

## **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**September 1, 2016 Nineteenth day of the July term**

Now at this the 1st day of September 2016 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

Deputy Clerk Tessa Piatt took notes in the absence of the clerk.

IN THE MATTER OF  
NORTHWYE OUTER ROAD:

Bids for the dirt work were opened at 9:00 a.m. The first bid was that of Don Maggi, Inc., for \$119,866.40. The second bid was that of Bloomsdale Excavating, for \$95,500.00. The bids were taken under advisement and given to Darin Pryor, P.E., City of Rolla, on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SURPLUS TAX:

Collector Davis Haas notified the Commission that property of Robert D. Davis, that being Lot 31 Parkview Two at 724 W. Lions Club Drive, Rolla, was sold for \$1,800.00 and the Collector's Tax Sale. This was \$431.10 more than the aggregated taxes, interest, penalties, and sale costs. Mr. Davis had written requesting release of these funds to him. This was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ROAD 3080:

Terry Lewis, of Intercounty Electric Cooperative, came to inquire regarding an easement for utility work at the site of the county property on Road 3080.

IN THE MATTER OF  
TOUGH ON TRASH:

Deputy Clerk Peter Cook came with the application for the Tough on Trash grant, on which he had sought and received input from staff at MRPC. The application was approved as amended on a motion by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the Healthy Families America contract was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COUNTY RETIREE COVERAGE:


Debbie Rhodes with the Health Department wanted information on the coverage available to retirees, and this was provided to her.

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READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

September 6, 2016 Twentieth day of the July term

Now at this the 6th day of September 2016 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2  
Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF  
NORTHWEY OUTER ROAD:

Monte Willy attended the meeting to speak on the dirt work for the new road. Bids as revealed on the opening on September 1, 2016 were discussed. Relocation of the utilities, a property with some issues with excess refuse, City of Rolla Department of Public Works inputs were all discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SOLAR FARM:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called and spoke with Richard Zentz about a solar farm project. Mr. Zentz wanted information on planning and zoning.

IN THE MATTER OF  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR:

Commissioner Stratman gave some detail about the search for the new Phelps/Maries Health Department Director.

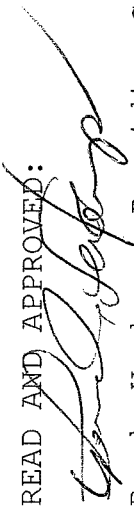
IN THE MATTER OF  
MISSOURI VOCATIONAL ENTERPRISES:

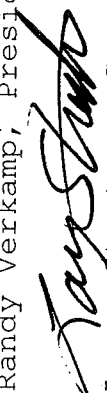
Mitchell Bonine visited with the Commission about the low recidivism rate for Department of Corrections inmates who participate in MVE's programs. The prisoners receive \$7.50 per day when they work in the furniture and fixture production facilities.

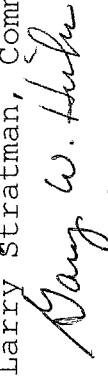
IN THE MATTER OF  
TIER II FUNDING REPORT:

On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, this funding and grand application was approved for Tammy Snodgrass of MRPC.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**September 8, 2016 Twenty-first day of the July term**

Now at this the 8th day of September 2016 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2  
Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF  
NORTHWYE OUTER ROAD:

Darin Pryor, P.E., of the City of Rolla, reported that a \$5.00 error had been made on the unit prices on a bid document. Considering this correction, and the fact that proper notice and solicitation for bids was performed which would likely cause the Department of Economic Development to accept only two bids being submitted, he felt the bid award would be possible soon.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CONSTITUENT VISIT:

Edna Mae Smith and Ruth Adair, both with the Phelps County Genealogical Society, visited with the Commission and observed the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF GROUP  
BENEFIT SERVICES:

The Benefit Management Report for August 2016 employee health insurance costs was reviewed. The level of uncertainty among the large health insurers was discussed. Commissioner Stratman feels that rates for 2017 will likely be decided upon in four to six weeks, permitting the county to hold open enrollment.

IN THE MATTER OF  
7050 BRIDGE EXCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Nicholas Chlysta came to discuss the transfer back to a local resident a portion of land near the soon-to-be demolished old 7050 bridge. This land had not been needed for the new bridge, which was not in use. Local surveyor Sylvester Furse with Archer-Elgin Engineering and Surveying had developed the land description; Chlysta said a Quit Claim Deed was the proper vehicle for the transfer back of the property to Mrs. Linda Modesitt's Trust. The County Land Commissioner, Dick Elgin, will have to sign and execute the document.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLLA  
WESTSIDE MARKETPLACE TIF COMMISSION:

The Commission instructed the clerk to send a letter to the members of the TIF Commission, thanking them for their service and informing them of the County Commission's unanimous approval of the Order Designating a Portion of Phelps County, Missouri as a Redevelopment Area and approving the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan (Order No. 8-30-2016-1); the Order Approving a Redevelopment Project for Redevelopment Project Area 1 (Order No. 8-30-2016-2); and the Order Approving a Redevelopment

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ROLLA WESTSIDE MARKETPLACE TIF COMMISSION, Continued:

Agreement in Connection with the Westside Marketplace Redevelopment Plan (Order No. 8-30-2016-3.)

IN THE MATTER OF PHELPS COUNTY  
GENEOLOGICAL SOCIETY:

Edna Mae Smith and Ruth Adair discussed their desire to rent a first-floor room in the "Old Courthouse" from the Phelps County Historical Society. Recently a member of their group suffered a stroke while on an upper floor, and the emergency responders could not maneuver a stretcher to place her on for transport, there being no elevator. The patient had to walk down the stairs, which she fortunately was able to do with much assistance. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said this would be between the two societies to work out.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CART FUNDS FROM MDC:

The CART funds for gravel on roads serving Missouri Department of Conservation lands were discussed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp and the staff at the Road and Bridge Department.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved the payment of 58 invoices in the amount of \$68,564.99.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CORRECTED PAYROLL:

The Commission reviewed and approved the payment of the 9/15/16 payroll, with values of \$164,757.46 net salaries, \$57,623.62 federal withholding, and \$7,545.50 state withholding.

IN THE MATTER OF  
REAL ESTATE COURT ORDERS:

The Commission reviewed PCCO-2013-0047, PCCO-2014-0015, and PCCO-2015-0032, for Parcel Number 14675.00.

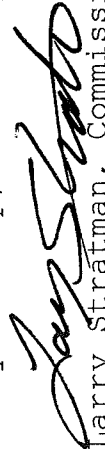
IN THE MATTER OF  
WORKER'S COMPENSATION:

An informative discussion was held regarding Worker's Comp.

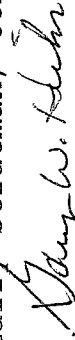
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**September 13, 2016 Twenty-second day of the July term**

Now at this the 13th day of September 2016 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2  
Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

### **IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

The Commission reviewed and approved three accounts payable batches: one Senior Companions invoice for stipends and general bills for \$21,214.32; one invoice for LAGERS in the amount of \$46,268.94; and 84 general invoices for \$37,075.21.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE SECURITY:**

Deliberations continue regarding bailiff staffing and access to courthouse areas by the bailiffs.

### **IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR:**

Commissioner Stratman discussed the state of the hiring process for the new Phelps/Maries County Health Department Director.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SALES TAXES:**

Treasurer Carol Green sent the sales tax report for the Commission to review. September 2016 receipts showed county revenue and law enforcement sales tax revenues of \$286,622.17 and \$214,810.89, respectively. These were up 0.38%, 4.97%, and 5.83% for the month-to-month, YTD, and rolling 12 month comparisons.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COURT ORDERS:**

Court Orders numbered 1857, 1858, and 1859 for various 2013, 2014, and 2015 additions for August 2016 personal property values were reviewed and approved. Corrected assessed values increased \$46,150 to \$46,150; \$75,980 to \$92,370; and \$381,500 to \$525,035; respectively, for those three years.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY WIDE SPEED LIMIT:**

A discussion was held regarding a speed limit ordinance of 35 mph on all roads not otherwise posted in the unincorporated parts of the county. The Road and Bridge Department has had persistent difficulty with vandalism of speed limit signs once posted, and unless there is an established limit, the absence of a sign renders enforcement of speed limits problematic. The Commission will hold a public hearing and this will be publicized as below:

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

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COUNTY-WIDE SPEED LIMIT, Continued:

SOLICITATION FOR COMMENTS

and

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

County-wide Speed Limit Ordinance in Phelps County

The Phelps County Commission is considering a proposal to establish a speed limit of 35 mph on all Phelps County roads, unless otherwise specified, pursuant to RSMo Section 49.650. The limit would not apply to roads within the jurisdiction of cities, the state of Missouri, or the Federal Highway Administration. Subsequent to passing such a measure, signage would no longer be required on the included roads for enforcement of the speed limit.

Public comments are welcomed on this proposal, and should be directed to Presiding Commissioner Randy Verkamp at:

200 N. Main St., Suite 105, Rolla, MO 65401 [U.S. Mail]

[commissionersgroup@phelpscounty.org](mailto:commissionersgroup@phelpscounty.org) [email]

573-458-6120 [Phone]

Comments will be accepted up through the Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 9:00 in the Chambers of the County Commission, Phelps County Courthouse, 200 N. Main, Suite 105, Rolla, MO 65401.

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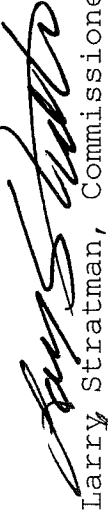
IN THE MATTER OF  
ROAD 4270:

Mary Lou Long came to speak with the Commission about maintenance of this road, leading to her home via a driveway which was chip and sealed over a decade ago by the county. Roughly half of the west end was asphalted by the county when the chip and seal deteriorated. The GIS system map suggests Road 4270 terminates before the asphalted portion of the drive begins. She did not request snowplowing, especially because of the chip and seal. Mrs. Long and her husband have lived off this road for over 19 years and have requested maintenance of this drive for about 5 years.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**September 15, 2016 Twenty-third day of the July term**

Now at this the 15th day of September 2016 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2  
Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE  
ADOPTION OF THE 2016 TAX LEVY FOR THE  
PHELPS COUNTY BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY  
DISABLED:

The Commission conducted the public hearing for the adoption of the 2016 tax levy for the Phelps County Board for the Developmentally Disabled. Darin Pryor, Steve Hargis, Ray Schweikhardt, Dan Kilgore, and Davis Haas were present. On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the levy of \$0.0717 was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
TAX DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

Steve Hargis, P.E., Director of Public Works for the City of Rolla, notified the Commission that ballots for the Rolla West Transportation Development District would be sent by registered mail to property owners in the TDD on September 16, 2016. He estimated 200 notices would be going out. Unlike other elections, Circuit Clerk Sue Brown would be overseeing this election; land owners will have until 10/4/16 to apply for a ballot.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COLLEGE HILLS SEWER DISTRICT:

Hargis also reported on the recent meeting for College Hills Sewer District; 15 of 17 members in attendance had been in favor of the City of Rolla assuming the physical upkeep and billing. This tract of land does drain to the Rolla City watershed, so should there be septic failures, it will impact the city. Aspects of the arrangement, such as rates, surcharges for billing and handling, tax liens for delinquencies, retention of the sewer board as the only entity legally able to file tax liens were reviewed. Hargis said there were about 30 homes affected. He will be drafting the agreements.

IN THE MATTER OF DIRTWORK BID  
FOR NORTHWYE OUTER ROAD:

Darin Pryor, P.E., with the City of Rolla, and Gary O'Day, with MRPC, reported that Missouri Department of Economic Development still had not informed them whether or not they could accept only 2 bidders for the work. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asked how a fair re-bid could occur, now that the other two bids had been reported. A progress report was given.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE  
ADOPTION OF THE 2016 TAX LEVY FOR COUNTY  
REVENUE AND ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDS:



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COUNTY AND ROAD AND BRIDGE LEVIES, Continued:

Ray Schweikhardt attended the hearing. The clerk gave an explanation for the two separate methods of calculation for the tax levies, with two major differences. With Method "A", the calculations were kept completely separate starting with separate levy ceilings as provided by the State Auditor's Office; additionally, Method "A" corrected for the prior year's underestimate of the sales tax revenue used in computing the sales tax rollback. The levies resulting from this method were \$0.1140 General Fund and \$0.1111 Road and Bridge Fund. With Method "B", the past practice of combining the levy ceilings, rolling back 50 percent of only the current year's sales tax, and separating the resultant total levy in a 62% General Fund and 38% Road and Bridge Fund, was followed. The levies resulting from method "B" were %0.1447 General Fund and \$0.0887 Road and Bridge. Schweikhardt only asked that the Commission vote for the levy rates that were the best for the public. After a discussion, Commissioner Hicks moved, Commissioner Stratman seconded, that the discussion be suspended until a later hearing to be held September 20, 2016.

IN THE MATTER OF  
MOPERM RENEWAL:

Dan Cavender with BPJ Insurance came to discuss renewal of the liability and property insurance for the coming year. The 1972 Jail is not currently insured and the upcoming rehabilitation of the building, as well as its eventual insured value, was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 28 invoices in the amount of \$128,232.47.

IN THE MATTER OF  
MANUFACTURING DAY:

Commissioner Stratman moved, Commissioner Hicks seconded, the approval of the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION**

**MANUFACTURING DAY IN PHELPS COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Missouri manufacturers produce everything from automobiles to aircraft parts to food products to furniture, chemicals and electrical equipment including products sold directly to consumers and parts of other manufactured goods; and

**WHEREAS**, the nearly 6,000 manufacturing companies in Missouri make a critical contribution of \$36.28 billion or 13.1 percent of the Total Gross State Product; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing companies directly account for 260,700 Missouri jobs or 9.4% of the state's nonfarm payroll; and

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MANUFACTURING DAY PROCLAMATION, Continued:

**WHEREAS**, these jobs provide an annual compensation of \$67,407, which is significantly higher than the state's average wage; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing jobs enable Missouri families to realize the dreams of owning a home, educating children and enjoying a secure retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturers pay millions of dollars annually to support public education, law enforcement, emergency preparedness, public works and other essential services.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Phelps County does hereby proclaim October 7, 2016 as Manufacturing Day in Phelps County. And, I commend Missouri Enterprise and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership for the valuable technical and business assistance that they provide to our small- and medium-sized manufacturers.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of October, in the year two thousand and sixteen and I encourage all Missourians to show their support for our manufacturers by purchasing products made in Missouri and America.

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1  
Gary Hicks, Commissioner District 2

Attest:

s/s Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

Dated: September 15, 2016

IN THE MATTER OF  
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS:

Phelps/Maries County Health Department Director Jodi Waltman presented a mutual aid agreement between Pulaski and Phelps Counties; this was the same as in prior years. As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, it was approved.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary M. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**September 20, 2016 Twenty-fourth day of the July term**

Now at this the 20th day of September 2016 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

Deputy Clerk Tessa Piatt took minutes in the clerk's absence.

IN THE MATTER OF  
NORTHWEY OUTER ROAD:

Darin Pryor, P.E., with the City of Rolla, notified the Commission that he had received a letter from MO Department of Economic Development and Meramec Regional Planning Commission permitting the acceptance of only two bids on the dirt work. Following a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the award of the bid to the lower bidder, Bloomsdale Excavating, was approved. Three contracts were signed by the Commission and were notarized.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT  
ON PROPOSED COUNTY-WIDE SPEED LIMIT:

Commissioner Stratman said a comment had been received from local resident Judy Jepsen; he said he would respond to her questions.

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE 1972 JAIL:

Sheriff Rick Lisenbe and Lt. Matt Shults discussed the renovation of the 1972 jail. Rolla Municipal Utilities had said that the electric bill might go up 40% to the PCSD. Integrity Engineering had estimated \$1.54 million to renovate the building. Consideration had been given to moving the Prosecuting Attorney's office to the building, but arriving inmates would have to traverse the PA's office, which was not felt practical or safe. Renovation would provide space for 40 or 50 inmates, who would not be federal; federal inmates pay the highest rate at \$54 per day. Last year the new jail had 25 inmates, and this year as many as 100. Many other counties do not have facilities that are federally compliant; Phelps County houses inmates for these counties. This allows the PCSD to pay bills with federal and not local dollars. Lt. Shults also spoke about having to increase the jail nurse hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to 12 hours daily, to meet federal requirements. The cost for keeping a nurse will double from the current \$103,000. Eventually it is anticipated that federal regulations will mandate round-the-clock nurse staffing.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE  
ADOPTION OF THE 2016 TAX LEVY FOR COUNTY  
REVENUE AND ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDS:

Commissioner Hicks mentioned his reservations regarding the rollback of an additional \$48,000 in sales tax with the clerk's Method "A", correcting for the total annual sales tax underestimate. With this in mind, the levies proposed by Method

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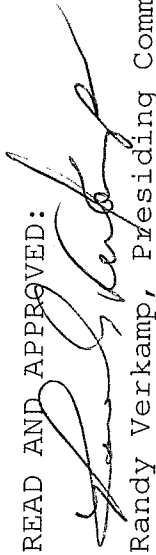
IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LEVIES, Continued:

"B", \$0.1447 for General Fund and \$0.0887 for Road and Bridge were approved on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF MOCA, PHELPS  
COUNTY PHA, AND MISSOURI OZARK COMMUNITY  
ACTION, INC. AUDITS:

Commissioner Hicks presented the MOCA report of Finance Committee Audit from September 19, 2016. Phelps County PHA from calendar year 2015 and the Missouri Ozark Community Action, Inc. from fiscal year ended 1/31/2016 audits were also presented.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary D. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

September 22, 2016 Twenty-fifth day of the July term

Now at this the 22nd day of September 2016 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

Deputy clerk Tessa Piatt took notes in the clerk's absence.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PHELPS COUNTY DUNS:

Director of Senior Companions came to say that the county's DUNS number needed to be updated, so that her grant would continue. The Commission said this needed to be taken care of immediately.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ASSESSOR'S BID:

Assessor Bill Wiggins came in and told the Commission to open the bid for his office for printing and presorting mailing of the assessment lists. The bid was to be returned no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18, 2016. The only bid received was from Edward J. Rice and Co., Inc. of Springfield. The amount was \$14,623.14 for the first mailing to be billed in December 2016, and \$2,195.87 for the second mailing to be billed in March. The total was \$16,819.01. The bid was given to Wiggins to take under advisement.

IN THE MATTER OF  
1972 JAIL:

Publishing a request for qualifications for engineering services for the potential renovation of the 1972 jail was discussed. The Commission will have this published with a two week lead time before RFQ's are opened.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PWSO #4:

Collector Davis Haas came and discussed the collection of delinquent sewer fees from the PWSO #4. Apparently the 2015 liens were released, and the 2015 and 2016 fees were combined. If a property owner comes in to pay 2015 taxes, they will need to pay delinquent fees from both years. Haas will refer owners with questions or grievances to the board of the district.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CITIZEN INPUT:

Edna Smith and Curt Voss came to observe the Commission meeting.

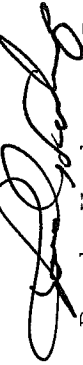
IN THE MATTER OF  
PAYROLL:

The Commission reviewed and approved the 9/30/2016 payroll.

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READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**September 27, 2016 Twenty-sixth day of the July term**

Now at this the 27th day of September 2016 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2  
Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF  
STERLING HILLS DRIVE:

Local Resident Bill Bicknell came to speak about the deterioration of the road in Grandview Estates subdivision. After the developer's bankruptcy, many of the remaining lots were sold at significantly discounted prices; these lots and some of the existing homes are less marketable due to the state of the road. 19 of the lots have road frontage on Sterling Hills Drive; if the County Commission could grant an exception to the 24 foot road width specification to 22 feet, this would reduce the cost of paving by 10%. He is familiar with the 2007 road specifications and states that all the others would be met. He stated that Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson had looked at the road and rendered the opinion that the major issue was not with the subgrade, which seemed up to specification, but with the regrind used for surfacing. After some discussion about the possible need for some culverts being installed, Mr. Bicknell said he would hope that the county would adopt Sterling Hills Drive between County Road 4000 and the first court, Stoney Ridge Court, provided the only specification not met was that of a 24 foot width. On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the reduction in road width was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF A TRANSPORTATION  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTION:

The Commission desiring to apply for a ballot for the TDD election, the clerk was directed to format a letter requesting same.

IN THE MATTER OF  
WIC IN PHELPS/MARIES COUNTIES:

The Contract for WIC having closed with \$237,279.07 spent, \$1.93 unspent of the original annual grant amount, the report was approved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF  
EMPLOYEE CALENDAR:

The Phelps County 2017 employee calendar with payroll dates and holidays was approved. The payroll deputy clerk will transmit this information to the county's employees.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COURT ORDERS:

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COURT ORDERS, Continued:

Real Estate Court Orders numbered, consecutively, 2015000054 through 2015000058 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

**IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE MILEAGE  
AND EMPLOYEE USE OF THE CREDIT CARD:**

The Commission stated that at no time should employees be issued payment for mileages in advance, nor should employees ever put personal items on the county credit card to be reimbursed.

**IN THE MATTER OF  
MISSOURI STATE PROPERTY:**

The building formerly occupied by the Missouri National Guard is no longer in use and the property may be disposed of by the state. The Commission directed the clerk to send a letter to 16<sup>th</sup> State Senator Dan Brown and 121<sup>st</sup> Legislative District Representative Keith Frederick regarding their interest in bidding on the property.

**IN THE MATTER OF  
7050 BRIDGE RIGHT OF WAY:**

Property acquired by the county in the right-of-way of the new 7050 bridge, consisting of a small tract of 0.23 acre, more or less, was determined to be surplus property and of no further use and benefit to the county. This land was to be conveyed to the Linda L. Modesitt Trust by and for the county by Ex Officio Commissioner Richard L. Elgin. As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, this was approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF  
GEOGRAPHY WEEK:**

Commissioner Stratman moved and Commissioner Hicks seconded that the following proclamation be issued:

### **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the week of November 13-19, 2016 has been elected Geography Awareness Week and the day of November 16, 2016 has been elected as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the world is increasingly interconnected and interdependent, but too many students lack understanding of the world's geography within and beyond our country's borders; and

**WHEREAS**, Geography Awareness Week promotes geo-literacy and education in the nation's schools and communities, which is an essential part of a 21<sup>st</sup> century education, and has been a congressionally-mandated week since 1987, and

**WHEREAS**, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technologies are a powerful tool for supporting emergency services, homeland



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PROCLAMATION, Continued:

security, economic development, environmental protection, crime mapping, healthcare, long-range planning, and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers, students, and communities across PHELPS COUNTY will gain further understanding about how our world is made up of interconnected human and natural systems, with special emphasis this year on the 2016 theme of *Explore the Power of Parks* using resources developed by the National Geographic Society, the Missouri Geographic Alliance and other committed organizations during Geography Awareness Week and throughout the school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PHELPS COUNTY**, do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2016 as

**Geography Awareness Week**

and Wednesday, November 16, 2016 as

**GIS Day**

throughout PHELPS COUNTY and encourage all citizens to participate in this special observance with students, sharing in their geographic research and academic achievement.

COMMISSIONER OR DESIGNEE

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

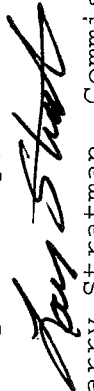
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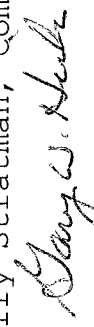
s/s Pamela K. Grow  
Phelps County Clerk

Dated: September 27, 2016

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**September 29, 2016 Twenty-seventh day of the July term**

Now at this the 29th day of September 2016 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2  
Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF  
ROAD 7550:

Michelle Bock of the Roads Department came to provide the Commission and public with a progress report on the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) Grant project on Road 7550. Twenty-seven, not three, culverts were upgraded for the project.

IN THE MATTER OF  
FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS:

A road repair project required some shoulder work due to an 80 foot drop-off; FEMA objected to full reimbursement because the road had been improved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM:

Deputy Clerk Peter Cook discussed rules for reserving the Multipurpose Room. Some of the contracts retained in the file were 15 years old. Commissioner Stratman suggested that perhaps government agencies could have the \$100 deposit waived. Currently only county government departments have their deposits waived.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSPORTATION  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ELECTION:

Assessor Bill Wiggins reviewed the parcels of land upon which the proportional vote of the county in the TDD election would be based. The two parcels were the land under the new courthouse and its surrounding parking areas, and the land occupied west of Rolla Street and north of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street by the parking lot. A letter applying for a ballot for Phelps County was prepared by the clerk, addressed to Circuit Clerk Sue Brown. Commissioner Hicks moved, Commissioner Stratman seconded, that the letter be signed.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of one invoice of \$250.00 and 54 invoices totaling \$80,923.05.


IN THE MATTER OF  
AIR EVACUATION SERVICES:

The Commission heard a presentation from Michael Kennedy with Mercy Lifeline. He quoted a rate of \$49.00 per household if at least 10 employees enrolled.

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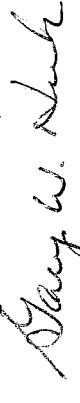
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