

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

August 2, 2018 Eleventh day of the July term

Now at this the 2nd day of August 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 CYBERCRIMES GRANT:

Detective Scott Jarrett presented paperwork for a renewal of his State Cybercrimes Grant; on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, this was approved and signed.

## IN THE MATTER OF GROUP BENEFIT SERVICES:

The Benefit Management Report for July 2018 was reviewed. The loss ratio is down very slightly to 94%. Rolla Daily News Reporter Lori Amos arrived.

## IN THE MATTER OF CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident Faith Barnes visited with the Commission.

## IN THE MATTER OF PHELPS FOR THE FORT:

Commissioner Hicks reported on a fundraiser for this organization, consisting of a car raffle to raise money for warriors in need.

## IN THE MATTER OF LAND ISSUES:

Former Phelps County Surveyor and Highway Engineer Dick Elgin came to discuss land-locking parcels, that being forbidden. Types of deeds and their uses were discussed.

## IN THE MATTER OF AIR MEDICAL SERVICES:

Medical Air Services Association (MASA) was again taken up in discussion. Payroll deduction, second payor status, reimbursement rates, premiums were discussed.

## IN THE MATTER OF FLOOD BUY-OUT:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp reported that all 10 properties were to be bought out and that grant paperwork would be forthcoming.

## IN THE MATTER OF PCSD VEHICLES:

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PCSD VEHICLES, Continued:

Two 2012 Dodge Chargers belonging to the Sheriff's Department were sold for \$5,300.00 and \$4,681.00, respectively on Gov Deals.


IN THE MATTER OF  
FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT:


Treasurer Carol Green came to observe that regular meetings of elected officials and department heads seemed important to the auditors.

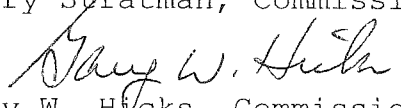
IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 13 invoices in the amount of \$168,427.68, much of it the monthly premium to Group Benefit Services for employee health coverage.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

August 7, 2018 Twelfth day of the July term

Now at this the 7th day of August 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

Minutes were recorded by Deputy Clerk Lisa Dowdy until the arrival of the clerk.

IN THE MATTER OF  
FLOOD BUY-OUT:

Documents were presented in the matter of the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Flood Mitigation Grant Program, approving funding for disaster number FMA-PJ-07-MO-2017-006, grant award date of July 11, 2018. The anticipated project completion date will be July 10, 2020. Phelps County will provide a local Non-Federal Match in the amount of \$42,447.25 with a Federal Award of \$490,237.70, for a total of \$532,684.95. The CFDA Number for this grant is 97.029. This will fund the acquisition and demolition of six residential structures located at 22640 Private Drive 9002, 22806 Private Drive 9002, 22596 Private Drive 9002, 21596 Private Drive 8496, 22509 County Road 9000 and 21701 Private Drive 8496. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman. Also presented were documents for Missouri SEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA-DR-4317-MO, Project #0020), grand award date July 25, 2018. The anticipated project completion date will be January 25, 2021. Phelps County would secure the 25% cost share Non-Federal Match as a \$143,004.00 Community Development Block Grant, with a Federal Award of \$429,012.00 for a total of \$572,016.00. The CFDA Number for the grant would be 97.039. This grant was for the purpose of acquisition and demolition of four flood-prone properties. Combining the two, the flood buy-out would involve 10 properties. On a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, these documents were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CART MONEY FOR ROADS:

The Missouri Department of Conservation offered an agreement for County Aid Road Trust (CART) funds to pay for rock placed on County Road 2170 for approximately 1.2 miles of the road serving the Little Prairie Conservation Area. Separated by at least three months, the state will fund placement of rock in the amounts of \$487.50 and \$292.50. The agreement was approved on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

The clerk returned from election-day polling site visits.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
PHELPS COUNTY AND RMU:

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CONSENT AGREEMENT, PHELPS COUNTY AND RMU, Continued:

Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson, Collector Davis Haas, RMU General Manager Rodney Bourne, Chad Davis with RMU, and Eric Dearmont, Sean Black, and Ross Holt with Ameren Electric came to participate in a discussion over the acquisition of some of RMU's property and facilities by Ameren. Bourne referred to a public hearing held 8/6/18 at the Rolla City Council meeting, where a vote for the sale was 11 in favor, 0 against. Dearmont introduced himself as Director of Regulatory Affairs for Ameren Transmission, and Black as Director of Transmission Development. Black said Ameren had been working with the city of Rolla for approximately 18 months in the acquisition of 138kV assets from RMU and the city; they would then become network transmission assets. The reliability benefit for Rolla and Ameren, as well as the opportunity afforded for Sho-Me Electric to tie into at the new substation north of the city, was elaborated upon. Dearmont said that Rolla had eastern and western lines, both connecting to an Ameren line north of the city. This Ameren line is approximately 150 miles long, running between Lake of the Ozarks and Farmington. Subsequently the electrical infrastructure and its operation were discussed at some length. Commissioner Hicks supplied county road regulations with respect to utility work, in reference to similar content found on the Ameren document. Dearmont said he was flexible with respect to the content; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp suggested that if they were truly duplicative, an assent agreement might not be needed. Ameren will supply another agreement after more consideration.


IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved the payment of 121 invoices in the amount of \$438,286.85.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COUNTY ROAD 2020:

Snelson discussed a connecting road to be constructed between County Road 2020 and the new Northweye Outer Road; Mo DOT had some directives to issue and these were reviewed.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commission

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

August 9, 2018 Thirteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 9th day of August 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  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
MONITORING PROGRAM (PDMP):

The public hearing for the PDMP began as scheduled at 9 a.m. Present were Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann; Linda Kozlowski, Kelley Beisser, and Katie Strawbridge also of PCHD; Kim Woodson of PCRMC Emergency Services; Jade Chapman and Starlynn Reynolds also of PCRMC; LeAnn Robertson of Rolla Police Department, Crisis Response; local citizen Ray Schweikhardt; Bryan Lambeth of St. James Ambulance District; Felisha Richards and Amanda Cox, of SEMO Behavioral Health; Jessica Lucas of Prevention Consultants; David Duncan and Connie Collins of Pathways; Theresa Schmitt, Democratic Candidate for U.S. House, 8<sup>th</sup> District in Missouri; and Noah Rienks, of Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services/Children's Division. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp had Wann briefly describe the design and purpose of the PDMP. Schweikhardt then spoke in opposition because he feels the PDMP is another database, and since it is under the command of another political subdivision (St. Louis County), citizens of Phelps County do not have a say on the program through the ballot box. Woodson said prescription shopping, from her vantage point as an E.R. nurse, is a major problem. Lucas said that a database might sound "weird" but the data was already being shared and in her opinion the privacy protections will be adequate. Kozlowski used the prescriptions now required for pseudoephedrine as an example of an already-existing database. Lambeth said that compared with 2015, his opioid-related ambulance calls are up nearly 250%. In his opinion, the problem is mostly with prescriptions, not street drugs. The cost of an antidote—Narcan (naloxone)—has quadrupled. Wann said the database was a tool only and had no punitive aspects; it will flag people with problems; it will not prevent patients from obtaining needed medicine. Duncan said he has interviewed 38 individuals since January 2018 seeking treatment for heroin addiction; 16 of these started with prescriptions and some began the illegal drugs when the doctors "cut them off." He also mentioned individual civil rights versus the needs of the state; he felt that in this situation, the needs of the state took priority. Woodson said there were two overdoses in the PCRMC E.R. this past weekend. Wann said that the HD had acquired 48 doses of Narcan in June for first responders only; there were 2 left. Commissioner Stratman asked about reports that despite a PDMP being enacted in Ohio 10 years ago, the rate of opioid addiction had not decreased, and two studies which suggested that a PDMP only deflected abusers to illicit drugs. Lucas countered that Ohio had such a high rate of opioid abuse that their PDMP probably did mitigate the rate of increase. Richards spoke about grant money being available.

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PDMP PUBLIC HEARING, Continued:

Schmitt said there were no tools for victims when they were released from jail; safe houses are lacking. She does think the PDMP is "part of the picture." Commissioner Hicks said he had seen people in withdrawal and wondered how medical professionals would be made responsible for their mistakes with respect to excessive prescriptions. He wondered what metric would be used to assess efficacy. Wann thought change would be slow. Chapman said that if grant funding were available, the PDMP wouldn't cost anything. Rienks thanks everyone for attending to provide input. He said that in his work, it has been shocking to see the numbers of children in care due to opioid abuse problems in one or both parents. There being no further comments, Presiding Commissioner Verkamp closed the public hearing at 10:10 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PDMP ORDINANCE:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the following Ordinance was adopted.

**PHELPS COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM ORDINANCE**

**Ordinance 2018-8-9(1)**

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners of Phelps County, Missouri, under the powers given to the County by the provisions of Chapter 192.300 RSMo, has authority to promulgate orders, ordinances, rules or regulations to enhance the public health and prevent the entrance of dangerous diseases into the County; and

**WHEREAS**, prescription drug, in particular opioid, abuse has been recognized as a nationwide epidemic and forty-nine states have established prescription drug monitoring programs to combat the problem; and

**WHEREAS**, in the absence of a statewide program in Missouri, various counties and cities have collaborated to join the St. Louis County Department of Public Health Prescription Drug Monitoring Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health in Phelps County to join said Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Ordinance No. 26,352, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, it is further declared that the provisions hereinafter set forth and enacted area [sic] in pursuance of and for the purpose of promoting the above goal by adopting an ordinance enacting the development and administration of a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in Phelps County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:**

1. Phelps County adopted the attached Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Ordinance.

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PDMP ORDINANCE, Continued:

2. It is the intention of the Phelps County Commission that each separate provision of this ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein; and that if any part of this ordinance be declared invalid, all other remaining provisions shall remain valid and enforceable.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2018**

s/s Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Larry Stratman, Associate Commissioner 1<sup>st</sup> District

Gary W. Hicks, Associate Commissioner 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Attest

s/s Pamela K. Grow, County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF  
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident George Pounds visited with the Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 73 invoices for contract pay, employee reimbursement, and general invoices in the amount of \$65,419.71.

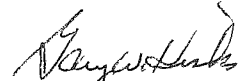
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Now at this the 14th day of August 2018 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF  
CORONER'S GRANT:

Phelps County Coroner Andy Davis presented an amendment to his Enhanced Opioid Surveillance Toxicology Testing Reimbursement, CFDA Number 93.136, 100% Federally funded grant. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley and local resident George Pounds were also present. Lab result costs have increased from \$137 to \$143, for the same spectrum of drugs tested for, which he has needed at least 10 times thus far this year. His Opioid Surveillance grant will compensate the County for part of these expenses, not to exceed \$5,000 between 8/1/2018 and 8/1/2019. On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, this was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SALES TAXES:

Treasurer Carol Green presented sales tax revenues; August receipts were \$183,418.09 and \$137,563.30 for County 0.5% and Law Enforcement 0.375% sales taxes, respectively. This is an increase of 1.81% in the rolling 12 month comparison.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CITIZEN INPUT:

George Pounds made reference to an article from April, 2017 in the St. Louis Post Dispatch "Political Fix" which was unfavorable toward Transportation Development Districts. He is concerned when a public entity collects taxes for a private entity. He asked about the duration of the TDD 1% sales tax and Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said approximately 30 years, as there were more projects in the scope of the plan. Commissioner Hicks explained that two transportation authorities were needed to form the TDD; for the Rolla West area, those were Phelps County and the city of Rolla. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp confirmed that the sales tax was to repay the TDD bonds; neither the City nor County bore any risk for the bonds. Pounds offered the thought that Missouri's taxpayers were in debt for \$1 Billion in debt from unaccountable tax districts. At this time Collector Davis Haas and Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann arrived. Commissioner Hicks provided examples of what the MoveRolla TDD has paid for, and said that locally the TDD is transparent. Pounds said he was in favor of jobs and growth, but it seemed to him that the advantages were given to certain businesses with TDD's, CID's, and TIF's.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
MONITORING PROGRAM (PDMP):

Wann brought in the User Agreement for the PDMP administered



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PDMP, Continued:

by St. Louis County; this was approved on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman. Wann said that Phelps County would likely be incorporated into the PDMP in the next panel, probably by the end of the year.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ROAD MATERIALS:

The Commission heard a presentation from Eric Martin with Black Roads Materials.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COUNTY CLERK TURNOVER:

In compliance with RSMo 50.370, the clerk reported July passport acceptance facility fees of \$2,240 (64 passports) and county clerk fees of \$3,068.65, \$2,940 of which was for liquor licenses.

IN THE MATTER OF  
LAWSUIT OVER PILT UNDERPAYMENTS:

The Class-action lawsuit brought by a Utah County against the Federal Government alleging underpayment of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) will be reviewed by the Prosecuting Attorney. The County must opt in, to reap any settlement money.

IN THE MATTER OF  
GROUP BENEFIT SERVICES:

James Deren, President and CEO of Group Benefit Services, the third party administrator for the County employees medical coverage plan, came to speak with the Commission at great length about the current state of the County's coverage and the forecast. Deren said the Commission should come to Springfield to see the GBS offices and meet more of his personnel. Significantly, Deren said that they hoped to have quotes for 2019 rates by the first week in November.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SPENCER ROAD:

Local resident Michael Whitecotton came to confirm that Spencer Road is a private road, and this was affirmed for him.

IN THE MATTER OF  
MERAMEC REGIONAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION:

On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, MRPC dues of \$9,565.50 were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved the payment of 55 invoices and 5 invoices in the amounts of \$371,411.93 and \$5,861.33, respectively.

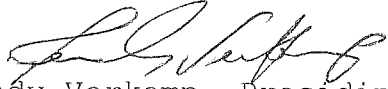
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IN THE MATTER OF  
PAYROLL:

The Commission reviewed and approved payroll for August 15, 2018 representing work dates of 7/16-7/31/2018. The net salary was \$176,574.90, federal withholding was \$56,008.96, and state withholding was \$7,788.50.

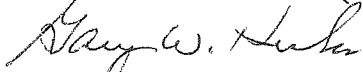
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

*NOT PRESENT*

Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

August 16, 2018 Fifteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 16th day of August 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 SURPLUS TAX:

Treasurer Carol Green visited with the Commission about a Surplus Tax payment.

## IN THE MATTER OF TOUGH ON TRASH GRANT:

Deputy Clerk Peter Cook came to discuss the submission of the Tough on Trash (TOT) grant for another year, due 8/24/2018. The grant follows the calendar year; \$12,350 is being applied for. Local resident Ray Schweikhardt and Phelps County Focus Reporter Andrew Sheeley were also present. On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the application was approved.

## IN THE MATTER OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM:

Schweikhardt revisited the topic of a PDMP; he is opposed to the idea of St. Louis County running something that affects the residents of another county, though not necessarily against the PDMP itself. He said that a local paper had quoted the St. Louis County administrator as saying that should the plan devolve into a state PDMP, she could be satisfied if she agreed with the design; he objects to this loss of control for Phelps citizens.

## IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE SURPLUS SALE:

Collector Davis Haas came to discuss the upcoming sale of surplus equipment and supplies, and how the sale would operate. Courthouse personnel are allowed in first to obtain useful items for their courthouse offices; subsequently, they participate just as non-employee citizens would, being assigned a bidder's number.

## IN THE MATTER OF CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident George Pounds came to share his thoughts about smart meters and their potential use by RMU. He also thanked the Commission for telling him about the MoveRolla TDD website.

## IN THE MATTER OF SENIOR COMPANIONS:

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SENIOR COMPANIONS, Continued:

Director of Senior Companions Jan Wiggins presented her end-of-year financial report; her in-kind support had increased largely because of approximately \$16,000 in donated meals for her volunteers while as they worked at local facilities. As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the report was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ROAD EQUIPMENT  
LEASES:

Steve Horstmann with Caterpillar Financial came with Michelle Bock of the Road Department with lease paperwork for 2 graders, already delivered. They were to be leased for 7 years or 7,000 hours, whichever came first. These are new machines. Though there is a purchase option, Commissioner Stratman said he doubted the county would utilize this. The first was under transaction number 3514092, quote number 6004361, a new 12M3AWD Caterpillar Motor Grader Serial Number N9B00671, for \$25,675.73 annually. The second was under transaction number 3539794, quote number 6004354, same unit description, Serial Number N9B00672, annual rent also \$25,675.73. Prosecuting Attorney Fox came and reviewed the lease agreements and found them to be in order. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the leases were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
STERLING HILLS:

The Commission went over some of the issues with road surfaces in this subdivision.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident Chester Crider shared some thoughts about the Highway 72 Bypass.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SPEED LIMIT:

The Commission having been approached about the speed of traffic on County Road 2040, Commissioner Stratman moved and Commissioner Hicks seconded the following speed limit order:

## PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION ORDER

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly of the State of Missouri did, through the enactment of Section 304.010 RSMo., authorize the County Commission of third class counties to set speed limits on county roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the Phelps County Commission believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the county and the residents residing along County Road 2040 to limit the speed of vehicles traveling along said road to a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour;

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SPEED LIMIT, Continued:

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS THE ORDER OF THE PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION** that there is hereby established a maximum speed limit for vehicles traveling upon County Road 2040 of 25 miles per hour; further that a copy of this Order be sent to Chief Engineer of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Department, the Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol, and to any township or road district maintaining roads in the county; further, that said road be posted with signs indicating said maximum speed limit and that said signs conform to the standards of the State Department of Highways and Transportation.

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

ATTEST:

s/s Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

DATED: August 16, 2018

IN THE MATTER OF  
MERAMEC REGIONAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION:


It was reported that grant-writing hours through MRPC totaled six at the expiration of the membership year.

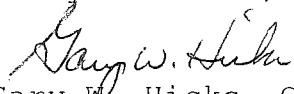
IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed the payment of 77 invoices for election judges, training and mileage and 88 general invoices in the amounts of \$6,104.59 and \$90,941.92, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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August 21, 2018 Sixteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 21st day of August 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  
COUNTY ROAD 6160:

Real Estate Broker Dave Alcorn came to discuss County Road 6160. He reminded the Commission that he represents an absentee landowner who is having difficulty marketing land that has no access. A neighbor of this land, to the north, said that an employee of the County Road Department "graded all the way [south] to the school house...four times per month for 15 years." The owner whose interests he represents has tried to obtain an easement from four property owners who say that the "...County has maintained that road and we don't need to give you an easement." The owner cannot be physically present because of age and infirmity; he wishes to avoid a court battle. Local residents Ray Schweikhardt and Faith Barnes joined the meeting. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp and Commissioner Stratman inquired about what outcome was desired by the owner; it is certain that this is not within the MoDOT road inventory; the Commission is not allowing any new roads that aren't asphalt. The difference between a county road and an existing road was explained.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PRO SE LITIGANT  
AWARENESS GRANT:

Retired Judge Ralph Haslag came to request another year's renewal of this grant funded by state money through Office of State Courts Administration (OSCA); it is under the Domestic Relations Resolution Fund and helps families smooth their path through family court during discord and dissolution. The grant award is the same as last year--\$18,000. The grant renewal was made on July 1, 2018. On a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, this was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SENIOR SERVICES:

Schweikhardt said he had experienced firsthand the amenities of the new Senior Center in St. James; he feels that without a very economical structure such as a steel building, it will be hard to move forward with a center in Rolla. Commissioner Stratman said that in Rolla, those most active in the decision-making want all senior citizen groups involved and perhaps making use of the facility.

IN THE MATTER OF  
1972 JAIL AND PARKING:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann came to lodge complaints from herself and her staff regarding construction workers parking in patient parking spaces. She

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1972 JAIL, Continued:

stated that there was great demand for parking at this time of year, with the need for back-to-school health services. Some of the WIC clients in the health department's practice have reported hearing profanities; one construction worker has a bumper sticker that says, "If you can't feed 'em, don't breed 'em" and she feels this is an intentional effort to insult the clients who depend on the Health Department's services. She will be watching the outcome of a meeting between the contractor, the engineer, and the Sheriff tomorrow.

IN THE MATTER OF  
DANGEROUS ANIMAL ORDINANCE:

Wann referred to a childcare provider who had free range poultry and other livestock mixing with her child charges; this practice jeopardizes her state subsidy and Wann said the Health Department could revoke her license. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said he felt it needed to be renamed the "Destructive, Vicious, and Threatening Animal Ordinance."

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
MONITORING PLAN (PDMP):

Wann wanted the PDMP written plan amended to specify "entire county" as opposed to "unincorporated county", since there are no pharmacies outside the cities in Phelps County. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CLOSED SESSION:

The Commission entered a closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(14) (records which are protected from disclosure by law) on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks at 9:50 a.m. No actions were taken and the meeting returned to open session at 9:55 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF  
TORNADO SIREN IN JEROME:

Doolittle Fire Protection District Board Chairman Paul Smith arrived to speak about the grant he has secured for a siren to be installed at the fire station in Jerome, allowing residents there to receive an early warning. He needs the oversight of the County, because FEMA "doesn't work with fire departments." The mechanics of handling grant funds were discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PWSD #4:

Local residents Curt Voss and Noah Wills came to discuss the progress the district has made with respect to collecting delinquent bills and, in this way, securing needed funding for their operations.

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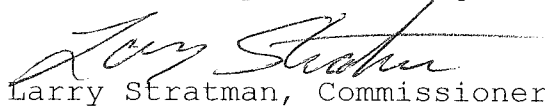
IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 22 general invoices and 133 invoices for election judges, mileage, and training in the amounts of \$10,011.88 and \$7,864.72, respectively.

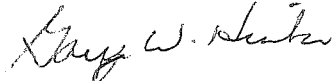
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



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# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

August 23, 2018 Seventeenth day of the July term

Now at this the 23rd day of August 2018 there was no Commission meeting held to permit Commissioner attendance at the Sustainable Ozarks Partnership meeting.

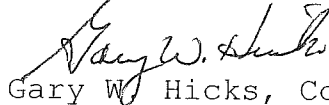
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# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

August 28, 2018 Eighteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 28th day of August 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 APPORTIONING MONIES RECEIVED FROM  
THE ROLLA HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ROLLA,  
MISSOURI, US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT LOW RENT HOUSING PROGRAM FOR PHELPS  
COUNTY PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2017:

Now at this day a check in the amount of \$25,211.57 for payment due for the year 2017 was received from the US Department of Urban Development Low Rent Income Housing, Rolla Housing Authority, for distribution of money in lieu of taxes. The County Clerk hereby distributes same giving each political subdivision their proportionate share.

TAXING DISTRICT	2017 APPORTIONMENT
County Revenue	\$ 659.99
Road & Bridge	624.86
Developmentally Disabled	388.10
State	162.16
Rolla School District 31	19,260.84
City of Rolla	4,115.62
TOTAL	\$ 25,211.57

IN THE MATTER OF  
ENJOINING THE LAWSUIT  
AGAINST THE UNITED STATES  
FOR UNDERPAYMENT OF PILT:

The Commission discussed enjoining this lawsuit, originating in Kane County, UT. The legal fees will be taken from any settlement. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp spoke with Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox, in attendance, and the default of the County not participating was confirmed; the county must take action to be included. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the County will join.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SYSTEM FOR AWARDS MANAGEMENT (SAM):

The Federal Service Desk maintains a registration for any entity receiving money from a federal grant; the registry is known as SAM. The County must renew its registration annually. Other than this time, the clerk hears nothing from SAM throughout the year. Renewal of the registration takes the clerk approximately 2.5 hours. The FSD requires each entity to have a designated entity administrator, authenticated by a notarized letter from the chief of the entity's board or government. On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the letter with Presiding Commissioner Verkamp's signature was approved.

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IN THE MATTER OF  
PERSONAL PROPERTY  
COURT ORDERS:

The Commission reviewed and approved personal property court orders for May, 2018 numbered 1928, 1929, and 1930, representing add-ons of personal property value of \$238.34 for 2015, \$5,153.60 for 2016, and \$22,296.91 for 2017.

IN THE MATTER OF  
VIDEO ARRAIGNMENTS:

Prosecutor Fox discussed the savings possible when suspects can be arraigned through virtual means.

IN THE MATTER OF  
VICIOUS, THREATENING, AND  
DANGEROUS ANIMAL ORDINANCE:

The criminal versus civil approach was discussed; categorization of the offenses; punishments; input from stakeholders such as the Missouri Sheriff's Association. Capt Rick Hope, Lt. Matt Shults, and Coroner Andy Davis entered. Following was a discussion of the recent alleged killing of 18 lambs, across several episodes, by 3 or 4 dogs belonging to a neighbor.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PCSD RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM (RMS):

Capt. Hope discussed changing the RMS system in use by the Sheriff's Department. This system will need to handle mobile (in-car), jail, and all reports that are done. Dissatisfied with the current system, Archonix, the PCSD has been looking for approximately one year for a new system. The Zuecher system is believed especially attractive. Bidding and sole source providers were discussed. The revenue source has not yet been definitively identified.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CORONER'S GRANT:

Coroner Davis presented an amendment to his Violent Death and Enhanced Opioid Surveillance grant, which was approved on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF  
WESTSIDE MARKETPLACE OF ROLLA:

Rolla Mayor Lou Magdits, IV and Rolla City Administrator John Butz arrived to speak with the Commission about the Affidavit of Substantial Completion which, once signed by Magdits, will initiate payments of \$2 Million to the developer, which Magdits described as "backloaded". Treasurer Carol Green also was present. He discussed three categories of expenses, such as eligible TIF reimbursements, eligible TDD reimbursements, and the Developer's cost. There is an option to obtain a third-party audit, costing between \$10 and \$15 thousand, but both

Green and Butz felt that nearly no private auditors would have any special expertise in such an audit, which would be done for compliance over the expenditures. Green felt that the firm of Gilmore and Bell would be far more capable in rendering a fair appraisal of the expenditures. The Commission was in agreement. Magdits and Butz said that the project was coming in at \$3.5 Million less than projected; Phelps County Focus Reporter Andrew Sheeley asked where the savings were from. Butz and Magdits said it was construction costs. Magdits said that all five stores were performing far beyond their expectations. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the decision to avoid an outside audit was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SUSTAINABLE OZARKS  
PARTNERSHIP:

Commissioner Hicks gave a report of this meeting occurring on August 23; the Governor and the Commander of Fort Leonard Wood were both there.

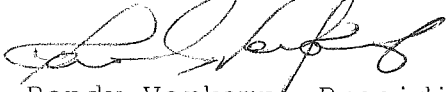
IN THE MATTER OF  
PAYROLL FOR AUGUST 31, 2018:

The Commission reviewed and approved payroll for August 31, 2018, for work dates from August 1 through August 15. Net salaries were \$174,352.54, federal withholding \$54,920.31, and state withholding was \$7,597.50.

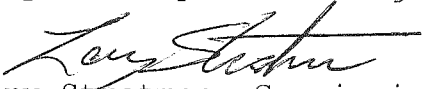
IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved 91 invoices, 23 invoices, and 4 invoices in the amounts of \$274,436.36, 461.84, and 108,039.44, respectively.

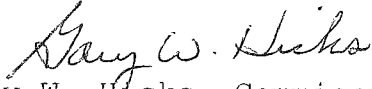
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# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

August 30, 2018 Nineteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 30th day of August 2018 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2  
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IN THE MATTER OF  
PROPOSITION D ON THE  
NOVEMBER BALLOT, THE GAS TAX:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp brought up the gas tax issue to appear on the November 6, 2018 ballot. A public meeting will be held on September 6, 2018 to discuss what government entities would plan to do with any revenue they might realize; he emphasized that elected officials could not advocate for passage of any tax. Local resident Ray Schweikhardt and Phelps County Focus Reporter Andrew Sheeley were also present.

IN THE MATTER OF  
1972 JAIL RENOVATION:

Sheriff Lisenbe attended to discuss a second extension being requested; he believes the first was justified because of unforeseen problems below grade with the plumbing. Commissioner Stratman had not been in favor of another extension and communicated this at a meeting with the contractor. The tight labor market and starting salaries for jail personnel were discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PHELPS COUNTY  
ROAD INVENTORY FROM MODOT:

The Commission received and briefly reviewed the hard copy maps provided by MoDOT and the 595.89 miles of Phelps County roads specified. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp supplied information about the process of accepting the document; it will be supplied to the Road Department for their thorough review first.

IN THE MATTER OF  
AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF  
ILLINOIS (ATXI) CERTIFICATE OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY:

This bulletin was reviewed by the Commission; essentially, it is part of the process by which ATXI could acquire some of the facilities currently owned by Rolla Municipal Utilities. Copies were provided to Rolla Daily News Reporter Lori Amos and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley.

IN THE MATTER OF  
JEROME TORNADO SIREN:

Doolittle Fire Protection District Paul Smith visited with the Commission about the FEMA grant; one stipulation will be for reimbursement money to be paid into a Phelps County account.

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IN THE MATTER OF  
FLOOD BUY-OUT:

Tammy Snodgrass, Assistant Director of MRPC and Floodplain Administrator, reported on the status of the Floodplain Buyout.

IN THE MATTER OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (TDD):

Schweikhardt asked when the TDD meetings were; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said he would let him know.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local residents Anthony Sanchez and Mary Sue Spencer Sanchez came to relay their dissatisfaction with customer service at the new Menard's. Mr. Sanchez has been ill and, though in recovery, is still unable to walk long distances and they stated there were not enough motorized scooters for handicapped patrons and that furthermore, their concerns seemed not to be taken seriously.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CART FUNDS REPORT:

Treasurer Carol Green reported on the CART Funds for August which were \$55,534.60, \$18,080.24, and \$7,846.32 for gas tax, motor vehicle sales taxes, and motor vehicle fees, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF  
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION  
OF COUNTIES:

Green then reported that MAC Trust Worker's Compensation rates were released; the rates per risk category were unchanged but Phelps County will still pay a high premium due to the experience modification factors. Phelps County also was on a list of 10 counties with delays in filing worker's compensation claims. Green spoke of the the educational employee videos provided by MacTrust U; the most popular are the two titled "Slip, Trip & Fall" and "Sexual Harrassment", and these are used by some counties as mandatory for new hires.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SALES PRESENTATION:

The Commissioners heard a presentation from two representatives of Liberty National. Commissioner Stratman said that the elected officials and department heads would be presented with this information at their next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF  
AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES:

The Commission directed the clerk to contact Andrew Zink, with MASA Global/Medical Transport Solutions, to schedule him a time to meet with County employees regarding enrollment in their coverage.

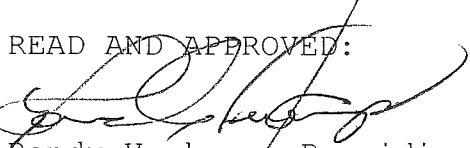
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IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved 8 invoices for \$1,079.72  
and one invoice for \$774.00.

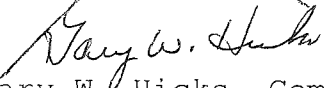
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