said that he spoke with the Mayor of Hermann and the City Administrator both about getting involved in serving on the Gasconade Valley Enhanced Enterprise Zone in some capacity; he told them that the City of Owensville already has their 2 representatives appointed and that City of Hermann needs to pick up the pace. While talking to city officials, he also ask if the street dept. had the template for painting parking space lines and they told him they did not, since they only had one paved parking lot, they just used a roller brush to reapply. Mayor Kamler said he also spoke with Dr. Jeri Hardy at R2G School about taking the appointment formerly held by Supt. Chuck Garner on the Gasc. Valley Enterprise Zone and she agreed.

Presiding Commissioner Miskel presented for Commission adoption, Resolution #476, which is to re-instate City of Hermann as the Official Destination Marketing Organization for the State Division of Tourism; Commissioner Lairmore mentioned to Owensville City Officials present that with that designation in-county, if their city had the opportunity to seek certain grants, they could run through City of Hermann's designation.

MOTION/VOTE - ADOPT RESOLUTION 476 FOR CITY OF HERMANN TO BE DESTINATION MARKTG ORGANZTN

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to for City of Hermann to be the Destination Marktg Organiz in Gasconade County. Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Larry Miskel (Yes).

ABATEMENTS AND ADDITIONS

Commission reviewed abatements #2210 through #2214 and additions #9072 through #9088.

REPORT OF FEES

Commission reviewed monthly reports of collections from the following for the month of October 2021: Shawn Schlottach, Collector - \$18879.98, Lesa Lietzow, County Clerk - \$405.00, Scott Eiler, Sheriff - \$1129.51 civil fee fund and \$280.00 DSSSF.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Presiding Commissioner Miskel said he would not be attending MAC Conference this year, so Commission designated Paul Schulte, Assessor as the voting delegate representing Gasconade County.

MRPC notified Commission that there was still a shortage of 46 hours for in-kind work on Hazard Mitigation, totaling over \$1100; Clyde Zelch, EMD was in the meeting today and said he and the Owensville Fire Chief have worked on reviewing many of the documents in the plan and kept track of and reported their hours and he thought they were caught up, now that the plan is complete. He will look at what more he can do, including attending today's Commission meeting where the subject was discussed; Commission agreed to pay the difference that remains if necessary.

Treasurer Mike Feagan reviewed his monthly account balances for Commission and ask Commissioner Holland for guidance on the payment to Witthaus Construction from CARES Act funds that is for more than the floor project cost; Commissioner Holland said he thought Mr. Witthaus already paid Hubenthal for the porch floor work, so Treasurer Feagan needs documentation showing the difference and explanation of work planned to complete the commitment, so Commissioner Holland said he would have Mr. Witthaus call Treasurer Feagan.

Mayor Kamler announced that the city is partnering with the Parks and Rec. Dept. to fund new playground equipment and Parks and Rec. Director Angela Lairmore distributed information for 2 upcoming holiday events they are hosting; she also thanked Commissioner Lairmore for all his help in cleaning up the parks area. Also, Mayor Kamler said the city council is studying the ward lines and the impact of moving them due to the new census numbers clearly showing a large discrepancy in population; he ask Clerk Lietzow if anything prohibited them from changing the dividing line from running east and west to running north and south and she said not unless their city ordinances prohibited it for some reason, and those could be rewritten. They are trying to prevent impacting current city officials with the line changes, but that may be unavoidable; when ask if it had to be done before filing for city office begins for April election, Clerk Lietzow said it did not. They just needed to get started on the process so April 2023 election filings will have the lines established.

Kelly Sink, MRPC appeared before the Commission to get guidance from them on their plans for using the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA; Presiding Commissioner Miskel had drafted his thoughts shared with Commissioners' Lairmore and Holland and the process started there. First he ask that approx. \$350000 to be earmarked for county government usage; then any entity, that received it's own ARPA funds in the amount of \$45000 or more as their first deposit, their requests would be tabled for consideration in the second iteration of funds in May 2022. It's the Commissions' intent to help the smaller entities first and want to accept applications from county-wide businesses, non-profit organizations and taxing entities; while their applications may be for more than \$50000, that is the Commissions' limit they will give each application leaving the door open for the entity to re-apply if their projects require more. Commission maintains the ability to review and change on a case by case basis; they want applications submitted to MRPC by April 1, 2022. Additional decisions needed included what types of projects Commission wants to support financially, and they chose 1) address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, such as harm to workers, small businesses, impacted industries and the public sector 2) replace lost public sector revenue for government services due to the pandemic 3) invest in water and sewer infrastructure. Commission also agreed their will be no matching funds required from the agency applying; documents proving claims must be submitted, and that the county funds will be paid up front to the entity, not pay the bills on their projects as it goes along. Lastly, Commission agrees to abide by the interim rules in place by the Federal Government, assuming no final rule is in place by April 1; additionally, the option of the county using these funds for road and bridge projects is likely to be added to the rules, and if so, Commission will address that then. Ms. Sink will prepare the application and submit to Commission for approval before posting on their website as available.

Clerk Lietzow updated Commission that the telephone system bid requests are being sent out this week for the final infrastructure numbers; a reminder they will only meet one more time in November on the 18th for their busy day; the plumber was called in to look at the bathroom in the north side Sheriff's office meeting room because the Prosecuting Attorney will be using that room taking several depositions and needs that access. She also mentioned a drain problem with the 2 old sinks in the corner offices on the 1st floor east end of the building and since the pipes are running in the crawlspace, Commission said find out how much it would cost to replace the pipes.

Presiding Commissioner Miskel ended session by reminding everyone to remember veterans on the upcoming holiday and also those still serving in harms way; he explained the significance of the 11th month, 11th day, 11th hour.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Jim Holland made a motion to adjourn commission until 11/18/2021.
Commissioner Jerry Lairmore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

SIGNATURES

