

# **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**April 3, 2018 First day of the April term**

Now at this the 3rd day of April 2018 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

Deputy Clerk Lisa Dowdy recorded minutes until the arrival of the clerk.

## **IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS SALE FUNDS:**

On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, transfer of a surplus amount of \$1,116.84 for property sold at the August 22, 2016 Collector's Tax Sale to the holder of the Collector's Deed was approved. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley, Michelle Bock of the Road Department, Collector Davis Haas and Sheriff Rick Lisenbe were also present.

## **IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT:**

Local residents Ivy and Ronald Harris came to discuss property they had agreed to finance as owners; the new owner did not pay taxes and they ask if the penalty can be waived. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp discussed the outcome of attempts to sell and the influence on what the Assessor's valuation might be; they were referred to the Assessor and the Collector.

## **IN THE MATTER OF ROAD 7100 BRIDGE:**

Jeff Banderet with Great Rivers Engineering came to report that the bridge on County Road 7100 is fully eligible for federal funds, though not eligible for any extra funding by virtue of its being part of the incident bypass route. The bridge, currently 20 feet wide, would need to be 24 feet wide to meet specifications, though he recommends 30 feet: 12 feet for each driving lane, and the remaining 6 feet for shoulders and railing. His opinion is that the right of way allowance may have to come from the south side. Matching requirements for BRO grants were discussed.

## **IN THE MATTER OF US BIKE ROUTE 66:**

The Commission received a request from Patrick Tuttle, Joplin, MO, a certified destination management executive with the Joplin Convention and Visitor's Bureau, to submit a letter of support to the Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation for the designation of the proposed U.S. Bicycle Route 66 (USBR66) through Phelps County. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman, this was approved. A letter will be forwarded to Patrick McKenna, Director of Mo DOT with a copy to Ron Effland, Mo DOT Design Support Services Section in Springfield.

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IN THE MATTER OF  
ST. JAMES SCHOOLS FUNDING:

Commissioner Stratman discussed the St. James R-1 School District's concern regarding the property tax revenue for the Wal-Mart Distribution Center after the conclusion of the Chapter 100 status for the facility.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ROAD 5130:

A discussion was held regarding a gate preventing egress from this road to the north onto Highway 72.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 8 invoices and 28 invoices in the amounts of \$153,426.09 and \$61,361.29, respectively. The former included the payment for employee health insurance premiums.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

April 5, 2018 Second day of the April term

Now at this the 5th day of April 2018 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  
COLLECTOR'S 2018  
ANNUAL SETTLEMENT:

The clerk said that the Collector's 2018 Annual Settlement had been certified by her and sent to the state. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley, Rolla Daily News Reporter Lori Amos and local resident Ray Schweikhardt were also present.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local realtor Faith Barnes came to visit with the Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF  
BIDDER LIST REQUEST:

Joe Helming with Crown Power and Equipment Co., LLC of Jefferson City asked to be added to the County's bidder's list.

Commissioner Stratman left to attend a funeral.


IN THE MATTER OF  
SENIOR COMPANIONS:

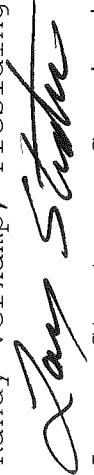
Senior Companions Director Jan Wiggins came to discuss her program and some changes, including being able to increase the hours in one week that any one volunteer is allowed to work; uncertainty regarding United Way funding and small budgetary adjustments. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.


IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 76, 288, and 70 invoices in the amounts of \$95,722.95 for general invoices and contract pay; \$4,066.67 for petit juror stipends; \$3,492.26 for petit and grand jurors.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**April 10, 2018 Third day of the April term**

Now at this the 10th day of April 2018 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 COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING IN DOOLITTLE:**

In observation of 2018 County Government Month, "Serving the Underserved", the Commission held its meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Doolittle's City Hall. Also present were Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley; Doolittle Mayor-elect Billy Martin; Doolittle Ward 2 Alderman-elect Earl Link; Valetta Link; Chester and Martha Kojro; MRPC Assistant Director Tammy Snodgrass; Recorder of Deeds Robin Kordes; Lori Daharsh of the Collector's Office; Katie Strawbridge and Kelly Beisser of the Phelps/Maries County Health Department.

### **IN THE MATTER OF HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM:**

Snodgrass had documents related to the HMGP and Flood Buy-out for signature; one group of properties had been submitted to SEMA but the budget request had been increased at their direction by \$500. This grant award will encompass the 75% federal portion of the buy-out; the CDBG grant for the County's 25% is soon to be applied for. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TOUGH ON TRASH:**

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp spoke about the Tough on Trash program and Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District (ORSWMD) and the process of trash abatement. Martha Kojro voiced her objections to people being paid to pick up trash along their own roads and especially to the cost of installing signs. Commissioner Stratman offered that because of the County's participation, there is a truck with a lift available to handle the occasionally very heavy and bulky dumped items. Commissioner Hicks said that people nevertheless had the opportunity to participate in the adopt-a-road program. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said that the program would be unnecessary if all citizens were as motivated as Kojro.

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

In the absence of Treasurer Carol Green, the clerk provided the sales tax report for the month, showing \$247,984.92 and \$185,988.59 received from the County 0.5% and Law Enforcement 0.375% sales taxes, respectively.

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IN THE MATTER OF  
COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Recorder of Deeds Robin Kordes provided information about the property fraud alert system. She also informed attendees about the status of her program to digitize documents. Lorri Daharsh from the Collector's Office spoke about the calendar year used by the Collector, and the timing that rendered taxes delinquent. Phelps/Maries Deputy Health Department Director Katie Strawbridge provided an overview of services available through the department. Kelly Beisser spoke about the healthy families program; parenting classes, and her work as Medical Reserve Corps volunteer coordinator for Region I.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SEWER DISTRICTS:

Commissioner Hicks discussed two county sewer districts, Shady Oaks and Cedar Grove, to have their functions and financial management taken in by the City of Rolla. Sewer Use Agreements for these two districts were provided to the clerk for entry into the records.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 11 invoices for general invoices, contract pay, and employee reimbursements in the amount of \$30,430.60.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**April 12, 2018 Fourth day of the April term**

Now at this the 12th day of April 2018 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 LIFE INSURANCE:**

Jamie Collins with Liberty National Life Insurance inquired whether the Commission would consider adding their products to the benefits package available to employees; Commissioner Stratman had asked office holders earlier and reported little enthusiasm at present, though that could change. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present.

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

A billboard having been removed prior to January 1, 2017, and never having existed during that tax year, parcel number 71-09-7.0-26-0000-0000-059.900, its \$1400 real estate commercial building value was abated on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

### **IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING PERMIT FOR COMMUNICATION TOWER:**

AT&T Mobility had requested confirmation from the County that a tower they would like to upgrade at 2640 County Road 7660, Newburg was not subject to permit requirement from the County. The upgrade would include adding additional antennas with remote radio heads and cables without tower modification. A form was signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

### **IN THE MATTER OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION:**

The process of certification of the election results by the bipartisan Verification Team was discussed. The clerk explained that by statute, results can never be certified prior to noon on the Friday after any election, as the Uniformed Military and Overseas Voter Act (UMOVA) required waiting that long for absentee ballots; furthermore, the clerk explained that post-testing for logic and accuracy (post-LAT) should be done prior to certification.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ROAD 5300:**

Michelle Bock of the Road and Bridge Department reported that the "T" intersection between Road 5300 and Road 5310 had been brought to their attention, possibly for want of a stop sign. Commissioner Stratman said that without a stop sign, the intersection fell under "split liability" and at an uncontrolled

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ROAD 5300, Continued:

intersection, everyone was allowed to yield, and costs were shared equally for accidents there.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PICTOMETRY CONTRACT  
AWARD:

Pictometry, the firm supplying the aerial orthogonal and oblique photography for property assessment was the sole bidder. Pictometry is able to provide change detection, essentially a process of drawing a polygon over the property and scanning for changes in the boundaries. Assessor Bill Stoltz reported a slight decrease in the total amount of the six year contract to \$285,905.10. On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, this was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION  
OF COUNTIES (MAC):

Treasurer Carol Green gave a report on legislative activity affecting counties, gleaned from her recent MAC meeting. Statewide E911 is felt likely to pass this year.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 65 invoices in the amount of \$22,548.79.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PAYROLL:

The Commission reviewed and approved payroll for April 16, 2018 in the amounts of \$168,744.84 net salaries, \$53,807.85 federal and \$7,509.50 state withholdings, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PHELPS COUNTY EXTENSION:

The Certification of Membership and Officers for 2018-19 was received.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

April 17, 2018 Fifth day of the April term

Now at this the 17th day of April 2018 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  
MEDICAL TRANSPORT:

Medical Transport Solutions having made a presentation on March 29 to the Commission, this service was further discussed. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley and Rolla Daily News Reporter Lori Amos were also present. MTS would like to make their services available through payroll deduction; they charge \$168 per year per employee for "Emergent Plus" ground transportation. Since Rolla Public Schools had been cited as a reference, Commissioner Stratman had a lengthy discussion by phone during the meeting with the Assistant Superintendent; they have not as of this time committed to subscribing to this service. Additional references will be sought.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ROADS 3620 AND 3630:

A call was received from a local resident regarding the need for better drainage or a new culvert at the intersection of County Roads 3620 and 3630.

IN THE MATTER OF  
STATE ROUTE BB:

Mo DOT has plans for online input to be provided regarding shoulder improvements to State Route BB.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ROAD 5030:

A property along this road with septic drainage going into the ditch was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF  
NORTHWYE OUTER ROAD:

The west end of County Road 2020 has an acute angle intersection with the new Northwye Outer Road which creates a significant safety issue. A right-angle intersecting connection across what remains County right-of-way was felt to be safer and the County Superintendent of Roads has been given leave to construct it.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COURT ORDER:

St. James R-1 Public Schools has purchased land along E. Hardy Street and Collectors Certificate #2017000156, removing the valuation from taxable status, was approved on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.



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IN THE MATTER OF  
PHELPS COUNTY  
FOOD CODE:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann and Sanitarian John Campbell came to discuss the most recent revision of the proposed food code, dated April 5, 2018. Environmental Sanitarian budgetary costs, mostly payroll, total \$122,890.17; this is approximately 20% of the revenue generated by food permit fees generated within the City of Rolla. No other areas of the county have food establishment permit fees. The current fee schedule is based on annual gross food sales for any given establishment. The proposal is a priority-based fee structure, related to the risk of various food operations according to standardized factors. Campbell said the priority rating could also be influenced by the number and degree of negative inspection outcomes. Local resident Chester Kojro then arrived at the meeting. Wann stated that the Health Department would like to change to a system whereby the priority would determine the frequency of inspections, though the current food code version leaves inspection at a minimum of once yearly, with the department given discretion as to more frequent inspections. Commissioner Stratman wondered if the prioritization was in any way arbitrary, and would disproportionately penalize very small operations. Campbell pointed out that the department has no authority to close establishments in the County; they must rely on the state if the establishment is outside the city of Rolla, and it could take 2 or 3 weeks. Campbell said the Rolla City Administrator told him Rolla would likely adopt the County food code, as long as it was at least as strict as the city's current one. They are awaiting the opinion of the Prosecuting Attorney. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said the P.A. opinion was crucial; furthermore, the concern about compliance with the Hancock Amendment needed to be considered.

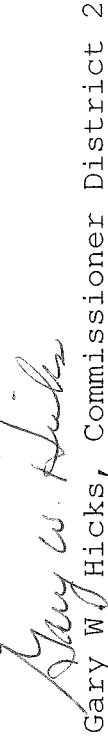
IN THE MATTER OF  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Rolla Regional Economic Commission Director Cyndra Lorey came to discuss employment numbers at several sites in the County.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commission

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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**April 19, 2018 Sixth day of the April term**

Now at this the 19th day of April 2018 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  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
MEETING IN  
ROLLA:

April being County Government Month, "Serving the Underserved", the Commission held its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Rolla City Hall Chambers. Also present were Rolla Daily News Reporter Corbin Kottmann, Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley, Recorder of Deeds Robin Kordes, Lori Daharsh of the Collector's Office, Lt. Matt Shults, Jail Administrator, Lorri Thurman of the Sheriff's Department, Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann, Assistant Health Department Director Katie Strawbridge, Environmental Sanitarian John Campbell, Treasurer Carol Green, Circuit Clerk Sue Brown, multiple officials from the City of Rolla and members of the public.

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE CITY OF ROLLA:

Mayor Louis J. Magdits IV gave a presentation on current undertakings and progress in the City. He mentioned changes during the April 3, 2018 General Municipal Election, which saw five of 6 incumbent city council members replaced by their challengers. He believes these 5 new people sincerely wish to contribute to the community. He then discussed public investments such as complete conversion from sodium to LED street lights, sidewalk ramps, and 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Old St. James Road overlays; plans for a new animal shelter; the new \$650,000 airport building which was partly paid for by Mo DOT; the current profile of the public safety employees in Rolla; the talented and cooperative dispatch center with 100,000 calls per year; the \$50 million invested in West Side Marketplace; successful traffic calming anticipated with the Highway 72 Extension; the Move Rolla Transportation Development District (TDD) with \$32.2 million in revenue bonds supported by the 1% sales tax, paying for numerous infrastructure improvements and additions; expanded wastewater treatment undertakings by the City of Rolla with the adoption of College Hills, Cedar Grove, and Shady Oaks Sewer Districts; private developments, with Hartmann US and Fed Ex expansions being notable.

IN THE MATTER OF  
1972 JAIL RENOVATION:

Lieutenant Matt Shults, Jail Administrator for the PCSD spoke about the progress made on the 1972 Jail renovation. This will provide approximately 60 additional beds for state and local prisoners. The facility is not expected to be federally compliant with respect to federal prisoners, but will

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1972 JAIL RENOVATION, Continued:

significantly improve capacity and will lessen crowding at the New Jail.

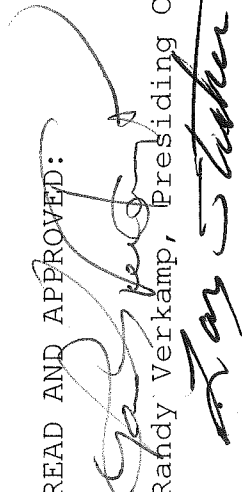
IN THE MATTER OF  
OPIOID ABUSE:

Commissioner Stratman introduced State Representative Dr. Keith Frederick (R-121), who spoke at length about the current state of opioid abuse and the potential solutions for the problem. Frederick began his career as a pharmacist prior to attending medical school. He is Chair of the Health and Mental Health Committee for the Missouri House and holds an Opioid Policy Fellowship from the National Conference of State Legislatures. He related that during the 1970's and 1980's, pain began to be referred to the "fifth vital sign" after pulse, respiratory rate, blood pressure and temperature; this was a florid contradiction as the former is subjective and is more properly called a symptom, and the latter are objective and thus can properly be called "signs". Doctor reputation and even reimbursement was based on patient satisfaction with pain management. Since the time of President Nixon, the Drug Enforcement Administration has nearly quadrupled its workforce; nineteen times as many illegal pill presses have been seized in just 7 years' time; mandatory minimum sentences went into effect in 1986. Incarceration, according to Frederick, does not seem to be helping. He said that a large element missing in the war on drugs is widely-applied treatment, or medication-assisted therapy (MAT). He does not feel that the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), a database, is the answer. The majority of overdoses are related to illegal drugs; he said early data is unsurprisingly showing that PDMP's may be driving people to not away from those illegal drugs. Then he related information about House Bill 2105, with its focus on drug take-back programs, waiting periods, voluntary prescription abuse registry, and employment of assistant physicians in MAT.

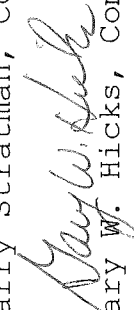
IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 206 invoices for election pay to poll workers, 91 invoices for general A/P and contract pay, and payroll cycle garnishments and deductions in the amounts of \$19,980.85, \$95,747.10, and \$5,660.12, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

## **PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**April 24, 2018 Seventh day of the April term**

Now at this the 24th day of April 2018 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  
ROADS:**

The Commissioners discussed chip and seal costs. Commissioner Hicks said the prices excluded preparation of the base, but the county should be maintaining gravel roads fairly well. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley and Rolla Daily News Reporter Lori Amos were also present.

**IN THE MATTER OF  
ASSESSOR'S QUARTERLY:**

On a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the January-March 2018 quarterly reimbursement for the Assessor was approved. Total costs were \$161,809.05.

**IN THE MATTER OF  
MOCA HEADSTART:**

Commissioner Hicks provided information about the recent ribbon-cutting for the raised bed gardens and the "trike track".

**IN THE MATTER OF  
SPECIAL PARKING:**

A motorcycle club had requested special parking for the sentencing date of an individual who, while intoxicated with drugs, killed one of their members. The Commission declined to provide this and a letter is to be sent.

**IN THE MATTER OF  
ASSESSOR'S CONTRACT:**

Assessor Bill Stoltz presented his contract renewal with GFI Digital which was approved on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks. A letter regarding pay off of the lease was approved on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

**IN THE MATTER OF  
FLOOD BUY OUT:**

The Commission received a letter from the Missouri Department of Economic Development (Mo DED) as notice of the approval of \$50,043 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 10% match required for the buy-out of six existing residential properties within the Jerome and Sporthaven area, totaling \$542,406. This CDBG project number is FR-2018-05.

**IN THE MATTER OF  
MRPC GRANT WRITING:**

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MRPC GRANT WRITING, Continued:

Commissioner Hicks reported on grant writing by MRPC and the expected increase of dues to be paid by local governments. Constituent governments of cities and counties went to some effort to restructure the dues schedule and on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, this will be presented to the full board.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE  
AND EMERGENCY FUND EXPENDITURE:

Contact was made during the meeting with Mike Deren, President and CEO, and Kim Angeles, Operations Manager, with Group Benefit Services, Inc. (GBS) of Springfield. Both were put on speaker phone. Due to a large number of claims, many of which are costly, payment of the May premium before the end of the month was requested. GBS stated 90 percent of their clients followed this practice. Also, a fixed cost of \$29,000 exists for the month of May; if paid by the county, it would be credited back at a later time. The clerk recommended that a \$30,000 payment to GBS be made from the emergency fund, which was set during the budget process at \$100,000 more than the statutorily required 3% of estimated total general fund revenues, just for the eventuality of high insurance claims. As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, this was approved; roll call vote showed Hicks "aye", Stratman "aye", and Verkamp "aye". Deren reported that 74.99% of all claims have been incurred through Phelps County Regional Medical Center over the life of the plan which began January 1, 2015; when asked, he also said he could reach out to PCRMC and speak to them about streamlining their claims process to permit shortening of the turnaround time.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Sheriff Lisenbe and Lorri Thurman of the PCSD came to discuss a non-itemized receipt from a frequent prisoner transport employee; they requested it be paid because it was from a fast food restaurant that does not sell alcoholic beverages. The clerk will attend to this.

IN THE MATTER OF  
1972 JAIL RENOVATION:

Jack Mentink, P.E., of Integrity Engineering came to report on the change orders that will be needed for the jail renovation project. The largest, for \$66,525.38, would be for removing and replacing the 4" cast iron main drain through the center of the jail. This, and the laterals, will be switched to 6" SCH 40 PVC; additionally, 3" floor drains in each cell will be installed. The County's jails have never had floor drains within the cells, and this will permit much greater ease of removal of water from their floors than previously. Replacement of a rotted truss at \$1,502.94; installation of a double-angle lintel over proposed door #12 at \$915.01; providing and installing a new 2" meter, meter KEG, and setter adjacent

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1972 JAIL RENOVATION, Continued:

to the building and excavate/locate the existing 2" water line which will be extended to the new meter, plus extend a new 2" PE line for water service at \$4,693.15; furnishing and installing seven additional LED wall pack fixtures on the exterior at \$5,903.73 were the remaining 4 items. The total for these five change order items was \$79,540.21.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PAYROLL:

Payroll for 4/30/2018 was reviewed and approved in the amount of \$165,600.52 net salaries, \$52,370.11 federal withholding and \$7,236.50 state withholding.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

**PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**  
**April 26, 2018 Eighth day of the April term**

Now at this the 26th day of April 2018 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  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
MEETING IN ST. JAMES:

April being County Government Month, "Serving the Underserved", the Commission held its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the St. James City Hall Chambers. Also present were Recorder Robin Kordes, Coroner Andy Davis, Capt. Rick Hope of the PCSD, Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann and Deputy Director Katie Strawbridge and Sanitarian John Campbell, Lori Daharsh of the Collector's Office, CEO and President of PCRMC Ed Clayron, St. James Mayor Jim White, St. James Ward 3 Councilman Shane Anselm, St. James City Administrator Harold Selby, and multiple local residents. Mr. Clayton began with a presentation providing an overview of the operation of PCRMC, with 1,589 FTE employees and approximately 1,800 employees total; 32,000 patients seen in the emergency room in 2017; with 6,600 inpatient admissions and approximately 200,000 total patient encounters in 2017. Employing 2 physicians 15 years ago, the hospital now employs a large fraction (95) of the physicians in full time practice. He concluded with an enumeration of the spectrum of services offered at the hospital. Commissioner Stratman inquired about the Delbert Day Cancer Institute; there is 6,000 square feet remaining on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and the third and fourth floors are shell space, with ongoing plans for this being developed. Also, in response to a query about continued or further expansion into the Powell Subdivision, Clayton said this was not envisioned at this time. St. James Mayor Jim White introduced Harold Selby who presented information about St. James and the surge in tourism dollars. He reflected on the number of local events which are becoming heavily attended. Subsequently Capt. Hope spoke about the 1972 Jail renovation project, stating that 95% of the demolition has been done; 6-8 new corrections officers are anticipated for staffing. He informed the attendees that the jail may be able to be operated remotely from the 2004 jail building. Commissioner Stratman stated that the asset forfeiture fund will pay for the jail renovation, without the use of local tax money. In response to Mayor White's inquiry, Capt. Hope said that it took 3-5 years of forfeiture funds to accrue the amount needed for the renovation, at an estimated cost of \$2.2 million.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PROPERTY AT  
14710 ROAD 2310:

Local residents Roy and Penny Richardson; Tex and Alice Malone; Brent and Kaylee Buschmann from the area of Road 2310 came to present their concerns about a derelict and trash-filled property on their road. The site of a house that burned and was cleared, there is now a trailer on the property and mounds of

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PROPERTY AT 14710 ROAD 2310, Continued:

trash have been allowed to accumulate on the property. Very small children may reside at this property at 14710 Co. Rd. 2310; they are not infrequently seen playing around and in the trash. Director Wann said there was no state statute and she had no jurisdiction. There was a lengthy discussion of this problem, with clear consensus that there is a significant undesirable situation there. Capt. Hope said his department would visit the property again. Photographs were provided and will be entered into the records of the Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 38 invoices and 99 invoices in the amounts of \$90,981.49 and \$91,391.71, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



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