

**ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
MARCH 26, 2019  
TUESDAY**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The County Commission met in regular session. Those being present were, Presiding Commissioner, Harold Gallaher, Commissioner First District, Gay Wilkinson and Commissioner Second District, Patrick Mullins. Also, present was County Clerk, Kevin Engler and Deputy Clerk, Linda Balentine & Amanda Henderson from the County Clerk's office

Others present: Mark Marberry, Louie Seiberlich, Jay Graf, Kim Schrum, Jesse Rupp, Betty Medley, Clay Copeland, Buck Copeland, Carol Gamble, Cindy Johnson, Dan Ward, Joe Braun, Pam Williams, Dan Duncan, Kenny Chiarelli, Scott Schrum, Jack Garvey, Ann Callis, Adrian Echhoff, Dana Ward, John Gross, Vonne Karraker, Gary Matheny, Joan King, Emily Hoehn, Ken Rohrer, Sheriff Dan Bullock, and Deputy Kristen Tate.

Commission opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**AGENDA:**

Posted agenda attached to minutes.  
(Document also found in Open Meeting Agenda folder.)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Mullins to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. All commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes, March 19, 2019
2. County Clerk's Monthly Report
3. Removal from inventory surplus equipment-JDC
4. Collector's Annual Settlement

**TABLED AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Annual Bid Awards**

- JDC/Lawn Care
- JDC/Food service
- Recorder of Deeds
- Road & Bridge
- Circuit Marshall
- Circuit Judges
- Circuit Court Reporter
- Assessor
- Collector
- Auditor

Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to accept the annual bids presented. Commissioner Mullins seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**LANDFILL CLOSURE  
COST PARTICIPATION**

The Commission met with Mr. Greg Beavers and Mr. Alan Aubuchon from the St. Francois County Environmental Corporation on March 19, 2019 to discuss the landfill closure procedures. After much discussion between the Commission and the SFCEC the County Commission has decided to reimburse SFCEC \$38,429.55 for closure cost from 2017 & 2018. Commissioner Mullins made a motion to reimburse the Environmental Corp in the amount of \$38,429.55. Commissioner Gay Wilkinson seconded the motion. The Commission opened the floor for discussion from the public. Mrs. Vonne Karraker questioned if it were a conflict of interest for Patrick Mullins to make the motion to reimburse SFCEC. County Clerk, Kevin Engler explained that the County has an obligation to have one of the Commissioners on the board of the Environment Corp. Commissioner Mullins withdrew his original motion to reimburse the SFCEC. Commissioner Wilkinson then made the motion to reimburse SFCEC. Commissioner Gallaher seconded the motion. Commissioner Mullins abstained from voting. Commissioner Gallaher & Commissioner Wilkinson voted in favor and the motion passed.

**WAIVE PENALTY &  
INTEREST  
BRAD & WENDI WILLIAMS**

Brad & Wendi Williams e-filed their 2018 assessment list on January 7, 2018. There was a change of address for the Williams and the Assessor's office believed the Williams had moved to Madison Co. The Assessor, Dan Ward, is asking that the interest & penalty in the amount of \$93.04 be waived for the year 2018 due to the error being the fault of the Assessor's office. Commissioner Mullins make a motion to waive penalty & interest. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**REQUEST TO BID  
ROAD PAVING PROJECTS**

Road Superintendent Clay Copeland ask to place for bid eight (8) road projects for paving overlay. District 1 roads to be paved are

- Old Fredericktown 1.1 miles
- Copenhagen 1.1 miles
- Hildebrecht 3.3 miles
- Busiek .2 miles
- Oak Briar .2 miles

District 2 roads to be paved are

- Wortham Rd 1.3 miles
- Cedar Falls (Cedar Run to Hillsboro) 1.4 miles
- Rougely Rd 2.3 miles

Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to let out for bid the road projects. Commissioner Mullins seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **SICK POOL DONATION**

Former Child Support Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Holly Joyce, terminated her employment as of February 28, 2019. Mrs. Joyce had 628 hours of sick time accumulated. Policy states that when you voluntarily terminate employment after ten years you can be paid 55% of accumulated sick time, which in this case would have been 345.40 hours. Mrs. Joyce requested to put her sick time into the employee's sick pool instead of cashing her time in.

Commissioner Mullins made a motion to accept the sick time for the donation pool. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. All three Commissioners also wanted to thank Mrs. Joyce for her generosity in contributing to the pool.

### **REPRESENTATION FOR FORMER PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

County Clerk, Kevin Engler, ask the Commission to entertain the possibility of obtaining Council for the former Public Administrator, Ken Rohrer, who is being sued again for a case that involved Mr. Rohrer several years ago. The County is NOT officially named but if the Commission does not act quickly in this matter there is a chance the obligation would fall back on the County and the County would be liable. It is Mr. Engler's advice to seek representation from the Attorney who has already tried this case twice and won. The Commission agreed to discuss this matter with Mr. Rohrer and to follow procedure.

### **SENIOR CITIZEN MINUTES**

Commissioner Mullins represents the Commission on behalf of the Senior Citizen Board. Commissioner Mullins submitted for approval the minutes of the Board as well as Resolutions for disbursement to area food pantries, senior centers, etc. for financial assistance. Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to accept the minutes and recommendations for the Resolutions as presented. Commissioner Gallaher seconded the motion. Commissioner Mullins abstained from voting. Commissioner Gallaher and Commissioner Wilkinson voted in favor and the motion passed.

**OPIOID LITIGATION**

Attorney Scott Schrum, Jack Garvey, and Ann Callis addressed the Commission as well as the constituents of St. Francois County about the opioid epidemic our County is in. Statistics show that St. Francois County is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State for overdoses of opioids, 4<sup>th</sup> in the State for opioid deaths, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State for prescriptions of opioid being prescribed. The opioid epidemic is a real problem for the County in regards to first responders, hospitals, etc. Mr. Garvey, along with Mr. Schrum & Ms. Callis are wanting to represent St. Francois County in a Mass action law suit relating to the opioid crisis. Commissioner Gallaher told Mr. Garvey the County is very close in making a decision to join in the Mass action law suit or not. Commissioner Gallaher said he will be in contact very soon with Mr. Garvey.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the county commission will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 10:00a.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

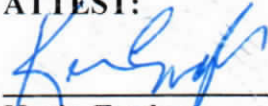
**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

County Clerk, Kevin Engler spoke to the Commission about the possibility of raising the fee for Building Permits and imposing a late fee. Mr. Engler told the Commission he would do some research and would have some information ready to present at next week's meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With there being no further business the County Commissioner Mullins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

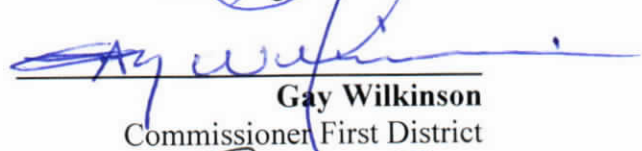



**Kevin Engler**  
County Clerk  
St. Francois County, Missouri

**PREPARED BY:**



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