

# Gasconade County Commission

May 05, 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 4/21/2022 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 - 118540 through 118593

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to approve the following items:  
WARRANTS FOR PAYMENT 118540 through 118593  
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 convened at Owensville City Hall after attending the National Day of Prayer Ceremony at the First Baptist Church here in Owensville this morning; they will forego their meeting at the Drake shed with the road dept. for today.

Commissioner Lairmore ask Clerk Lietzow to send him a copy of the recent roadway agreement signed by ADB Construction; they were the company hired by Ameren UE to do work on and along Old Woollam road. Now Ameren is having more work done on Lahmeyer and another county road, so he needs another agreement signed; she will send him that copy so he can edit it accordingly. He said that the road dept. is preparing an invoice to send to Ameren for bringing Old Woollam road back up to county standards. Regarding conditions of the roads, Commissioner Lairmore said road dept is doing a good job, even with all the rain.

Commissioner Holland agreed and said there are lots of plugged up culverts and he checked out a concern brought in to Clerk Lietzow's office about Boy Scout Road hill leading up to Hwy. H. He also picked up a check for \$600 from Skidmore Logging, based out of Freeburg, MO, for the damage they had done to county road in Fredericksburg/Pershing area; they were sorry for what had happened and more than willing to pay for damages. Commissioner Holland had also been ask by residents on Stonyhill road for information on what is required for getting the road chip and sealed and he referred them to Clerk Lietzow's office for the paperwork; she mentioned that a resident on Lovers Lane road also came in for the same document last week.

Presiding Commissioner Miskel ask if Clerk Lietzow had received notice of whether the Andersons on Price road had received the certified letter Commission had mailed to them; she said in tracking with the post office, she has learned delivery was attempted on April 16, but no one was available to sign and as of May 2 was deemed unclaimed and is being returned to Commission. They agreed when it comes back, they will update the deadline originally given and ask the courts for guidance on how to get the letter served; Presiding Commissioner Miskel is certain the mailing address is correct because he had confirmed that in advance.

Presiding Commissioner Miskel said he understood the issue with Three Rivers Electric Coop. has been resolved; Clerk Lietzow agreed and said she received a call from Gail Eisterhold at Three Rivers, who found after actually verifying the location of that particular meter, the only problem was the address that was listed on the bill. Supervisor Roger Dahl knew there was a third meter at another shed on the property there at Drake but he didn't realize it had it's own billing. In essence, there is no mistake or problem with the account, Three Rivers will correct the address location of that meter to be 2685 Hwy. 19, and all is well. Clerk Lietzow and Commission was glad to hear it was so easily resolved and Clerk Lietzow thanked Three Rivers for figuring it out.

The following bids were received and opened by Commission this morning: 2 for culvert pipe, 1 for p-gravel, 2 bids for liquid asphalt, 3 bids for hot/cold mix and 3 bids for white rock/limestone. They will be copied for road dept. review and recommendation to Commission for acceptance.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

Presiding Commissioner Miskel reported that last Thursday when Commission met at MRPC with Kelly Sink they looked at the 32 ARPA applications that had been submitted by the April 1 deadline and made their preliminary decisions on whether to award or hold and Ms. Sink was going to handle the followup notifications. She had reached out to Commission this week for a date/time on their agenda to deliver the packets and to make the official motions/votes for award and checks to be written and they all agreed any Thursday session in May will be fine, so Clerk

Lietzow will let her know; she mentioned receiving 2 calls this week asking if decisions had been made and she provided the preliminary information. Also, regarding that same question, Bob Kayser and Randy Fuller, representing PWSD#1, were ask by the President of their Ass'n. to be at Commission meeting to get an update on whether they too, had been approved for ARPA funds as they had conflicting information; they also wanted to clarify that this request is for water improvements which is separate from the CDBG funds which are for the sewer system improvements project. Commissioner Lairmore agreed there was some conflicting information out there and originally Commissions' intent was not to award ARPA funds to any municipality for infrastructure improvements since they had their own funding and there are additional monies available to them for that type project. Unfortunately, the PWSD #1 water system improvements fell into that infrastructure category even though they are not a municipality. Later in the day, after discussing, Commissioners' all agreed that status would change to yes.

Presiding Commissioner Miskel invited fellow Commissioners' to Hermann tomorrow for a special tourism celebration.

Clerk Lietzow let the Commission know that there is an area of the hardwood on the second floor right at the top of the steps, that is not holding up well, and she thought it should be looked at; since it's concrete floor underneath, there is no danger of anyone falling through, but it needs to be shored up under the hardwood.

Randy Blaske, Owensville city administrator updated Commission on happenings in Owensville; the new Asian restaurant and the new Mexican restaurant are both open now. Presiding Commissioner Miskel ask him if he thought the city would accept the law enforcement tax proceeds as was detailed earlier, and he said he didn't see any reason why the city would not accept, so Commission will consider that answer in today's minutes as sufficient. Admin. Blaske said he didn't know all the details but was aware the city attorney was cautious about making such commitments by letter based on past bad experiences.

Treasurer Mike Feagan presented his monthly account balances to Commission for review clearly showing the healthy balances in General Revenue and Road and Bridge. He also ask if at next Thursday session he could have Kyle Williams from Peoples Savings Bank come in to talk about the option available to the county for securing our funds, rather than the pledged securities and Commission agreed. They would also like to discuss with him about interest rates, and what investment options they have in order to earn more interest. The last issue Treasurer Feagan wanted to discuss, was asking them to vote officially to use the ARPA revenue loss funds from 2020, amounting to \$59741, toward the Courthouse roof loan; it's been discussed and all agreed to in prior sessions, but not officially voted on and they remembered and agreed.

### **MOTION/VOTE - APPLY ARPA REVENUE LOSS OF \$59741 FROM 2020 TOWARD COURTHOUSE ROOF LOAN**

Commissioner Jim Holland made a motion to apply ARPA revenue loss of \$59741 from 2020 toward Courthouse roof loan. Commissioner Jerry Lairmore seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Larry Miskel (Yes).

### **REPORT OF FEES**

Commission reviewed the monthly reports of collections for April 2022 from:  
Lesa Lietzow, County Clerk-\$78.92  
Shawn Schlottach, Collector-\$127542.88  
Scott Eiler, Sheriff-\$975.78 civil fee fund and \$180.00 DSSSF

### **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Jim Holland made a motion to adjourn commission until 5/12/2022. Commissioner Jerry Lairmore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

### **SIGNATURES**

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