

Gasconade County Commission

July 21, 2022

MINUTES

The Gasconade County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Larry Miskel at the Courthouse 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 7/14/2022 8:30 AM. Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Larry Miskel (Yes).

PRIOR MINUTES

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to approve prior commission minutes dated 7/18/2022 9:00 AM. Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Larry Miskel (Yes).

WARRANTS FOR PAYMENT - 118808 through 118905

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to approve the following items:
WARRANTS FOR PAYMENT 118808 through 118905
Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Larry Miskel (Yes).

ROAD CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

Presiding Commissioner Miskel reported that the road dept. worked this week on taking the fence down that had been put up on county right-of-way on Price road after the property owners had not taken any action to remove after repeated requests; he thanked Commissioner Lairmore for helping the road dept. and the Sheriff's Dept. for providing a presence on scene if needed. The materials belonging to the property owner were placed back onto their private property out of the easement; the road dept. kept track of their manhours and equipment cost and prepared an invoice totaling \$260.00 that will be sent to the property owners with payment due by August 15, 2022.

Received for file were 2 consent forms for pushing out brush on the west side of Stony Hill road from Rodney Stolte and John Sever and 1 for pushing out brush on west side at intersection of Beemont road for James L. Coon and 1 for taking down 5 trees on east side of Stony Hill road from intersection of Beemont road for Glen Schulte.

Road dept. had prepared bid specs for chip and seal on Loeb road and on Stony Hill road and Commission approved; Clerk Lietzow will prepare ad and send specs to vendors.

Commission received notice from Capital Quarries Co. that they have ask MoDNR for a permit expansion to an existing site to mine limestone on an additional 4 acres land for a total of 47 acres in Sec. 36, Twp. 42N, R6W; in addition, they have also applied to continue to mine limestone on 40 acres of land in Sec. 18, Twp. 43N, R5W and on 50 acres in Secs. 34 and 35, Twp. 46N, R5W.

Commissioner Lairmore reported road dept. will probably start working on removing dead trees along county roads since they can't be blading the roads with it so dry. He also said he had a call about Oak Hill road being very rough and said a grader operator should be out there today or tomorrow. He mentioned that the dept. has one of their road graders nearing the total number of hours they are to put on during the 5 year ownership; while it is due to be traded in within the next couple months, it's possible they might go over the limit so the county might have to pay, unless Erb Equipment Co. waives the fee since they are the vendor handling both the trade-in and the new sale. The new grader purchased is not due to arrive until September or October; Commissioner Lairmore told the road dept. to reach out to Erb and get something in writing as to how this will be handled should the hours climb above the limit.

Commissioner Holland is checking on the Phillips Pipeline he mentioned in last week's minutes; while he knows that is the one that runs through his farm on Hwy. 19S, he wants to check to be sure it is the same one along Little Bay and Strassner roads. He agreed until it rains, the roads are very rough; he said the dept. has been doing some work on Stonyhill road in preparation for chip and seal. He had a complaint of road signs covered due to vegetation growth, but it was on a MoDOT sign, not county road sign. He said the dept. is changing some ditching procedures on Bohrenpohl road and he had an easement concern that he is going to check about in the Recorder of Deeds office.

Commissioner Lairmore wanted to go on record stating that there are posts on Facebook regarding chip and seal of county roads and what the procedures are and the information is not accurate; he wants it known that the number one issue that allows for chip and seal to be

considered is having sufficient right-of-way to do the work. He would prefer anyone with a question regarding this issue, contact one of the County Commissioners.

Clerk Lietzow had been contacted by Magruder Construction Co. about when they might be paid for their June and July invoices and she told them she did not have any invoices turned in to be paid since the May invoices; she then contacted Travis Hernandez, Archer Elgin engineer handling the BRO construction project who said he has been so busy working on grant applications for other agencies, he did not have a chance to submit them. He apologized and quickly submitted them for payment today totaling \$267108.40.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Holland again mentioned seeing on the invoices paid today, late fees charged on credit cards and wants Clerk Lietzow to mention to the elected officials that it should not happen.

Presiding Commissioner Miskel met with Cameron Schweiss, Archer Elgin engineers at the Courthouse to look at the old elevator plans and discuss possibly a new elevator installed either inside or outside; in addition, he ask Mr. Schweiss to look at the 2 new buildings Commission wants constructed at Drake and the one new building at Swiss. There will be a feasibility study done and cost analysis and they can serve as general contractor since county is already using their engineering firm for another project. Presiding Commissioner Miskel ask 2 Associate Commissioners' if they were on board with that and they both agreed to get a letter of agreement and voted to continue the process.

MOTION/VOTE - ALLOW ARCHER ELGIN TO CONTINUE WITH LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR SCOPE OF WORK

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to allow Archer Elgin to continue with letter of agreement for scope of work. Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Larry Miskel (Yes).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Presiding Commissioner Miskel ask if there was any new information on the air conditioning units and Clerk Lietzow said there is not; she mentioned that Glen Englert did come in to work upstairs on the railing and floor and along with some additional help, looked at the project to shore up and raise the floor in the Circuit Clerk's office from the underneath side in storerooms and agreed to provide an estimate of cost for that project. There was an incident this week with another wooden interior door hinge broke loose from the wooden doorframe and Mr. Englert was able to come up to the Courthouse and fix that fairly quickly. A couple new projects to add to Mr. Englert's list include looking at the floor in the Sheriff's office upstairs as the finish seems to be coming off the hardwood and one of the wooden half doors installed in 2020 seems to be warped in the Assessor's office.

Clerk Lietzow had not heard anything from legal counsel Ivan Schraeder regarding the intergovernmental agreements between the county and the cities to receive a portion of the law enforcement tax. She did mention that the new telephones would be installed on all the desks today and tomorrow with a training offered in how to use them; the official switch over would be next week.

Presiding Commissioner Miskel was contacted by Sho Me Technologies about their fiber optic lines that run through the county and they would like an appt. on Commissions' agenda August 4; he told the company repr. to call Clerk Lietzow for scheduling.

Buck Collier, repr. Gasconade County Republican, ask if Commission had any idea as to how many applicants had applied through MRPC for the next round of ARPA funds with the deadline of August 1 and Commission did not know.

Roger Armstrong, Chief Deputy Sheriff came in on behalf of Sheriff Scott Eiler to get their approval on the discussion from a few weeks ago about ordering the new vehicles for 2023 before July 2022 is over; he explained there are 5 new ones ordered now that keep getting put off and now are September. Commissioner Holland ask what they have now for mileage and he said 3 are at 150000 miles, 3 are over 150000 miles and 2 are over 200000, so they would like to order 5 more for 2023, either trucks or Durangos, not Explorers, and Commission agreed as the new tax would be collected by then. He also ask about since the academy cadet did not work out, they would like to still hire a cadet currently attending the academy and let him work part-time Monday, Wednesday and Friday until he actually graduates and becomes a commissioned, post certified officer. He could handle security at the front door, court services, bailiff duties, transport prisoners, he could do ride-a-longs with officers and could be trained on procedures before graduation and coming on full time; he would not have powers of arrest unless one of the Circuit Judges would so order, he would not drive one of the county vehicles and he won't have our uniform. Commission agreed it was fine and he should ask Judge Ada Brehe-Krueger her thoughts; Clerk Jenny Schneider mentioned that there are currently 2 officers that do an excellent job of handling courtroom duties, one is full time and one is part time, and she hoped one of them would train the new guy.

Before adjourning, Commissioner Holland thanked everyone who volunteered at the Old Thresher's Show as some of the elected officials and some of the employees' manned the food stand. He also wanted to address the false statements made at a recent Meet the Candidates night, where candidates said the Courthouse roof is still leaking and that is not true, it is one of the roof ventilation fans where the rain sometimes blows in and also the problems on the east end of the Courthouse with the balcony and steps is being looked at, not just let go. Presiding Commissioner Miskel wanted to offer prayers and best wishes to Collector Shawn Schlottach as she spends several weeks recuperating at home from a serious horseback riding accident; he wants to be sure Glenda Shockley, deputy collector has all she needs to maintain the office during her lengthy absence and hopes those who work part-time in the office during the busy season can step up and help out now.

DELINQUENCY IN PAYMENT OF LOCAL SALES TAX

Commission received for file notice from MO Dept. of Revenue of revocation of sales tax license due to non-payment by ARB Signs LLC, 117 E. 4th St., Hermann, MO.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Jim Holland made a motion to adjourn commission until 8/4/2022.
Commissioner Jerry Lairmore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

SIGNATURES
