

**ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY COMMISSION
MINUTES OCTOBER 5, 2020
MONDAY**

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 Corey Schrum from the County Clerk's office.

Others present: Mark Marberry, Louie Seiberlich, Betty Medley, Jay Graf, Buck Copeland, Clay Copeland, John Gross, Jared Faulkner, Amber Menjoulet, Bob Turner, Kristen Tate, Sheriff Dan Bullock, Tammy Romine, Hardy White, Jamie Crump, Kim Schrum, Dan Bryan, Brandon Penberthy, Dan Chapman, David Kater, Collin Rodgers, Jeremy Tanz

Commission opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

AGENDA: Posted agenda attached to minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes, September 29, 2020
2. Appointment order/Jonathon West
3. Appointment order/Matthew Brannam
4. Appointment order/Joshua Sadler
5. Appointment order/Daniel Blum
6. Appointment order/Jeremy Rousan
7. Appointment order/Brian Williams
8. Appointment order/Michael Racer Jr.

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS:

**Wage adjustment union/R&B
Employees**

Corey Schrum, HR made the recommendation that the Commission accept the wage adjustment for the Road and Bridge department. After some discussion, Commissioner Wilkinson made the motion to approve the adjustment, Commissioners Mullins seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Petition to vacate road Krystal Wisdom

Petition was brought in for the road closing. Clay Copeland from R&B stated that a notice was posted on-site, local stores, post office and they have not received any input, objections or correspondence. Commissioner Wilkinson made the motion to grant the petition to vacate the road. Commissioner Mullins seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Abandonment of County Rd. – Rice Road

Dan Champan from City of Desloge contacted R&B about the road. The City of Desloge is asking the County to vacate the easement. Commissioner Mullins moved to approve the process of abandonment (3-month process after publication) of Rice Rd. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed, however, later in this meeting the motion was rescinded.

Abandonment of Private easement

Commissioner Mullins was contacted by private land owner, Shelly Bess. She is wanting to abolish easements on her property. Notice was posted, no input, objections or correspondence was received by the Commission. Commissioner Mullins made the motion to abolish the easements. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor and the motion passes.

Addition of Jail Isolation Cell for Covid Protection

Commissioner Gallaher stated that after dispersing the money from the CARES act to the applicants, the County would be left paying for a majority of the addition and it could cost up to one million plus and it wasn't budgeted and could be a risk for the county. There was much discussion and comments from Jamie Crump, Jail Administrator, Kevin Engler, County Clerk, Dan Chapman, City of Desloge, Colin Rodgers with Brockmiller construction along with Jeremy Tanz from the RPC, stating that the Commission does have the option to obligate these funds for this project. Colin Rodgers stated that they could get 70-80% of the project

completed by the end of the year. Commissioner Gallaher made the recommendation to begin the construction. Kevin Engler stated that emphasis should be made that the County intends to use Federally Funded money for the project and Gallaher agreed. Commissioner Mullins made the motion to begin the project, Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Appointment to Mental Health Board

President of St. Francois Co. Health Board sent a letter to the Commission asking to make Christopher Massey as trustee. Commissioner Mullins made the motion to approve the request. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Quarterly Report-University Of MO Extension

Stephanie Schindler from the University of MO Extension gave a quarterly report.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the County Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at 10:00 am.

CORRESPONDENCE:

John Gross asked the Commission to discuss Rice Rd. once again. He stated that it is the County's easement and does not require the Commission to petition the land owners. The Commission could allow the City of Desloge to construct a road on the property. It is a request to annex this property into the City of Desloge. Commissioner Wilkinson made the motion to rescind the vote previously made. Commissioner Mullins seconded. All were in favor and the previous vote was rescinded.

Commissioner Mullins made the motion to table the Rice Rd. item. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sheriff Dan thanked the Commission for reconsidering the jail project. Commissioner Wilkinson gave an update on the Sheriff Salary Committee.

County Clerk, Kevin Engler gave an update on Elections. 1700 people have voted in person so far at the Weber Rd. location.

ADJOURNMENT:


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

ATTEST:




Kevin Engler County Clerk
St. Francois County, Missouri

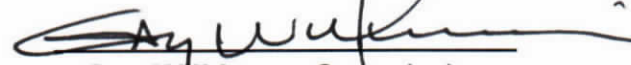
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