

**ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY COMMISSION
MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2023
TUESDAY**

CALL TO ORDER:

The County Commission met in regular session. Those 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, Louie Seiberlich, Parks Peterson, Jay Graf, Bob Turner, Corey Schrum, Ace Eckhoff, Brian Briley, Ben Bradley, Debra Carter, Kim Brumit, Nicole Hahn, Dereon Hill, Keri McCrorey, Kristina Bone, Brandon Pope, Jeff Crites, Nick Jones, Eric Dugal, Mike Ramsey, Laura Smith, Bridget Smith, Rich Luebcke, John Gross, and Sheriff Dan Bullock.

Commissioner Kater made a motion to amend the agenda to include approval of a RFQ for the Insurance Broker to general business. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion.

Commissioner Buckley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Kater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes, October 10, 2023
2. Monthly Report/Collector
3. Certificate of Training/Assessor
4. Appointment Order/Rodney Holt, Sheriff Deputy/\$21.50 per hour
5. Appointment Order/Abigail Simpson, JDC/\$15.60 per hour
6. Disposal broken inventory//Tag #42, Public Administrator
7. Disposal broken inventory/Tag # 2408, Rd & Bridge

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS: None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

RFQ/INSURANCE BROKER

The RFQ's for an Insurance Broker for Property and Casualty Services were opened on September 26, 2023. There were two RFQ's received one from Ollis/Akers/Arney and First State Insurance Agency. The Commission decided to stay local and to continue to use First State Insurance Agency. Commissioner Kater made the motion to continue to use First State Insurance Agency. Commissioner Gallaher seconded the motion.

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RFQ CON'T

Commissioner Buckley abstained from voting. A roll call vote was taken; Commissioner Gallaher-AYE, Commissioner Buckley-ABSTAIN, Commissioner Kater-AYE. The vote passed with majority approval.

**HIRE PART TIME & FULL
TIME CUSTODIAN**

Maintenance Supervisor, Brian Briley is wanting to hire a part time and a full-time floating custodian/maintenance employee. HR, Corey Schrum spoke on Mr. Briley's behalf giving the job description of both positions and explaining the need because custodial duties are done between five locations. The part-time position will have no benefits and will start at \$15 per hour. The full-time position will start at \$14.08 with full benefits. Both positions will be under the maintenance budget. Commissioner Kater made a motion to approve hiring two positions for custodial/maintenance. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**PERMISSION TO BID
NEW TRUCKS/RD & BRIDGE**

Highway Administrator, John Gross, came before the Commission to bid several new ½ ton, 4WD, pickup trucks for Road & Bridge. Rd & Bridge could use state contract pricing but would like to bid these trucks out so local dealerships can bid. Commissioner Buckley made a motion to allow Rd & Bridge to let out for bid several new trucks. Commissioner Kater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**AWARD OVERLAY BID
RD & BRIDGE**

Highway Administrator, John Gross, came before the Commission to award a road overlay project.

- **Portion of Old Fredericktown-awarded to
Leadbelt Materials at \$92,125.00**

Commissioner Kater made a motion to approve the overlay bid. Commissioner Buckley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

EMAA/UPLIFT CENTER

Nicole Hahn along with several individuals came before the Commission to present information regarding the uplift shelter and the need for this shelter and program. Ms. Hahn discussed budget & funding for the program. The Commission thanked her for her work and her passion for this program.

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**SALARY INCREASE/JDC
ATTORNEY**

Ace Eckhoff, Chief Juvenile Officer, came before the Commission to request raising JDC Attorney, Ashley Vandiver's salary to \$53,355.20 effective immediately. Judge Sechrest approved this increase as well. Commissioner Buckley made a motion to raise the salary of Ms. Vandiver effective immediately. Commissioner Kater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**ADJUST HOURLY RATE
PART TIME COUNTY
EMPLOYEE/JDC**

Ace Eckhoff, Chief Juvenile Officer, is also requesting to adjust the hourly rate to hire an employee that is paid both by State and County. The State rate is \$17.93, and the county rate is \$15.00. Mr. Eckhoff expressed his concern about trying to hire someone with two rates of pay. Mr. Eckhoff is asking the Commission to raise the county rate to match the state rate. The Commission is going to take this under advisement.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the county commission will be held on Monday, October 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

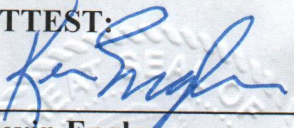
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ADJOURNMENT:

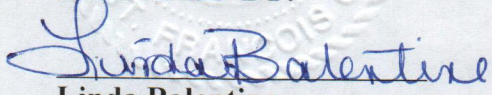
With there being no further business County Commissioner Buckley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kater seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

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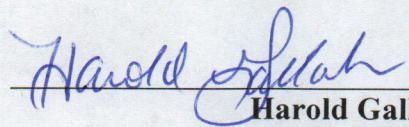


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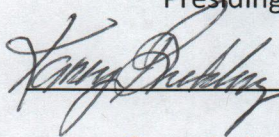
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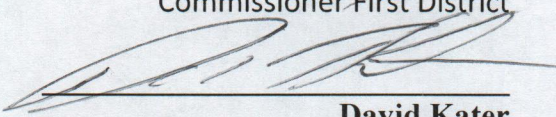
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