

**ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JULY 20, 2021  
TUESDAY**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The County Commission met in regular session. Those being present were, Presiding Commissioner, Harold Gallaher, Commissioner First District, Kary Buckley, and Commissioner Second District, David Kater. Also, present was County Clerk, Kevin Engler, and Deputy Clerk, Linda Balentine from the County Clerk's office.

Others present, Mark Marberry, Ace Eckhoff, Ryan Miller, Melissa Gilliam, Jared Faulkner, Betty Medley, Louie Seiberlich, Clay Copeland, Buck Copeland, Steve Ferguson, Brenda Ferguson, Jamie Crump, Hardy White, Dan Ward, Bob Turner, Charlie Wiles, Parks Peterson, Amber Menjoulet, Kim Schrum, Corey Schrum, Steve Pasternak, Vesta Mattingly, Deputy Kristen Tate, and Sheriff Dan Bullock.

Commission opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**AGENDA:** Posted agenda attached to minutes.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Minutes, July 13, 2021
2. Monthly Report/Recorder of Deeds
3. Monthly Report/Auditor
4. Monthly Report/Public Administrator
5. Assessed valuations
6. Appointment Orders/Part time Legal Secretaries Kelsea Hulseley, Angela Yeager & Jennifer Johnson/PA's office
7. Certificate of Training/Commissioner Gallaher, Buckley, Kater
8. Destruction of equipment/broken printer/Collector
9. Appointment Order/P.A. Investigator/Drew Happel

A motion was made by Commissioner Buckley to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kater. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**TABLED AGENDA ITEMS:** none.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**SOLE SOURCE**

**IDEMIA/SHERIFF DEPT**

Sheriff, Dan Bullock, presented the Commission with the documentation stating He would like to purchase 25 units of Idemia's cutting edge mobile technology product, MorphoDent for the Sheriff's Department. This purchase exceeds the \$6,000 threshold for buying

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**SOLE SOURCE CON'T**

supplies. Idemia is a Sole Source provider for this equipment. Commissioner Kater made a motion to use Idemia as a Sole Source provider for Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**REQUEST TO INCREASE  
INTERNET SPEED  
SFC JAIL**

Jared Faulkner, IT Supervisor, informed the Commission that the internet speed at the St. Francois County Jail needs to be upgraded and increased by 50% to keep up with the daily operations of the jail such as monitoring security cameras for all county buildings. Commissioner Kater made a motion to increase internet speed for the Jail. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**EVALUATION OF OFFICE  
SPACE/JDC**

Ace Eckhoff, Juvenile Detention Supervisor, came before the Commission to discuss the possibility of remodeling the current detention center to include adding additional offices so all the staff can be under one roof again instead of in two facilities. This idea is in the very early stages of discussion, but Mr. Eckhoff would like to proceed with pursuing this project.

**REQUEST FUNDING FROM  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**

Prosecuting Attorney, Melissa Gilliam, and Investigator, Ryan Miller came before the Commission to request \$99,000 per year to supplement office staff salaries with the American Rescue Plan funding. Many questions arose including what would happen at the end of the 29-month period when money is no longer available. County Clerk, Kevin Engler, and Auditor, Louie Seiberlich encouraged the Commission to examine this request closely before deciding.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the county commission will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Ferguson is requesting to establish a family cemetery on family-owned property. Kevin Engler, County Clerk, informed the Commission that he is not sure how to proceed and explained the family has a burial that is to take place this coming Sunday, so time is crucial. The Commission said to proceed and then research, and paperwork would be done later.

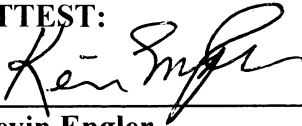
**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

County Clerk, Kevin Engler, gave a report on the Assessed Valuation of the County.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

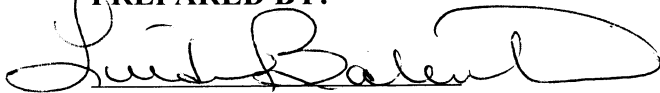
With there being no further business County Commissioner Kater made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gallaher seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



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

PREPARED BY:



**Linda Balentine**  
Deputy Clerk  
St. Francois County, Missouri



**Harold Gallaher**  
Presiding Commissioner



**Kary Buckley**  
Commissioner First District



**David Kater**  
Commissioner Second District