



# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

November 1, 2018 Tenth day of the October term

Now at this the 1st day of November 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  
Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF  
DURESS ALARM SYSTEM:

Director of Support Services Mark Brookshire, Sissy Korich of the Support Services Department, Linda Morris of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Assistant Prosecutor Bill Hudson, Recorder of Deeds Robin Kordes, Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann, Katie Strawbridge of the Health Department, Assessor Bill Stoltz, Collector Davis Haas, Treasurer Carol Green, Captain Rick Hope of the PCSD, Circuit Clerk Sue Brown, Head Court Bailiff Chris Reeder, Phelps County Focus Reporter Andrew Sheeley, and local resident Ray Schweikhardt were present. Adrian Madrid of SecureTech made a presentation about the duress alarm system in the Courthouse. The current system is 13 or 14 years old, and cannot be upgraded or warrantied. The new system that is being proposed will, like the existing system, operate on a radio frequency. He explained some features that might be new, such transmission of an email or text message, and a pop-up message displayed on a computer. The new box, which houses most of the hardware, will have a two-year warranty with free upgrades during that time and upgrades thereafter costing 8-9% of the original cost. There is a backup battery. The box costs \$7900, installation \$925, the repeater is \$600, and buttons are \$125 each. He estimated, then, \$12 thousand to \$17 thousand. A large "mushroom" button is also available for about \$750 each. There would be 24/7 free phone support.

IN THE MATTER OF  
VICIOUS, DANGEROUS, OR DESTRUCTIVE  
ANIMAL ORDINANCE:

The clerk will contact her counterparts in Boone, Taney, and Jefferson Counties for any vicious animal ordinance they have.

IN THE MATTER OF  
1972 JAIL RENOVATION:

Phelps County Jail Administrator Lt. Matt Shults, Captain Rick Hope of the PCSD, and Jack Mentink, P.E. of Integrity Engineering entered. The heating and air conditioning units will need to be affixed to the exterior walls in a more secure fashion than merely mortaring them in; drilling into the concrete is needed, with a diamond drill bit if the expected rebar is encountered. The Sheriff is willing to pay for this. The other item needed is to modify four shower-head anchors. This adds 12 calendar days, making completion day Saturday, November 17, 2018. These items comprised "Change Order Number 4".

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1972 JAIL RENOVATION, Continued:

| Item   | Description   | Amount Added |
|--------|---|--------------|
| (1)    | Add Security Expansion anchors (four each) for all PTAC and exterior Louver Bar grillage to secure grillage frames to the building structure. | \$ 9,800.07  |
| (2)    | Add security anchors and angles to anchor the showers to the building structure in cells 124, 125, 127, & 129.                                | \$ 1,494.82  |
| TOTALS |   | \$ 11,294.89 |

As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, these were approved. The original contract amount was \$2,033,604.00. With these additions, the total additional costs to date were \$124,044.43, bringing the revised contract amount to \$2,157,648.43.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CLOSED SESSION:

On a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, the meeting entered closed session at 11:00 with Treasurer Carol Green pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (14), Records which are Protected from Disclosure by Law. No actions having been taken, the meeting returned to open session at 11:26.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 1 invoice, 238 invoices, and 13 invoices in the amounts of \$288.00, \$2,546.26, and \$14,675.72. These were for contract pay, petit juror pay, and general invoices and contract pay, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

November 6, 2018 Eleventh day of the October term

Now at this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 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

It being General Election Day, Commissioner Hicks took notes in the absence of the clerk.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PCESB TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commission reviewed and discussed the November 2018 Phelps County Emergency Services Board (PCESB, E911) Treasurer's report. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF  
LITIGATION CONCERNING  
PHELPS COUNTY FAIR:

The Commission received and discussed a letter from the Schlappizzi Law Firm concerning an incident at the August 2018 Phelps County Fair. The document was forwarded to Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COMMUNICATION SERVICE  
PROVIDERS TAXES:

Treasurer Carol Green reported to the Commission about communication from the Missouri Department of Revenue concerning the reporting of revenue collected by local governments from communication service providers, direct-to-home satellite services, and video services provided through electronic commerce. This was stipulated in a law signed June 1, 2018 passed as House Bill 1991. Much greater clarity is needed regarding what DOR is requesting from the county.

IN THE MATTER OF  
MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION:

Sheriff Rick Lisenbe came to report on the consequences of legalization of cannabis, albeit in the circumstance of medical need, as presented on the ballot statewide. Local resident Chester Kojro was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann presented a renewal of the Childcare Health Consultation grant in the amount of \$13,552.92, 100% federal funding, approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF  
FARMER'S MARKET:

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FARMER'S MARKET, Continued:

Wann will work on a policy for the farmer's market seasonal permits.

IN THE MATTER OF  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
EMPLOYEES:

Wann engaged the Commission in a discussion of measures taken to enhance security in her department, such as increased employee awareness, security cameras now installed, and the potential of a bailiff in extra office space. Wann then initiated a lengthy discussion of leave policies. Non-routine leave is at the discretion of the department head, and administrative leave is not available except in emergencies. Wann wondered if the Commission would give department heads the authority to grant administrative leave, and she was asked to supply the relevant portions of the Health Department Policy Manual.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COURT ORDER:


Personal Property court order 2018000343 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.


IN THE MATTER OF  
GROUP BENEFIT SERVICES  
BENEFIT MANAGEMENT REPORT:

The Benefit Management Report for October, 2018 was reviewed.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

November 8, 2018 Twelfth day of the October term

Now at this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 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  
FORT LEONARD WOOD  
APPRECIATION DAY PROCLAMATION:

As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the following proclamation was approved:

## Proclamation Fort Leonard Wood Appreciation Day (November 10, 2018)

**WHEREAS:** The men and women of the armed forces of the United States have always heeded our nation's cry to defend and promote liberty, justice, and democracy; and

**WHEREAS:** The outstanding leaders and soldiers stationed at Fort Leonard Wood demonstrate those same high ideals every day in their interaction with our communities; and

**WHEREAS:** Missouri University of Science and Technology similarly plays an integral role in the quality of life for the Rolla and Fort Leonard Wood area through quality education, advanced research, cutting-edge technology, athletic events, and cultural exchange opportunities, and

**WHEREAS:** All of Phelps County is proud to demonstrate this solidarity in community and joins Missouri S&T in welcoming the men and women of Fort Leonard Wood.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Elected Officials in Phelps County do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 10, 2018 as

### "Fort Leonard Wood Appreciation Day"

and call upon all citizens of Phelps County to join in extending their hand of friendship to our visitors from Fort Leonard Wood.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have herunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Phelps County to be affixed this Tenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

/s/

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Phelps County, Missouri

Louis J. Magdits IV, Mayor  
Rolla, Missouri

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FORT LEONARD WOOD APPRECIATION DAY PROCLAMATION, Continued:

/s/

Jim W. White, Mayor  
St. James, Missouri

IN THE MATTER OF  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP)  
TRAINING:

On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the request for 2019 training was completed. Phelps County priorities were chemical suicide and anhydrous ammonia railroad training.

IN THE MATTER OF  
TYLER NEW WORLD SYSTEMS:

Customer Service Representative Tim Brewer and Treasurer Carol Green appeared before the Commission to briefly discuss upcoming training. Commissioner Hicks said that the county had a very complex financial software package, and continued to struggle to make optimal use of it. Phelps is the only county in Missouri using this system. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp pointed out that Phelps County was in a position to recommend, or not recommend, their software to other counties.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PHELPS COUNTY CORONER:

Coroner Andy Davis came to provide information about \$90 million in federal funds to be awarded to 3 states (\$30 million per state); Missouri was one of the 15 being considered. These funds pivot on the local response to opioid overdose problems.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COURTHOUSE HVAC:

Director of Support Services Mark Brookshire provided an update on the ongoing, and much delayed, wrap-up of the HVAC project in the Courthouse. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp contacted CEO of MSI Constructors, Frank Howey, by text. Commissioner Stratman said this contractor is primary on the 1972 Jail remodeling project, and in that circumstance, it was very unfortunate that some goodwill had been lost.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SALES TAXES:

Treasurer Carol Green came to report on the sales tax receipts for November, 2018. The revenue was \$193,257.40 and \$144,941.98 for County revenue 0.5% sales tax and Law Enforcement 0.375% sales tax, respectively. This was up 16.84% in the 17/18 month to month comparison, up 6.78% in the rolling twelve month, and up 3.19% in the year to date comparisons.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COURTHOUSE CLOSING:

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COURTHOUSE CLOSING, Continued:

The Commission was made aware that the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit and all juvenile offices in the Circuit were to be closed on Friday, November 23, 2018. Furthermore, state offices were to be closed. On a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the Phelps County Courthouse will be closed on this day.


IN THE MATTER OF  
2019 FISCAL NOTE COMMUNICATION  
AUTHORIZATION:

In the prelude to the upcoming 2019 Legislative Session, the clerk is to be named the individual to receive draft legislation distributed by the Missouri Joint Committee on Legislative Research for Fiscal Note Communication.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COUNTY ROAD 6215:

Michelle Bock of the Road Department reported that the deed for the road, ceded by MODOT to the County, had been found. This means the County may be able to obtain credit for the miles of road as part of the CART Fund payments.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2



# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

November 13, 2018 Thirteenth day of the October term

Now at this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 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  
PHELPS COUNTY 2017  
VOLUNTARY BUY-OUT POLICY:

Local resident Ray Schweikhardt and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present, as was Rolla Daily News Reporter Lori Amos. According to Tammy Snodgrass, Assistant Director/Environmental Programs Manager for MRPC, SEMA had asked that on page one under the Open Space Assurance Statement that number 7 would be changed to substitute "Flood Mitigation Assistance Program" for the phrase "Hazard Mitigation Grant Program." On page 3 under the General Buyout Policy, Section 7 had originally read, "All property owners must sign a statement recognizing that this program is voluntary and therefore are not entitled to any relocation assistance under the **Uniform Relocation Assistance Act (URA)**. By signing the statement, the property owners also indicate their understanding that the County will not invoke any power of eminent domain to take the property as part of the grant program, if the property owner chooses to withdraw from the project." The amendment would add after **(URA)** "...unless CDBG funds are used as matching funds. In this instance, URA benefits must be approved by SEMA and FEMA." On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, this was approved, and signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp. Sheeley then left.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CITIZEN INPUT, COUNTY  
ROAD 1130 AND CABLE ACCESS:

Local resident Elizabeth Whitwell came to discuss two concerns. The first was that of renewing her cable; she is unable to access any but the slowest cable speeds and cannot "stream" cable, despite the installation of cable just across the street. When she called that provider, Centurylink, she was told that the upgrade had only been for commercial customers, and would cost \$500.00 per month. She did not think this was right, when there was such generous investment in the provision of broadband by the federal government. Her second concern related to her road, Road 1130, which is very rough. She inquired about having the road chip and sealed, and how this could be accomplished. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said the minimum was one quarter mile, residents must pay for the materials, and the county provides the labor. According to Whitwell, the road is used as a shortcut. Schweikhardt left. Further discussion ensued about the of road improvements and about internet access. Local resident Chester Kojro attended.

IN THE MATTER OF  
TURTLE CREEK ESTATES PLAT:

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TURTLE CREEK ESTATES PLAT, Continued:

Sylvester Furse, with Archer-Elgin Engineering, presented the proposed plat of a subdivision to the north of Nolte Court, to be called Turtle Creek Estates. The developer proposes a northward road from which 7 residential lots will be accessed. The Commission asked Furse to encourage the developer to stay in contact with Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson, adhering to County road specifications. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the plat was accepted.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV'S):

Kojro asked the Commission about operating an ATV on county roads; he was told a permit from the Sheriff's Department was needed.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 49 invoices in the amount of \$47,984.92; these were general invoices, employee expense reimbursement, and contract pay.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

November 15, 2018 Fourteenth day of the October term

Now at this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS:

Bonnie Prigge, Executive Director of MRPC, and Preston Kramer, MoDOT Area Engineer, came to discuss prioritization of Phelps County's transportation needs. Also present were Steve Hargis and Darin Pryor, of the City of Rolla Public Works Department, John Butz, City Administrator for the City of Rolla, and Cyndra Lorey, Executive Director of Rolla Regional Economic Commission. A lengthy list of transportation projects were reviewed by Kramer with extensive discussion of each. Local resident and Collector-elect Faith Barnes then joined the meeting. The three selected as being highest priority for Phelps County, in order were:

- (1) US Highway 63, from I-44 to University Drive and including the overpass at I-44 in Rolla
- (2) Interstate 44/Highway V Interchange, including south to Old St. James Road
- (3) Mo-68 in St. James, from Matlock Drive to DD

## IN THE MATTER OF MASS NOTIFICATION THROUGH EVERBRIDGE:

The renewal of the Everbridge contract for either 3 years at the current annual rate of \$14,950 or one year only with a roughly 10% increase. The Commission favored a three year contract, but deferred their decision until Emergency Management Director Mike Kirn could be consulted.

## IN THE MATTER OF COURT ORDERS:

Real Estate and Personal Property Court Orders were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

## IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S QUARTERLY:

As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the Assessor Quarterly Report to the State Tax Commission was approved.

## IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved the payment of 37 invoices in the amount of \$39,612.06.

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IN THE MATTER OF  
VACATION TIME PAYOUT:

Michelle Bock, of the Road Department, inquired about having some of her non-grandfathered vacation time paid out; she had been unable to utilize the time she had accrued due to the work burden resulting from serial floods and the resultant FEMA projects and paperwork requirements. The Commission advised her that this would be agreeable with them if it was agreeable to the Superintendent of Roads, who should approve it also; approval was given on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

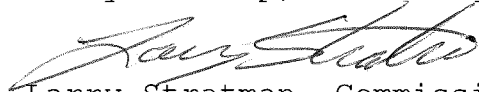
IN THE MATTER OF  
COUNTY CLERK TURNOVER:

The clerk entered into the record her October 2018 fee turnover of \$2,275.00 in passport application acceptance fees and \$1,629.03 in clerk fees, pursuant to RSMo 50.370.

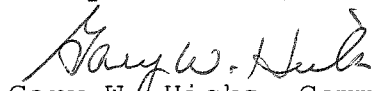
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

November 20, 2018 Fifteenth day of the October term

Now at this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 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  
ROAD DEPARTMENT  
EQUIPMENT LEASE:

The Commission signed a letter requesting the lease of a John Deere 6130M tractor for a 12 month period, approved on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks. It will cost \$5,421.50 for 350 hours; any usage over that will be \$24.00 per hour. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF  
2017 FLOOD BUY-OUT:

The Commission was presented with quotes for appraisal and title services for the buy-out properties, obtained by Tammy Snodgrass, Assistant Director of MRPC. The low bidder for appraisals were Darin Adams; for 10 properties, the total was below the bid threshold. Two title insurance companies (Premier and Wiggins) had submitted information to her; she had incomplete estimate data from Premier, though they were slightly cheaper on some items they quoted. One of the 10 property owners had a convoluted past history with property, and wished to utilize only Premier. On a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the low bidder (Adams) was approved for appraisal services. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp phoned Snodgrass to ask about joint award for the title services; Snodgrass said she would contact Missouri Department of Economic Development.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COURT ORDERS:

The Commission reviewed and approved personal property court orders 1937, 1938 and 1939, which were 2015, 2016, and 2017 add-on's for August 2018. Two real property court orders removing tax from very small, right-of-way parcels acquired by MoDOT were also approved on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF  
VIDEO VISITATION FOR  
1972 JAIL:

PCSD Jail Administrator Lt. Matt Shults came to request the approval of a contract for jail inmate video visitation with HomeWAV LLC of St. Louis. Of the three firms contacted for this service, HomeWAV was the only one that would not have required the installation of additional equipment. The cost to visitors will be \$0.25 per minute, and 25% of the revenue will be

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### VIDEO VISITATION FOR 1972 JAIL, Continued:

retained by PCSD. When asked, Shults said he did not think the video visitation would reduce the revenues seen currently from inmate telephone use. Commissioner Stratman asked if the use of this video visitation would decrease the number of visitors; Shults said this had been the intent. Attorney visitation will still be in the attorney visitation room, which is secure and entails no cost. On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the contract was approved.

### IN THE MATTER OF CORONER:

Phelps County Coroner Andy Davis came to report on a four-fatality accident, all young males in the same car, on Highway 0 four miles south of Rolla, which occurred on November 18, 2018. He provided some statistics on the number and types of unexpected deaths in the County.

### IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE MEDICAL COVERAGE:

Collector Davis Haas, Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson, Michelle Bock of the Road Department, Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann, Director of Support Services Mark Brookshire and Assistant Sissy Korich, Linda Morris of the Prosecuting Attorney's office, Deputy Clerk for HR Lisa Dowdy, Collector-elect Faith Barnes and Mike Deren, CEO of Group Benefit Services in Springfield were present. Deren made a lengthy and detailed presentation about the county's claim experience YTD. Due to favorable prior experience, Commissioner Hicks moved to approve Gerber Life as the reinsurance carrier. This was seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

### IN THE MATTER OF GRANDVIEW ESTATES:

Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson recommended that the roads in Grandview Estates, Sterling Hills Drive and Stoney Ridge Court, be accepted for maintenance, which was moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

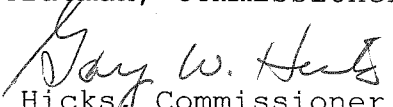
### IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 149 invoices for the amount of \$480,434.18.

### READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

**PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**November 22, 2018 Sixteenth day of the October term**

This being Thanksgiving Day, the Commission meeting was not held.

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November 27, 2018 Seventeenth day of the October term

Now at this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 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  
VICIOUS, THREATENING,  
AND DESTRUCTIVE ANIMAL  
ORDINANCE:

Local residents Charles Boone, Terri D. Wheeler, Sue Gott, Lisa Caulfield, Sue Christensen, and Marci Fairbanks of the College Hills Subdivision were present, as were Assessor Bill Stoltz and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley. A lengthy and detailed recounting of problems with dogs roaming at large was given by the local residents. A large primarily white dog, thought by most to be a pitbull mix named "Deuce", would roam the neighborhood, often accompanied by other dogs as shown in video captured on a resident's cell phone and shared during the meeting. Residents enumerated problems such as cats allowed outdoors disappearing; a homeowner (Christensen) returning home to find her cat dead and disemboweled all over her yard, which she had photos of to show; Sue Gott witnessing said dog attacking her own small dog outside in her yard which was unfenced at that time, leaving multiple deep puncture wounds which required veterinary treatment with two antibiotics; a cat belonging to a neighbor who was not present, being killed on its own front porch at 11:45 p.m. as witnessed by the owners; dogs jumping against Boone's screened-in porch screens, presumably attempting access to his cat confined there during his absence which was witnessed under motion-sensor lights by a backyard neighbor and which resulted in the destruction of 10 screens; once a dog matching Deuce's description was seen running through their neighborhood at 2 p.m. on a weekday "with blood all over him". Multiple contacts with Phelps County Sheriff's Department have been made. All present expressed the fear that small children were unsafe in their own yards, in broad daylight. Gott would not allow grandchildren in her front yard unless she or her husband were present and had a backyard fence installed. Boone asked what their rights, as property owners, were. The expense and trouble of fencing was discussed. Wheeler had been in contact more than once with the owner of the dog "Deuce" which seems to be the leader of the pack of perhaps four dogs; she reported that on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the owner had posted on FaceBook a photo of this dog with a dead coyote with a comment along the lines of "Deuce has moved on to other things." The neighbors are now making their reports to the PCSD. After an hour-long discussion about a vicious, threatening, and destructive animal ordinance, the group left. Sheriff Rick Lisenbe entered just after and discussed his concerns with the minimalized statutes available at this time; he does not want to see a leash law; the Commission planned a public hearing for December 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Local resident Chester Kojro then arrived.



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IN THE MATTER OF  
AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES:

The Commission discussed MASA Global, MTS (Medical Transport Services), and representative Andrew Zink coming to present the coverage options available for medical air and ground transport to the employees on December 12, 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CERF ELECTION:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, employee contributions of 3% gross/employer contribution of 1% gross to CERF for Calendar Year 2019 was approved. This is unchanged from 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF  
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:

The Commission discussed recently presented information about the coverage and rates for 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident and Collector-elect Faith Barnes came to inquire about a property for sale near Highway 63.

IN THE MATTER OF  
FISCAL NOTES:

The contact for Fiscal Notes for Legislative Oversight in the General Assembly will be the clerk; approval was signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.


IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 53 invoices in the amount of \$43,378.35.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

November 29, 2018 Eighteenth day of the October term

Now at this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 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  
NO PLANNING AND ZONING:

Steve Hargis, P.E. and Darin Pryor, P.E., of the City of Rolla Public Works Department requested a letter stating that there would be no planning and zoning in effect for a small piece of county property the city would be acquiring to expand its wastewater treatment plant near the Emerald Hills Subdivision. On a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, this was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES:

Hargis and Pryor discussed transportation projects given priority with the Commission prior to leaving.

IN THE MATTER OF  
HEALING IN THE HEARTLAND  
OPIOID CRISIS STUDY:

Doctors Don James, D.O. and Casey Burton, Ph.D., of Phelps County Regional Medical Center presented information regarding a cooperative study, Healing in the Heartland, for which the Hospital would be seeking the Commission's approval. This study would be funded by the NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse) and the SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration); would target a reduction in opioid deaths by 40%; would expand access to integrated prevention, treatment, and recovery support services; and would serve to implement new evidence-based interventions. Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present, as was Treasurer Carol Green. The Commissioners received the information and proposal favorably.

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

This ordinance under consideration was discussed. Sheriff Rick Lisenbe discussed options of warning versus actual punishment.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PCSD VEHICLE:

Sheriff Lisenbe discussed the department's need of a van capable of negotiating the lower clearance in the 1972 Jail sally port.

IN THE MATTER OF  
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES:

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

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MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, Continued:

Treasurer Carol Green and Recorder Robin Kordes entered and presented their report on the recent meeting, discussing national opioid litigation, cyber warfare, sales taxes, worker's compensation claims, and a group headquartered in Columbia proposing the abolition of personal property taxes. The Prosecuting Attorney and Circuit Attorney Retirement System (PACARS) was discussed at MAC. County representatives were upset that prosecutors were not contributing; rather, counties had paid \$646 monthly, increasing because of suboptimal funding percentage to \$969 monthly two years ago. Beginning in 2019, full time prosecutors will pay 2% of their gross salary into the fund, raising to 4% in 2020. Green said that there was some consideration being given to reducing the county contribution in 2022 pending funding percentage over 90%.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SENIOR COMPANIONS:

Director of Senior Companions Jan Wiggins reported that she would have to obtain renewed criminal histories and fingerprints on volunteers with her program, even if they had been considered grandfathered in the past. She feels that she will lose some good participants; the Corporation for National & Community Service has mandated this and she has no choice. Wiggins also reported that some of her volunteers had been breaking some of the rules regarding what they were permitted, by policy, to do while helping in some of the care facilities. When homes are short-handed the temptation is great to utilize the Companions in ways not permitted by CNCS.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR  
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the 2018-19 Floodplain Management agreement with MRPC was approved. The cost and hourly rates were the same as the prior year: in "...consideration for the services provided by MRPC hereunder the Client agrees to pay MRPC for the work outlined above to be invoiced to the county on hourly rates of: \$40 for clerical assistance, \$46 for level two technical assistance, \$51 for level one technical assistance, \$58 for management assistance, \$62 for Fiscal Officer, \$63 for Assistant Director, and \$80 for Executive Director, with total costs not to exceed \$4,000. MRPC shall periodically invoice the Client for fees and expenses as same are incurred. In the event that MRPC is called upon to provide other and additional services in addition to those required for the project, such services will be paid for by the Client at MRPC's then current hourly rates for the services provided."

IN THE MATTER OF  
PUBLIC RELATIONS CLUB:

Commissioner Hicks reported on a recent meeting and a short seminar titled, "Grants 101"; then he departed for a meeting.

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IN THE MATTER OF  
PHELPS COUNTY REGIONAL  
MEDICAL CENTER (PCRM)/  
PHELPS HEALTH AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS:

The Direct Services agreement with the Hospital was amended in two aspects: the agreement was extended from its commencement date of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2020 and the agreement's language was changed in a consistent way to reflect the change in the hospital's name from "Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Inc." to "Phelps Health". These amendments were approved on a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PAYROLL:

Payroll for 11/30/2018, for pay dates 11/1-11/15/18, with \$174,106.94 net salaries, \$55,279.08 federal and \$7,730.50 state withholdings was reviewed and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved the payment of 31 invoices in the amount of \$39,251.07.

IN THE MATTER OF  
OZARK RIVERS SOLID  
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

The Commissioners signed the resubmission of the revised reimbursement request, to reflect the diminishing reserve in this grant. The audit report for the district was also received by the Commission.

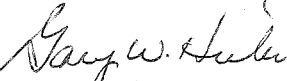
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissione