

# Gasconade County Commission

May 18, 2023

## MINUTES

The Gasconade County Commission met with Presiding Commissioner Tim Schulte at the Courthouse beginning with Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance: Commissioner Jerry Lairmore, Present; Commissioner Jim Holland, Present; Presiding Commissioner Tim Schulte, Present.

## PRIOR MINUTES

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to approve prior commission minutes dated 5/11/2023 8:30 AM. Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Tim Schulte (Yes).

## WARRANTS FOR PAYMENT - 120312 through 120336

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to approve the following items:  
WARRANTS FOR PAYMENT 120312 through 120336  
Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Tim Schulte (Yes).

## ROAD CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

Presiding Commissioner Schulte ask if there was any news on the closeout of Valentine Ford; since no one had talked to Archer-Elgin, Commissioner Holland said he would call engineer Travis Hernandez before leaving today's session for an update. Presiding Commissioner Schulte also ask if there was any update on when the new road groomer would be delivered, and there was no news on that either; another topic needing settled is the application for the next BRO project, as Commission does not want to miss that deadline. Clerk Lietzow reprinted emails spelling out the details and Commissioner Lairmore will give to road dept. again to get started on. Last issue still unsettled, is the tractor trailer truck that was wrecked by road dept., and how the county can buy it back and for how much.

Consent forms for gravel removal were received for file from Steve Keeney, Dry Fork creek, Forrest Danz, Red Oak creek, Charles Gerloff, Crider creek, Dale Brehe, Puncheon creek, Harold Roethemeyer, Boeuf creek, Hunter Loughridge, Greedy creek and Steven Niebruegge, Third Creek.

Commissioner Holland said road dept. was pushing brush on Bareis road and he had met on Boy Scout road twice in the past week, with engineer and geologist trying to find a way to fix the drainage problem there, with no answers yet. The invoice for repair work done by the road dept. in the amount of \$7462.50 was handed to the general contractor by Commissioner Holland, before it was printed on county letterhead, so if followup is needed, he has an email address to refer to.

Commissioner Lairmore said the complaints he has received were about rough roads, since it's so dry and he will be meeting with 2 landowners this afternoon regarding potential chip and seal.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

Presiding Commissioner Schulte was happy to announce the annual MRPC awards banquet will be held in October at the Festhalle in Hermann with more details to come; he also mentioned not getting an opportunity yet to talk to Bonnie Prigge, at MRPC about the role Tammy Bruckerhoff plays in tourism for them.

Commission briefly discussed the cost associated with changing the LAGERS benefit plan to a 2% level rather than the current 1.5%; it's not likely to be an accepted offer, with the cost being over \$1 million, even when amortized out over 20 years. They might consider looking again at the 1.75% plan option instead; there is time, since this would not be effective until January 1, 2024.

Michael Clancy, RENODry, stopped in to let Commission know he was here today to install the system they had purchased that will start the long process of drying out the building structure; he showed them the equipment and Commission ask him to let them know today, where he planned to install them, as they didn't want it to interfere with the potential install of an elevator.

Presiding Commissioner Schulte announced he was ready to prioritize the list of Courthouse projects Clerk Lietzow had summarized for them, including the costs associated and the funds available. His #1 is the elevator at the Courthouse being the smallest size available, going to all 3 floors located in the open space area of the rotundas, his #2 is the removal, repair and replacement of the east end porch and balcony and steps currently closed off due to safety reasons, and #3 would be the tuckpointing and painting the Courthouse exterior from the roof down, and then #4 improvements at the Swiss location of the Sheriff's office and #5 hoop shed at the road dept. In his opinion, and also based on the elected officials' opinion's who are working in the building every day, it is time to act on that matter. It has been discussed dating back many

years, and DOJ was kind enough to allow Gasconade County to adopt an alternative plan guaranteeing access to second floor services when they were needed on the first floor at a time when there was no funding available; now that funding is available so it's time.

Commissioner Holland does not agree that it has been discussed for many years, as it has only been talked about now for the first time in his 8 years being here in office, so he doesn't consider it to be needed; he said there is no way of knowing that DOJ wouldn't still approve of the way the county has been handling things. Presiding Commissioner Schulte disagrees, as he knows it was talked about dating back to the days when his mother served as Circuit Clerk and Recorder of Deeds and Charlie Schlottach was Presiding Commissioner. Commissioner Holland went on to prioritize his list being #1 the tuckpointing and painting exterior complete, #2 hoop shed at Drake for road dept. which he considers for safety reasons because every winter the guys have to chop loose the frozen salt and cinders that have been exposed to the elements, #3 an addition to the Sheriff's Swiss location and #4 construction of another building at Drake for the road dept.

Commissioner Lairmore said his #1 would be the elevator, his #2 would likely be doing something at Swiss for the Sheriff's dept., but would like to talk more with Sheriff Scott Eiler about exactly what would be most beneficial to the dept. and maybe he would have additional funding available as well from the new law enforcement sales tax to help with cost of improvements. He was here then and remembers the elevator issue from those years mentioned, but there wasn't an agreement on where it should go or any money to do it then, but he agrees it should be to all 3 floors, and as for location, he always supported it being on the outside, in order to not take space away from anyone inside. He went on to say, that he would hope to be hearing from those philanthropists that Commissioner Holland had spoken to, so we knew if there was any money coming in from those sources to help with these projects; he thinks if Commission moves forward with the elevator first, it shows everyone their commitment to making improvements at the Courthouse.

### **MOTION/VOTE - APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH ARCHER ELGIN REGARDING THE COURTHOUSE ELEVATOR**

Presiding Commissioner Tim Schulte made a motion to approve moving forward with Archer-Elgin regarding the Courthouse elevator. Commissioner Jerry Lairmore seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (No), Tim Schulte (Yes).

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Holland then made a motion to move forward with the entire proposal from TREMCO as well, which is the tuckpointing and painting of the Courthouse exterior and repair the front porch, steps and balcony, remove/repair/replace the east end porch and balcony and lastly, repair the entire steps leading down to First street. Commissioner Lairmore said if we agree to do that, then there won't be anything left in these proposals for philanthropists to donate toward, and it leaves virtually nothing for improvements at the other locations at Swiss and Drake. Commissioner Holland answered that if it's time to put an elevator in, it's also time to move forward with all improvements to the Courthouse which has been let go for years; Commissioner Lairmore said the numbers Clerk Lietzow researched show that since 2006, the county has spent over \$585000 on the Courthouse, not counting the \$750000 for the roof. Before voting on Commissioner Holland's motion, Presiding Commissioner Schulte wanted to apologize to Commissioner Lairmore, as he knows that he and other past Commissioners' did not just kick the can down the road, because when you don't have the money available to do projects, you simply can't do them, when you only are able to fund the operations of county business and nothing extra.

### **MOTION/VOTE - ACCEPT ALL 3 OPTIONS OF TREMCO PROPOSAL PRESENTED**

Commissioner Jim Holland made a motion to accept all 3 options of TREMCO proposal presented. Presiding Commissioner Tim Schulte seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (No), Jim Holland (Yes), Tim Schulte (Yes).

### **DELINQUENCY IN PAYMENT OF LOCAL SALES TAX**

Commission received for file notice from MO Dept. of Revenue of the revocation of sales tax license due to delinquency in payment for Crider Tools LLC, rural Hermann and Progressive Leasing, rural Hermann and NPRTO Mid West LLC, also rural Hermann.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

After conducting all business in open session, Commission then agreed to go into closed session regarding road dept. personnel; first Commissioner Holland placed a call to Travis Hernandez at Archer-Elgin about Valentine Ford closeout and Mr. Hernandez said he would start work on it soon.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Jerry Lairmore made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters authorized by RSMo 610.021 and in compliance with RSMo 610.022. Commissioner Jim Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim

Holland (Yes), Tim Schulte (Yes).

### **RECONVENE**

Commissioner Jim Holland made a motion to close Executive Session and reconvene as the Gasconade County Commission. Commissioner Jerry Lairmore seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Jerry Lairmore (Yes), Jim Holland (Yes), Tim Schulte (Yes).  
No motions were made or votes taken on any matter.

### **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Jim Holland made a motion to adjourn commission until 5/25/2023.  
Commissioner Jerry Lairmore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

### **SIGNATURES**

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