

# Gasconade County Commission

January 06, 2022

## 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 12/30/2021 8:30 AM. Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Larry Miskel (Yes).

## ROAD CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

Before convening at Owensville City Hall, Commission met at Drake with road dept. and reported the following discussion to Clerk Lietzow for the official minutes: employees' presented Commission with their requests for various improvements to the benefits package offered by the county and Commission will take under advisement; conducted an interview for another brush cutter operator as that 2nd position has been vacant a long time; employees' interested in applying for the supervisor position being vacated by June 2022 have stepped forward and will be interviewed by Commission; budget was worked on with this first round of requested numbers filled in and given to Clerk Lietzow.

Commission reported road dept. has been cutting dead trees that are impeding county right-of-way; not much blading of snow was needed this morning with the small amount that fell mainly in southern parts of the county.

Commissioner Lairmore reported meeting with the Assessor's office last week regarding the possible property donation from Daniel Gerlach who was wanting to get it removed from his tax bill since the property was located on the opposite side of the highway from the rest he owns and was less than 1 acre. It was determined that all of Mr. Gerlach's property is south of Hwy. U except for state highway right-of-way; there will be an adjustment on Mr. Gerlach's deed accordingly, which is all he was wanting.

Clerk Lietzow said the county dump truck has now been listed on Purple Wave online auction site and at last check was up to \$12500 with a closing date of Jan 25.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

Treasurer Feagan presented his monthly account balances for review and also summarized his 6 month settlement and annual settlement as required by law. Clerk Lietzow said they had closed out 2021 for expenses and revenue and worked on projecting revenue for 2022 and were ready for Commission to come in to look at budgets; all were due to be turned in today, so they agreed Monday morning 8:30 they will come to the Courthouse.

Owensville city officials talked about the traffic jam experienced at the new Taco Bell when it opened in Dec., which it was good to see it busy. Mayor John Kamler mentioned to Commission that they would be invited to a Rock Island Line corridor meeting Jan. 20 at 5:30 pm held at the Scenic Regional Library in Owensville to talk about plans moving forward now; also invited were officials from Bland and Rosebud. City Admin. Randy Blaske and Mayor Kamler talked about some disappointing news from Gasconade County R2 school supt., who after talking with their transportation director, is now not in favor of a turn lane being added to Hwy. 19 in front of their complex of school buildings; their preference would be either a stoplight or having it declared no passing zone, as having the turn lane would make it more difficult for busses turning across 2 lanes instead of just one. Commission was surprised by that idea even being suggested, since the turn lane has been planned for many years and has gone on and off the prioritized list. Mayor Kamler ask if Commission would be okay if city officials scheduled school officials and Preston Kramer, MoDOT to all meet next time Commission is at city hall which would be Feb. 3 and they agreed that would be fine.

Mayor Kamler also wanted to go on record after reading the newspaper where it stated Owensville city officials were supportive of the law enforcement tax proposal being placed on the April 5 ballot by Commission; he made it clear that Sheriff Scott Eiler did not speak to the city council, apparently only the city marshal. He went on to say he does not support another increase in sales tax because that would push it over 9% within the city; he acknowledges that the city did increase the sales tax for the parks but at the same time, were able to remove the property tax for parks on city residents. He went on to say while that could have even been done without a vote of the people, they went for the vote anyway, which was successful.

## REPORT OF FEES

Commission reviewed monthly reports of fees collected by Lesa Lietzow, County Clerk in the

amount of \$4383.00 for December and from Scott Eiler, Sheriff for the same month in the amount of \$1676.30 for civil fee fund and \$400.00 DSSSF.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Jim Holland made a motion to adjourn commission until 1/10/2022.  
Commissioner Jerry Lairmore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

**SIGNATURES**

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