# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 3, 2019 Nineteenth day of the July term

Now at this the  $3^{\rm rd}$  day of September 2019 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 USE TAX:

Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley solicited some quotes from the Commission regarding the Use Tax and the upcoming forum in the Courthouse multipurpose room at which elected officials from cities of Rolla and St. James and the county, as well as the city administrators, would make presentations. A representative from the Missouri Municipal League would also be present. Also entertained was the propriety, or lack thereof, of the elected officials speaking at the forum. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asked the clerk to email all staff of the county to notify them of this forum on September 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS (CAFO'S):

St. Louis Public Radio Reporter Jonathan Ahl then entered the meeting. He provided the Commission with a brief biographical sketch; his wife is an accountant working at MRPC. Ahl wished to obtain comment from Presiding Commissioner Verkamp on the matter of the recent state legislation passed prohibiting local ordinances regulating agricultural operations being stricter than state laws. Though CAFO's are more of an issue north of Interstate 70, Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said that the city has what is called "general ordinance authority" and the county has "specific ordinance authority" which, he said, made counties "slaves of the state." Commissioner Stratman said, "One of our main goals is to protect our citizens" so he does not favor relinquishing local control. After taping some comments, Ahl left; local resident Chester Kojro then entered.

IN THE MATTER OF
MISSOURI HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (MHDC):

Housing Risk Management Services (HRM) of Ellisville, MO, an affordable housing consultant with great experience with Missouri's affordable housing tax credit program, requested a letter of support from the Commission in the matter of a developer securing tax credits to embark on a \$2.5 million project to preserve an 80-unit development at 2005 Forum Drive. This development was funded over 20 years prior with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit to serve persons earning less than 60% of the area's median income. Improvements being contemplated by Three Diamond Development included accessibility issues, replacing roofs, updating exterior/interior finishes, repair of concrete/asphalt and updating signage and landscape. Collector

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MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, Continued:

Faith Barnes was also present. As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the letter was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES:

Barnes provided a report about the recovery, through persistent and diligent efforts by her staff, of approximately \$8,000 in taxes for 2016 on personal property, that otherwise would have been removed from the books as uncollectable, in a process referred to as "outlawing." The figure for 2017 taxes is \$29,000 and counting.

IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF'S DEPARMENT GRANT:

Detective Shawn Hedge entered with the paperwork for his Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) grant. Hedge said that his salary and fringe, as well as some equipment and expense costs, were approved. The Waynesville city police officer previously partially funded by the grant is no longer on the grant. Hedge reported on over 60 cybertips he has investigated. As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the grant documents were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF CLOSED SESSION:

As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the meeting entered closed session at 10:45 a.m. pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (5) - individual health records, to discuss employee health coverage. Deputy Clerk for HR Lisa Dowdy attended and Assistant Prosecutor Brad Neckermann was in attendance by speaker phone. There was a lengthy discussion of a complex personnel situation; no actions having been taken, the meeting returned to open session as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

READ AND APPROVED:

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Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 5, 2019 Twentieth day of the July term

Now at this the 5th day of September 2019 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 QUARRY SUBDIVISION:

Local developer Tom Sowers attended to report on a recent meeting of property owners in this subdivision. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present. Sowers believes that homeowners need to pay for the county right-of-way margins to be marked, as they are not aware of the boundaries. He has been in contact of a surveyor for this work. He expressed the hope that Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson, could meet with him and discuss road improvements; Snelson had been unable to make a recent meeting time. Sheeley then left. Sowers said the homeowners with insufficiently deep ditches and with concrete driveways lacking culverts are a problem and "...if they want at any time to have something done on these roads" they need to understand how the drainage is to be handled. Sowers then told Commissioner Stratman he would like him to speak with Snelson.

IN THE MATTER OF USE TAX:

Director of Support Services Mark Brookshire then arrived to help with the technical preparations for the Use Tax Forum to be held that evening in the multipurpose room. Commissioner Stratman asked Brookshire what he appreciated to be his department's unfunded needs; Brookshire said it was employee compensation allowing the employment of more capable people. Commissioner Stratman said, "I understand, but that won't sell."

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE HVAC PROJECT:

Brookshire then discussed the conclusion of the HVAC project, long past its completion date. Approximately \$30,000 in invoices are outstanding, but the vendor, MSI Constructors, has not finished the work. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp suggested an itemized invoice of all parts and labor left might be used to justify payment. One example provided by Brookshire was the motorized activators having been installed but not fully wired and programmed. Daily multiple alarms are triggered from the water loops but these are pressure alarms secondary to improper settings; Brookshire has not been shown how to reprogram them. The Commission asked Brookshire to schedule a closed meeting with the Prosecuting Attorney, pursuant to Sunshine Law 610.021 (1) - legal action.

IN THE MATTER OF BRO-B081(13) BRIDGE ON ROAD 7100:

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BRO-B081(13), Continued:

Progress Invoice #3 to Great Rivers Engineering, in the amount of \$13,894.46 for ongoing design phase services, was approved for submission to Mo DOT on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE:

Local Representative Dan Cavender of BPJ Insurance said he would recommend the County Commission look for alternatives to the MoPERM liability coverage. The probability that MoPERM might cap their increase was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYER AND MEMBER DELEGATES TO LAGERS:

Deputy County Clerk Katie Henson with 44 of 67 votes, and Tim Grisham of the Sheriff's Department with 12 of 67 votes, Henson was named the member delegate and Grisham was named the employer delegate for the October 24 and 25, 2019 meeting as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF PHELPS/MARIES HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann came to discuss the forecast for revenue for the Health Department. Multiple grants and intergovernmental sources were reviewed.

IN THE MATTER OF CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting entered closed session as moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks at 11:20 a.m. pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (5) - protected health information. After a brief discussion but no formal action the meeting returned to open session as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman at 11:50 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 37 and 50 invoices in the amounts of \$41,452.56 and \$76,583.84, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

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# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 10, 2019 Twenty-first day of the July term

Now at this the 10th day of September 2019 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 USE TAX MEETING:

The County Use Tax on the November 5, 2019 ballot and comments heard at the public meeting held September 5, 2019 in the Courthouse multipurpose room were discussed. Local residents Edna Smith and Ray Schweikhardt were also present as was Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:

The Benefit Management Report from Group Benefit Services in Springfield for August 2019, showing a loss ratio of 53% and reserve balance of almost \$51,000 was received.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BIDS:

The Commission discussed bidding for employee medical insurance.

IN THE MATTER OF PHELPS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD:

The Financial Report for September 2019 was received; Sheeley left the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT ON JENNA LANE:

The Commission was informed that a resident of Jenna Lane had requested a 25 mph speed limit. This roadway serves only the homes on it as it forms a loop, splitting off from and then rejoining County Road 5010. Local resident Chester Kojro arrived.

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION OF MANUFACTURING DAY IN PHELPS COUNTY:

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

### PROCLAMATION

MANUFACTURING DAY IN PHELPS COUNTY

## PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 10, 2019 Twenty-first day of the July term

PROCLAMATION FOR MANUFACTURING DAY, Continued:

WHEREAS, Economists agree that there are three ways to create wealth: Mine It; Grow It; or Make It. Missouri is rich in natural and agricultural resources and Missouri manufacturers make everything from automobiles to aircraft parts to food products to furniture, chemicals and electrical equipment including products sold directly to consumers and parts of other manufactured goods; and WHEREAS, there are nearly 6,000 manufacturing companies in Missouri and they contribute more than \$40 billion or 13.2 percent of the Total Gross State Product, creating wealth for the more than 265,000 people directly employed in manufacturing and the many more whose livelihoods are indirectly supported by manufacturing; and WHEREAS, manufacturing jobs provide an annual compensation which is more than \$10,000 higher than the state's average wage; and

wage; and whereas, manufacturing jobs enable Missouri families to realize the dreams of owning a home, educating children and

enjoying a secure retirement; and WHEREAS, manufactures pay millions of dollars annually to support public education, law enforcement, emergency preparedness, public works and other essential services. NOW, THEREFORE, Phelps County does hereby proclaim October 4, 2019 as Manufacturing Day in Phelps County. And, I commend Missouri Enterprise and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership for the valuable technical and business assistance that they provide to our small- and medium-sized manufacturers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of September, in the year two thousand and nineteen and I encourage all Missourians to show their support for our manufacturers by purchasing products made in Missouri and America.

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident Chester Crider entered to visit briefly. He and Chester Kojro left.

IN THE MATTER OF LIQUOR LICENSING:

A local business, Pete's Pumpkin Patch, reported inability to obtain a liquor license for a planned event due to the address being also used for the owner's residence, contrary to licensing law. The business was referred to the Assessor for the creation of another address.

IN THE MATTER OF USE TAX MEETING:

Collector Faith Barnes attended to report how she, and likely other attendees, were struck by the needs presented

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USE TAX MEETING, Continued:

by the Phelps/Maries Health Department Director, Ashley Wann, at the community meeting for the Use Tax held September 5, 2019. Further thoughts were voiced about dedication of use tax funds, should the ballot measure pass.

IN THE MATTER OF 25<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DRESS CODE:

Local resident Josh Burkett entered to express his belief that he was not fully advised about the dress code before he recently arrived for a court appearance. He stated that he had to come from work and was wearing shorts, but that they were not ripped or soiled; he was told by the court staff that he would have to go home and change. Burkett said he was not treated deferentially by either the bailiff or by the staff in the Circuit Clerk's office, had to leave to change his clothes, missed his name being called, and had to wait through the 9:00 a.m. docket and into 10:30 docket. He thought that the public needed better notification of this dress code requirement, and left after thanking the Commission for the opportunity to speak. Shortly thereafter Presiding Judge William Hickle arrived and received the report of this resident; he said he would discuss the manner of notification of court attendees with other personnel in the circuit.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of several single invoices and a group of three invoices in the amounts of \$12,109.74; \$19,821.51; and \$2,648.94, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL:

The Commission reviewed and approved payroll for September 13, 2019 in the amount of \$181,888.74 (net salaries), \$57,510.48 (federal withholding), and \$7,258.50 (state withholding).

READ AND APPROVED:

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Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

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# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 12, 2019 Twenty-second day of the July term

Now at this the 12th day of September 2019 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 SEPTIC COMPLAINT IN JEROME:

Local resident Karen Peterman arrived for the appointment she made with the Commission at 9:00 a.m. Local resident Ray Schweikhardt and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present. Peterman said that she and her brother inherited her late mother's property at 22830 Oak Street, Jerome, Missouri. Her elderly mother did not wish to bring the problem to anyone's attention, but Peterman says now she and her brother want redress. Septic effluent from the neighbors to the west, Andrew and Kimberly Adami, for months if not years has run eastward into the 22830 Oak property, down the driveway going north across Oak Street, or straight across in an easterly direction such that the propane tank on the east side of her late mother's property is often standing in water. Peterman said she submitted a complaint to the Phelps/Maries Health Department in May 2019; the Health Department sanitarian made a visit to the properties and the problem seemed to abate for some time; Peterman wondered if this was merely drier weather. She has documented at multiple times the "green scum" on her late mother's driveway; a heavy rain in late June seemed to wash it away somewhat. The problem worsened again at the end of August, after rains. On September 5, 2019 she sent more pictures and emails to the health department regarding the exacerbation of the situation; September 10, 2019 she returned to the Health Department to file another complaint. The following day, the sanitarians from both Phelps County Health Department and the state visited the property while she was there. Peterman said that the property owners to her south, Edward and Beth Skaggs, are also afflicted. Commissioner Hicks confirmed that Peterman was following the protocol; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said that at this point Department of Natural Resources might need to be involved. Reading from an email from Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann, he said that after the second notice the property owner will have thirty days though an extension to 60 days may be given. Peterman said her brother was even more frustrated than she was; he worked out of state, however, and today was in Arkansas working. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said that the Phelps County Prosecuting Attorney might need to become involved, and that the state sanitarian would have to speak with him. Peterman then left.

IN THE MATTER OF DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES:

Collector Faith Barnes reported on encouraging efforts to collect, rather than delete from the tax book through a process called "outlawing", delinquent personal property taxes.

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IN THE MATTER OF BRO-B081(13) AND FLOODPLAIN PERMIT:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the floodplain permit needed for the work on the bridge was signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp. Schweikhardt and Sheeley then left.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT ON JENNA LANE:

The Commission having been asked to establish a speed limit of 25 mph on Jenna Lane, the following speed limit order was signed:

## 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 Jenna Lane to limit the speed of vehicles traveling along said road to a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS THE ORDER OF THE PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION that there is hereby established a maximum speed limit for vehicles traveling upon Jenna Lane of 25 miles per hour; further that a copy of this Order be sent to Chief Engineer of the Missouri Highways & 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: September 12, 2019

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BIDDING:

Commissioner Stratman informed the group that it might be possible for the county to adopt a consultant third party administrator county model for employee health coverage; he is in the process of developing some documents to be used in bidding.

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 12, 2019 Twenty-second day of the July term

IN THE MATTER OF
MERAMEC COMMUNITY
ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION:

Commissioner Hicks reported on a recent MCEC meeting. A job fair for the unemployed with prior felony convictions is being planned in conjunction with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and a roughly \$100,000 grant.

IN THE MATTER OF ST. JAMES CARING CENTER CDBG:

Request for Funds #2 for this grant was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, and was signed in triplicate.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BIDDING:

Local representatives from Barker Phillips Jackson (BPJ), Sheran Ashby and Tonya Greven, attended to discuss the county's options for bidding employee medical coverage.

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

The Commission reviewed and approved Orders #1978, 1979, and 1980 for 2016, 2017 and 2018 add-on's for August 2019, respectively. These increased assessed valuation by \$270.78, \$861.42, and \$12,415.37.

READ AND APPROVED:

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Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

### PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 17, 2019 Twenty-third day of the July term

Now at this the 17th day of September 2019 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 SALES TAXES:

Treasurer Carol Green provided the reported sales tax revenues for the month of September, showing \$335,743.06 from the county 0.5% sales tax and \$251,807.44 from the law enforcement 0.375% sales tax. These figures represented an 0.87% increase in the rolling twelve months' and 5.78% increase YTD as compared to 2018. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident Edna Smith visited briefly at 0910. Green and Sheeley then left.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:

The Commission deliberated on the timing of health insurance open enrollment and bids to be solicited.

IN THE MATTER OF SENIOR COMPANIONS:

Director of Senior Companions Yvonne Leuthauser arrived at 0925 to discuss memoranda of understanding (MOU) agreements with the following agencies: Agency on Aging, Rolla Nutrition Site, Parkside Assisted Living, Rolla Health and Rehabilitation, Missouri Veteran's Home, Rolla Manor, Presbyterian Manor, Phelps/Maries Health Department and Rolla Apartments. These were approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman. Local resident Chester Kojro was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD 7100 BRO-081 (13):

At the request of Tammy Snodgrass, Assistant Director and Environmental Programs Manager for the Meramec Regional Planning Commission, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit for this project was signed as moved and Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT ON ROAD 8010:

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ROAD 8010, Continued:

Angela Grogg, of 12580 County Road 8010 which is a part of Old US Highway 63, came to discuss the washboard quality of the road. Collector Faith Barnes was also present. Commissioner Stratman said there was old concrete beneath causing part of the problem. Grogg mentioned two box culverts possibly in need of replacement and a blind curve; she also said there was a "ratty, shot-through speed limit sign" of 45 mph pointing only one way. She felt some if not all of the road needed a 35 mph speed limit; S&T students and at least 6 elderly neighbors walk the road. Commissioner Stratman felt that Highway 63 northward to Reno Drive should have a 35 mph speed limit, which was moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman:

### 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 8010 between U.S. Highway 63 and Reno Drive to limit the speed of vehicles traveling along said road to a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour;

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 8010 between U.S. Highway 63 and Reno Drive of 35 miles per hour; further that a copy of this Order be sent to Chief Engineer of the Missouri Highways & 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: September 17, 2019

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD 8240:

Local resident Randy Furse came in to report that this road was in poor condition due to heavy loading with trucks going to a recycling center.

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IN THE MATTER OF SHERIFF DEPARTMENT GRANT:

Detective Alex Maurer with the PCSD came to present the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Program agreement through the Missouri Department of Public Safety, which allows receipt of personal property in excess to the needs of the U.S. Department of Defense, determined by the Secretary of Defense to be suitable for use by law enforcement agencies with preferences for counter-drug/counter-terrorism or border security activities. He said likely the PCSD would receive armor such as ballistic plates and plate carriers and helmets. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman this was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY Y:

Deputy Clerk Katie Henson reported that there seemed to be a problem with loud and/or speeding vehicles on the road; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp suggested she contact PCSD and the Missouri SHP.

IN THE MATTER OF COLLECTOR POLICY:

Collector Faith Barnes returned to discuss a policy for properties not sold at the third offering at the delinquent tax sale; she said lien holders might deserve the first right of refusal after the first costs went to the county for publication, penalties and interest.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

## PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 19, 2019 Twenty-fourth day of the July term

Now at this the 19th day of September 2019 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 POLICY:

Collector Faith Barnes came to discuss a policy which would clarify the process to be undertaken with post-third delinquent tax sale offerings, i.e., those which did not sell at the third year. Barnes wanted to have a policy establishing the priority of who among lien holders (if any) had the first right of refusal. Local resident Ray Schweikhardt, Phelps County Focus Reporter Andrew Sheeley and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. William Hudson were also present. Hudson felt that the policy posed no problems. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the policy was approved:

# COLLECTOR'S OFFICE POLICY ON POST THIRD TAX LIEN PROPERTIES SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

The Phelps County Collector's office is establishing a policy on its process for handling properties that, due to remaining unsold as a third offering, have now become post third offerings. This policy is effective as of the date above until said time that the Phelps County Collector chooses to rescind it or it is superseded by a future policy.

The policy is as follows:

Preceding the annual tax lien sale, all third offering properties that now have become post third offerings, will be offered to all the taxing entities that are owed delinquent taxes respective of that parcel. The taxing entities shall be given 30 days from the date of notice to submit an offer for that parcel that may be less than the taxes, penalty, interest, and costs that are owed against that parcel. (Money will be reimbursed in this manner: 1. Costs to the county and Collector's office for offering 2. Taxes 3. Penalties and interest 4. Liens 5. Surplus).

All offers must be in written form (email, letter, etc) and must be received in the Collector's office no later than the thirty days allotted.

If no such offer is made, it will then be at the discretion of the Collector whether she/he will accept sealed bids before the next annual tax lien sale from private citizens.

This is in addition to the Revised State Statutes of Missouri Section 140.250.

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

### PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 19, 2019 Twenty-fourth day of the July term

IN THE MATTER OF NORTHWYE OUTER ROAD:

Barnes and Hudson left; Schweikhardt asked about the damage to the fencing along the Northwye Outer Road; an insurance settlement is pending from the driver who lost control and damaged the fence.

IN THE MATTER OF 2020 CENSUS:

Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) sought the support of the Commission in applying for funding through the Missouri Foundation for Health Census 2020 Outreach and Engagement grant. The Commissioners agreed to participate with MRPC on the Complete Count Committee and to provide meeting space as available to assist in achieving Census goals.

IN THE MATTER OF USE TAX:

Scheeley asked about areas he could focus on in October coverage on the use tax issue on the November 5, 2019 ballot. He was referred to the Health Department, the Public Administrator and the Prosecutor. Commissioner Stratman reported on indications from the Sheriff regarding reduced federal prisoner and drug interdiction funds; additionally, he reported that 70% of the general revenue budget for the city of Rolla is fire and police. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp pointed out the Phelps was one of only 8 third-class counties without a mil tax for their health department.

IN THE MATTER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PENSIONS:

Sheriff Rick Lisenbe attended to discuss the job market for his department, and the optional reduction in the retirement age now available through LAGERS to 55 for jailers.

IN THE MATTER OF CLOSED SESSION:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the meeting entered closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (5) - personally identifiable health information at No actions having been taken, the meeting returned 11:05 a.m.. to open session at 11:18 a.m. as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

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Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

# PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 24, 2019 Twenty-fifth day of the July term

Now at this the 24th day of September 2019 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 SHADY OAKS SEWER DISTRICT ANNEXATION:

Steve Hargis, P.E., Director of Public Works for the city of Rolla, attended to discuss the annexation of 12800 County Road 5030 into the Shady Oak Sewer District. Local resident Edna Smith and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present. The annexation was approved by board members Kenneth Cochran, Chairman; Al Martia, Secretary; and Everett R. Fipps, Treasurer. The Commission approved the following ordinance as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2019-9-24 (1)

#### A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SHADY OAKS SEWER DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Phelps County Commission established the Shady Oaks Sewer District on June 25, 1985.

AND WHEREAS on May 15, 2018 the Phelps County Commission approved the District boundaries for the Shady Oaks Sewer District:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PHELPS COUNTY, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

- SECTION 1: The Commissioners of the County of Phelps hereby approve annexing the property as shown on and Exhibit A and described on Exhibit B to the Shady Oaks Sewer District.
- SECTION 2: The Commissioners of the County of Phelps hereby direct the owner of the described tract connect the existing residential dwelling to the Shady Oaks District Sewer at the owners expense.
- SECTION 3: The owner of the described tract will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Sewer Use Agreement between the City of Rolla, Phelps County Commission, and the Shady Oaks Sewer District and to the By-Laws of the Shady Oaks Sewer District dated May 15, 2018.

So moved and seconded, passed unanimously by the Phelps County Commission this 24th day of September, 2019.

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

## PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 24, 2019 Twenty-fifth day of the July term

SHADY OAKS SEWER DISTRICT ANNEXATION, Continued:

ATTEST:

Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

Hargis mentioned a Missouri DNR grant paying 100% of the expenses to annex outlying sewer districts into municipal water treatment plants. Hargis left at 9:20 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION:

Extension Field Specialist in Natural Resources Sarah Havens presented the Commission with the October Extension Calendar and drew attention to the month of October with many events planned during and around Missouri's annual statewide engagement week October 23-25. Cord and Dana Jenkins were recognized recently as the county Farm Family. County engagement specialist in nutrition and health education Rachel Buenemann has enjoyed great success with her Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention, which is booked into early 2020. Sarah reported on her initiatives with Women owning Woodland.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLLA RURAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION:

Commissioner Hicks provided an update on a recent meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF LOG COURTHOUSE:

Edna Smith commented on the recent extensive clearing efforts around the log cabin; she was informed that due to hazardous overgrowth and snakes, something had to be done.

IN THE MATTER OF CART FUNDS:

Treasurer Carol Green presented the CART Funds for September, 2019 which were \$60,607.29; \$18,623.69; and \$8,492.02 for gas tax, motor vehicle sales tax, and motor vehicle fees, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION CART:

The agreement for gravel for County Road 2170, serving MDC land, for \$1845 worth of gravel over 1.5 miles was approved as moved by Commissioner Stratman seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF PWSD #4:

Local residents and PWSD #4 board members Dennis Cullen and Curt Voss came to discuss a resident's objection to having sewer fees added to his property tax bill.

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IN THE MATTER OF PCSD VEHICLE PURCHASES:

Sheriff Lisenbe arrived to report that he had ordered two cars in October of 2018, they were delayed, and the dealer was insisting that he get a check in two days to pay for them. The clerk will see to this.

IN THE MATTER OF DURESS ALARMS:

Sheriff Lisenbe said he would pay \$14,000 for the initial installation of the alarms but the ongoing upkeep costs will be on the county's expense. The Sheriff said it had been put out for competitive bid.

IN THE MATTER OF LIABILITY COVERAGE:

Dan Cavender arrived and spoke to the Commission about renewal for the MoPERM coverage of property and liability. He said jail census information is especially crucial.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

## PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD September 26, 2019 Twenty-sixth day of the July term

Now at this the 26th day of September 2019 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 DURESS ALARM:

Sheriff Lisenbe reported that the duress alarms were sole source.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD 7100 BRO-B081(13):

Terry Lewis of Intercounty Electric entered at 9:30 a.m. to discuss right of way clearing and the utilities near this project. David Schmickle also arrived and provided information about the city of Doolittle sewer line location north of the 7100 bridge. Jeff Banderet, P.E. and Spencer Jones of Great Rivers Engineering arrived at 10:00 a.m. to join in a discussion of relocation of utilities and what modifications were under consideration of the bridge plan to accommodate not only utilities, but to improve the line of sight. Costs were discussed in a general way and the drawings for various plans were reviewed. Banderet offered to prepare another drawing showing the square footage of the easement given/returned, based on the plan chosen. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp stated that the burden for locating the sewer line was on the contractor, to which Banderet agreed, but he said he would like any advance information available also. Schmickle shared the name of a few contacts who had worked on the initial line installation.

IN THE MATTER OF RETIREMENT, PCSD CAPTAIN RICK HOPE:

Captain Rick Hope briefly visited with the Commission about his future plans and his retirement. They were appreciative of his many years of work for the county.

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR'S PERSONAL PROPERTY MAILERS BID:

Bids were opened for the personal property mailers for the upcoming year. These were taken under advisement on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, and referred to Assessor Bill Stoltz.

IN THE MATTER OF DURESS ALARMS, PART II:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp reported that the proposal from SecureTech Systems, Inc. was for \$14,050; the Prosecuting Attorney will pay 50% and the Sheriff will pay 50%. This was

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DURESS ALARMS, Continued:

approved as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF MRPC MEETING:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp reported on a recent meeting of the MRPC; Phelps County has 6 grant writing hours left after donating 2 to Duke Rural Fire Protection District. Additional news included the need to pay cash for Hazard Mitigation grant match, if the county cannot document in-kind contributions.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved the payment of 38 and 43 invoices of a general nature in the amounts of \$213,979.24 and \$20,237.97, respectively; Crisis Intervention payment for emergent assistance in the amount of \$100; Group Benefit Services October 2019 employee health insurance premium in the amount of \$131,237.60; Economic Activity Taxes ("EATS") for the Rolla Westside TIF; and a check to Lou Fusz in the amount of \$68,954.00 for two, 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL:

The Commission reviewed and approved the payment of 9/30/19 payroll in the amount of \$175,468.86 net salaries with \$55,221.43 federal and \$6,896.50 state withholdings.

READ AND APPROVED:

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Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1