

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
April 2, 2020 First day of the April term

Now at this the 2nd day of April 2020 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 COMMISSION ORDER
DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY:

Present were Sheriff Rick Lisenbe, PCSD Lt. and EMD Mike Kirn, Director of Support Services and IT Mark Brookshire, and Missouri Extension Community Engagement Specialist Rachel Buenemann. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley arrived at 9:05. Presiding Commissioner Randy Verkamp introduced Buenemann who provided information about the online availability of live Phelps County Commission meetings, under the circumstance of limited public access to the courthouse during the COVID-19 novel Coronavirus pandemic. Buenemann was able to explain to any offsite viewers how they might access the livestream and make comments during the meeting. These meetings will be available as archives, and online transmission of the meetings will be important for Sunshine Law compliance. The Commission then considered Commission Order No. 2020-3-19, which had established the date of April 2, 2020 for review. Commissioner Stratman felt renewal and future dating would be appropriate. Kirn expressed the belief that groups should be limited to 10, not 50 as originally in the order. Commissioner Stratman emphasized that administration of the order would lie within the Health Department, but enforcement would eventually come down to law enforcement. Sheriff Lisenbe said he had no guidelines for what he was expected to do and believed the Prosecuting Attorney will need to be involved; law enforcement personnel do face some risk when issuing citations under these stressful and uncertain circumstances. Commissioner Stratman said the orders in most cities specify misdemeanor-level offenses with a fine up to \$500 and/or up to one year in jail, confirmed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp. Buenemann asked a question from an online viewer named M. Collins, regarding what the difference between shelter-in-place and the current order was; in practice, Commissioner Stratman said the first was compulsory, the latter voluntary. Sheriff Lisenbe said he was not enthusiastic about taking people's rights and privileges away. Commissioner Stratman expressed that the County should be ready, should Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann and Phelps Health call for a shelter-in-place order. Sheriff Lisenbe asked if the city of Rolla could enact a shelter-in-place order within a five-mile radius of the city limits; Commissioner Stratman said that state statutes allowed this but that cities with shelter-in-place would be excepted. Commissioner Hicks said that the governor was allowing rural counties not to adopt city policies. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said St. Louis city, St. Louis county, Kansas City and all but 14 states have passed shelter-in-place ordinances. Subsequently the nuances of essential versus non-essential business categories were discussed. Buenemann then said a

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COUNTY COMMISSION ORDER DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY, Cont'd:

viewer named Jessica asked for clarification on the meaning of shelter-in-place; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said it didn't mean you couldn't leave home but should only be going to essential businesses and should observe social distancing. Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox arrived at 9:31 and gave information on the legal construct of such shelter-in-place orders, their enforcement and punishment. He said Rolla's order would be dealt with in Rolla Municipal Court. Further discussion ensued between the Commission, Fox and Sheriff Lisenbe. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called the attorney with MAC Prepaid Legal Services, Travis Elliott on speaker phone, and Elliott provided an executive summary of shelter-in-place orders. He confirmed that the state statutory authority was found in RSMo 192.300. He said mindfulness of the First, Second and Fourth Amendment rights was important; in-depth efforts to differentiate between essential and non-essential businesses had not been free of problems; the ability to enforce and the desire to enforce were not necessarily the same; some jurisdictions have pursued civil and not criminal suits for non-compliance. Responding to Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, Elliot confirmed that RSMo 77.530 contained statutory authority to extend quarantine laws and enforce them within a 5-mile radius of a city. After a little more discussion about outdoor recreation activities and enforcement, the call ended. Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann, en route back from a meeting in Maries county, called Commissioner Stratman and asked that the penalty for violation be considered that of a class A misdemeanor. Buenemann reported that a viewer named "C" asked if the county would be able to seize properties per RSMo 77 and Prosecutor Fox said it would not. Fox, Kirn, and Sheriff Lisenbe then left and as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks the meeting recessed for 5 minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD DEPARTMENT VEHICLE:

Michelle Bock of the Road Department came to report that Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson, who was hit from behind on Highway 72 on March 11 while traveling home in the county-owned pickup truck he drove, would not likely be able to replace the 2018 Chevrolet single cab short-bed pickup truck, as this model was no longer made. Though Snelson was unhurt, the truck value was \$23,931.75 at salvage which did not include the cost of the tool box nor the deductible. Commissioner Stratman said the guilty party's insurance company would be held responsible for the deductible as well. As moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the title for the truck being salvaged was signed. Obtaining a suitable replacement was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 2460:

Maintenance of this road was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
FENCING:

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FENCING, Continued:

The Commissioners received a telephone inquiry from local resident Jeremy Hunter about fencing and livestock.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 AND
COUNTY COMMISSION ORDER DECLARING
STATE OF EMERGENCY:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann arrived at 11:05 and was updated on the earlier discussion that day. She had come from Maries county and reported that the county was passing a tighter resolution including a misdemeanor class A clause, but not a stay-at-home order. Wann wanted there to be a mechanism of appeal. The Commission agreed with the reduction in maximum size of groups being amended downward to 10 or fewer and a reassessment of the order on April 16, 2020 and Commission Order No. 2020-3-19 Amendment 1 was passed as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF
SURPLUS TAX FUNDS:

Collector Faith Barnes had developed a form standardizing the information supplied by those requesting surplus tax funds. This was felt to be useful and was approved as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
GROUP BENEFIT SERVICES
PLAN AMENMENT FOR COVID-19:

With the passage of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) on March 18, 2020 by Congress, group health plans are prohibited from imposing deductibles, copayment, or any coinsurance for expenses related to testing for COVID-19, that is, the novel Coronavirus also called SARS-CoV-2. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman, Amendment No. 1 - 2020 to the Phelps County Government Employee Benefit Plan with Group Benefit Services was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
PASSPORT APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE:

Due to continued concern over the spread of novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, the clerk notified the Commission that the March 19, 2020 suspension of acceptance of passport applications would continue until further notice.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT:

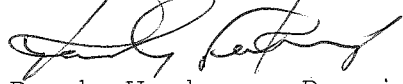
The Commission received email communication from local resident David Long, who said he encouraged broadcast of the meetings as well voicing the opinion that the "...county follows the city and shuts down as well." Local resident Rebecca Parker offered the opinion via email that while working in fast food service she has been touched unnecessarily by numerous customers in spite of arrangements made to eliminate direct contact. She said she

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CITIZEN INPUT, Continued:

also believed the state and other people in the area included far too many activities in the list of those called essential, such as going to fast food restaurants, liquor stores, parks, and walking trails.

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 7th day of April 2020 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
LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT
OFFICE (LESO) PROGRAM:

PCSD Detective Alex Maurer presented the renewal of the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) program for approval. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley and UM Extension Community Engagement Specialist Rachel Buenemann were also present. The program allows the sheriff's department to obtain military surplus items, for the duration of the extent of need. Maurer said some reporting was required and the program has been used to acquire night vision equipment. Commissioner Stratman and Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann entered at 9:08. As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, this was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
STATEWIDE STAY-AT-HOME
ORDER:

Commissioner Stratman reported on the meeting that morning between himself, Wann, Sheriff Rick Lisenbe, PCSD Lt. and EMD Mike Kirn and Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox. Its purpose was to deliberate regarding the statewide stay-at-home order and whether criminal penalties needed to be added in the county. Commissioner Stratman said all those in attendance believed the answer was "no"; civil penalties were felt to be actually more punitive. Sheriff Lisenbe, Kirn, and Fox all pledged support for Wann as she carried out the provisions of the order. The statewide order had provisions for the limit of persons in retail locations to be determined as a proportion of the fire or building code occupancy: 25% or less of that number for locations with less than 10,000 sq. ft., and 10% or less of that number for locations with more than 10,000 sq. ft.; counties are already involved in litigation from businesses declared non-essential. Wann said the total does not include workers; she then briefly left and returned after several minutes. The governor had allowed cities and/or counties to be more strict, and Rolla affirmed this policy, according to Commissioner Stratman, though St. James council was satisfied with the governor's order. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp acknowledged he was intrigued by the language in the statewide order that local public health authorities can "...enforce the provisions of this Order by any legal means." When asked, Wann said a test in Phelps County had been inconclusive, and negative when the individual was retested; she said this would be removed from the list showing Phelps County had one positive test. Sheeley asked what the civil penalties would be; Commissioner Stratman said it would be driven by the judge and could be limited to a fine without jail time. Wann said a scenario of a restraining order

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STATEWIDE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER, Continued:

or injunction for non-compliance, with fine for every day out of compliance, had been discussed with the Prosecuting Attorney. The clerk inquired about whether workers traveling in to the courthouse, for example, would be asked for proof of some kind by law enforcement in the city of Rolla that they, indeed, were on their way to work; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said he had suggested employees could carry a paystub.

IN THE MATTER OF
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asked for an update on Extension activities from Buenemann. Sarah Havens, Field Specialist in Natural Resources, was involved in Tree Talk Tuesdays; the Small Business Development Center and 4-H programming during the closure of schools called "Quaran-Time" was highlighted as was the T.R.I.M Grant targeting the reduction in the invasive species called Callery or Bradford Pears.

IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY
COURT ORDERS:

Personal Property Court Orders were reviewed. Numbers 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 representing 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Add-ons for March 2020 were approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Verkamp. Sheeley then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 7240:

The Road and Bridge Department was in contact with Presiding Commissioner Verkamp regarding a tree blocking this road.

IN THE MATTER OF
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (TAC):

The TAC meeting for April 9, 2020 had been cancelled.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved 14 and 15 invoices in the amounts of \$18,658.28 and \$9,432.20, respectively.

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 9th day of April 2020 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 TAX REVENUES:

Sales tax revenues for the month of April were reviewed. County General Revenue 0.5% and Law Enforcement Sales Tax (LEST) 0.375% were provided to the clerk by Treasurer Carol Green and showed \$226,428.51 and \$169,821.45, respectively. These were down 8.31% in the month-to-month comparison; up 2.65% in the rolling twelve month comparison; down 0.55% in the YTD comparison of the first four months of 2019 and 2020. The budget impact of the COVID-19 novel Coronavirus pandemic was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
BID SOLICITATION FOR
CONTRACT HAULING:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the following bid solicitation for contract hauling was approved:

Phelps County is currently seeking bids for contract hauling of road materials for the maintenance or construction of county roads and bridges. The requested bid will be for an hourly rate for a driver, tandem axle dump truck or greater with a capacity of 15 tons or greater within the legal haul weight limit of the truck. The requested bid will be for an hourly rate only no materials. Materials will be hauled from vendors within a 50-mile radius of Phelps County. Dump trucks must be equipped with a chipper bar and asphalt lip. Material being hauled will be the responsibility of the trucking company until it is delivered to the desired location. The contract company will be responsible for any down time due to break downs, flats etc. and shall not bill Phelps County for time down. The contract will be for the 2020 year. Multiple contracts may be awarded to qualified bidders in order for the County to accomplish necessary work in a timely and efficient manner. Successful bidder(s) must provide adequate proof of insurance. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) are encouraged to participate. Sealed bids in envelopes clearly marked "Contract Hauling" on the exterior will be accepted in the Phelps County Clerk's Office, 200 N. Main St. Ste 102, Rolla, MO 65401 until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at which time they will be opened. Phelps County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Done by the order of the Phelps County Commission this 9th day of April, 2020.

s/s Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

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IN THE MATTER OF
TREE RESOURCE IMPROVEMENT
& MAINTENANCE (T.R.I.M.) GRANT:

Rachel Buenemann, Community Engagement Specialist for the University of Missouri Extension and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were present; Field Specialist in National Resources Sarah Havens joined via Zoom. Havens presented the essential elements of the T.R.I.M. program aimed at eradication of Callery, or Bradford, pears which had been brought from Asia as rootstock for grafted edible pears. Originally thought to be sterile, this has not actually been the case, and small fruits have been disseminated widely by birds. Funding for the removal of these noxious plants would likely be a 75/25 split between the Missouri Department of Conservation and the local entity. She then discussed the options for replacement.

IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION:

Group Benefit Services, the third-party administrator for the county's partially self-funded employee medical plan, submitted the renewal of the Personal Health Information/HIPAA agreement and this was approved on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF
RECOGNITION OF ELECTION JUDGES:

The clerk expressed her gratitude for the many judges who worked at the polls during the March 10, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary, as well as contract laborers and hospitality helpers. The list of workers were recognized as follows: Adam M Darknell, Agnes C Uhls, Alice D Blue, Anastasia D Smith, Ann L Murphey, Barbara D Watkins, Beverly A Schrock, Brenda M Heth, Carl H Heth, Carol A Becker, Carol J Bennett, Carol Roling, Carolyn J Root, Carolyn S Baumgartner, Charles L Dean, Christina D Miller, Christine R Gulley, Clarence E Schrock, Clark Harrison, Constance D Roberts, Constance V Williams, Dale R Carpentier, Daniel E Woodward, Danny H Maxey, David B Nenninger, David C Smith, David R Wallace, Dayle A Bramel, Denise L Sisco, Diane R Hess, Elizabeth Pross, Ellen K Williamson, Emily Flagg, Francis P Samel, Fred D Blue III, Gene Deluca, George C Ashford, Gerald W Greenway, Gery C Armaly, Gloria J Roberts, Hazel D. Shaw, Helen A Mumma, James Eric McGrath, James R Greig, James S Zimmerman, Jane Ann Dare, Janice Gilliam, Janice L Cunningham, Janice L Goddard, Jasmine A Hall, Jena G Huizinga, Jennie Chatman, Jeremy Martin, Jill A Johnson, John Michael Flowers, Joseph E Neidert, Joshua J Ashby, Karen M Watson, Karen Paul, Kathleen L Nickason, Kathryn H Jones, Keith E Reece, Kimmala J Johnson, Kristina Leininger, Larry Taylor, Leslie S Bearden, Lewis Hall, Linda L Laudon, Linda S Williams, Lisa L Olds, Lorely R Lather, Loren Hall, Loretta L Cornick, Lorna S Prewett, Madelyn N Cardin, Marcia J Ridley, Marcia New, Marga M Martin, Marilyn Greenway, Marsha L Delano, Marvin H O'Brien, Marvin L Bixler, Mary A Rosenburg, Mary Beucler, Mary K Harris, Mary L Pulcini-Lebedowicz, Melinda J Hines, Merelyn K Martin, Myrna Rueff, Nancy E McWhorter, Nathaniel Dyer, Norma G Harris, Patricia Lizotte, Patrick S Creamer, Patsy C Davis, Paul E Goddard, Paxton J Maus, Peggy J Kramme, Philip A Delashmit,

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RECOGNITION OF ELECTION JUDGES, Continued:

Placide A Houser, Rachelle L Martin, Rebecca L Varney, Robert C Laudon, Robert James Cesario, Robert W Whites, Ronald B Russell, Ronald D McClanahan, Ruby I Crowley, Sally Tennyson, Samantha Shoemate, Sandra E Ford, Sarah M Andrus, Sean R Johnson, Shareen A Bornemann, Sharron Lenox, Stephen J Zap, Steven J Olds, Susan Marie Courson, Tara L Miller, Terry D Boyce, Todd Doyle Jr, Tracy Ann Enke, Varonica Ragan, Velma Overby, Virginia Z Lomax, Viva D Dix, Wanda L Reveal, Wilbur Galen Johnson, and William J Delano IV.

IN THE MATTER OF
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Sheriff Rick Lisenbe arrived to report the census of the New Jail was approximately 160 inmates as opposed to 200, because of decreased court activity and some attempts to reduce the jail population to limit COVID-19 novel Coronavirus inspection. County to county interchanges are being limited; the PCSD lacks personal protective equipment (PPE). Federal law enforcement authorities are using more video appearances, if the judge in the case will permit. The U.S. Marshalls service still will fund prisoner transport if the judge insists on a defendant physically appearing. Sheriff Lisenbe said writs can be done online and can be time savers. The sheriff then spoke a bit about some modifications to the area between the 1972 Jail and the courthouse; they will help in transfer of prisoners into the courtroom areas for hearing.

IN THE MATTER OF
INTOXICANTS-TO-GO:

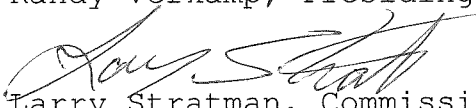
Deputy County Clerk Katie Henson entered to mention that under the emergency declaration, there was a possibility that "to-go" cups might be used by restaurants during curbside pickup; she had anecdotal reports that this might be happening. The Commission encouraged her to communicate these concerns with her contacts at the state level who work with her on liquor licenses.

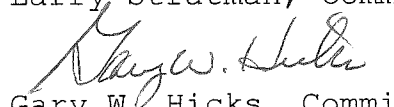
IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 50 and 48 invoices in the amounts of \$9,123.33 and \$67,483.84, respectively.

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 April 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

Deputy Clerk Katie Henson took minutes in the absence of the clerk.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS HEALTH AND
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Chief Executive Officer Ed Clayton of Phelps Health was present as was Phelps/Maries County Health Department Director Ashley Wann, Julie Wiles of the Health Department, Michelle Bock of the Road Department, Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley, Rolla Mayor Lou Magdits and Rolla City Administrator John Butz. Clayton provided current data with respect to the novel Coronavirus COVID-19: 1.9 million worldwide cases; 18,000 worldwide deaths; 572,000 U.S. cases with 23,000 deaths; 4,450 Missouri cases and 123 deaths. The hospital has tested 145 people with four positive cases for people who were not Phelps County residents. Some tests are being outsourced; the hospital is low on supplies for both testing and personal protective equipment (PPE). He reported on planning underway for a "surge" of COVID-19 patients; 246 can be cared for and there are 50 ventilators available. Because other hospital care has been postponed and the census has greatly decreased, the revenue is down by 45-50% and is possibly the worst decline in hospital history. Extensive employee illness screening and reassignment based on need for workforce is underway; there is a no-visitor policy and there are no meetings. Roughly 200 employees are working from home. Answering a question from Commissioner Stratman, Clayton said departments will be re-opened in a staged fashion. Patients presenting to the emergency department are first screened in the separate screening tent, to lessen the potential for contagion in the emergency room which is unfortunately seeing the same amount of drug overdose cases. The process of lifting restrictions across the state was discussed. Alternate care sites are under consideration, such as hotels or churches.

IN THE MATTER OF
SENIOR COMPANIONS:

The Commission reviewed and approved the statement of Senior Companion Volunteer Support.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS 8240 AND 8250:

The Commission approved and requested the placement of a stop sign at the intersection of County Roads 8240 and 8250.

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL:

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PAYROLL, Continued:

The Commission reviewed and approved payroll for 4/15/20, representing work dates 3/16-31/20, in the amount of \$186,698.56 net salaries; \$60,483.28 federal and \$7,836.50 state withholding.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of two invoices for payment and licensing of a new pickup to replace the totaled vehicle for Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson, in the amount of \$30,437.50. The claim against the guilty party's insurance company is underway.

IN THE MATTER OF APPORTIONMENT
 OF NATIONAL FOREST RECEIPTS FOR
 THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2019:

Now at this day the county clerk takes up the matter of apportioning the National Forest Receipts for Phelps County - 25% being distributed to the County Road & Bridge Fund and 75% being distributed to the School Districts within the National Forest area. The Road and Bridge Fund received \$18,930.20 and the School Districts received \$56,790.59.

The School Districts are Rolla 31, Newburg R-2, Phelps County R-3 and a portion of Texas County R-8. Total acres in the National Forest area as of June 30, 2019: 64,596.86. This makes each acre \$0.879154.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ACRES	TOTAL
ROLLA 31	702.87	\$ 617.93
NEWBURG R-2	33,887.74	\$29,792.54
PHELPS COUNTY R-3	27,870.94	\$24,502.85
TEXAS COUNTY 81/R-8	2,135.31	\$1,877.27
TOTAL	64,596.86	\$56,790.59

IN THE MATTER OF APPORTIONMENT
 OF NATIONAL FOREST MINERAL RECEIPTS FOR
 THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 2019:

Now at this day the county clerk takes up the matter of apportioning the National Forest Mineral Receipts for Phelps County - 25% being distributed to the County Road & Bridge Fund and 75% being distributed to the School Districts within the National Forest area. The Road and Bridge Fund received \$20,420.87 and the School Districts received \$61,262.63.

The School Districts are Rolla 31, Newburg R-2, Phelps County R-3 and a portion of Texas County R-8. Total acres in the National Forest area as of June 30, 2019: 64,596.86. This makes each acre \$0.94838.

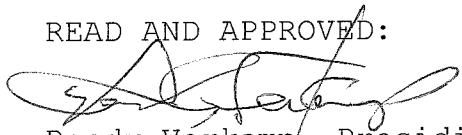
SCHOOL DISTRICT	ACRES	TOTAL
ROLLA 31	702.87	\$ 666.59
NEWBURG R-2	33,887.74	\$32,138.60

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NATIONAL FOREST MINERAL RECEIPTS APPORTIONMENT, Continued:

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ACRES	TOTAL
PHELPS COUNTY R-3	27,870.94	\$26,432.35
TEXAS COUNTY 81/R-8	2,135.31	\$2,025.09
TOTAL	64,596.86	\$61,262.63

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 16th day of April 2020 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

Commissioner Stratman was live-streaming from home.

IN THE MATTER OF
SENIOR COMPANIONS:

Phelps County Senior Companions Director Yvonne Leuthauser provided a summary of the activity of the Senior Companions and explained the modifications made in the program due to concerns over novel Coronavirus COVID-19 contagion. Also present was Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley. Leuthauser said "Everybody's still working," but the companions are not going into the nursing homes, but rather, are working with home clients taking them meals which they leave at the door, phoning or visiting them through other means. Their clients must receive medicines and also need food, and the companions are only going additional times if needed. Her office has provided guidelines for taking precautions. Thankfully none of the clients and none of the Senior Companions are ill. Leuthauser and her staff are using Zoom meetings; 12 new Senior Companions are to be recognized through this medium. She has some emergency policies in place and has divided some of her duties between her two staff members, should there be a need for her to delegate. Recently, due to an increase in her grant award, she was able to increase the stipend hourly rate for the first time since 2002; her grant continuation has been submitted and she said the 44th recognition of the Companions may be live in June.

IN THE MATTER OF
ORDER DECLARING A STATE OF
EMERGENCY IN PHELPS COUNTY, MISSOURI:

Commissioner Stratman shared the thought that two additional weeks, through April 30, was prudent. Commissioner Hicks spoke to the panic induced by incessant media coverage and the toll on the economy taken by the edicts issuing from the entrenched bureaucracies; he feels the Commission must be available at a moment's notice to rescind the order. As moved by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, Commission Order 2020-3-19 Amendment No. 1 was again amended extending the emergency declaration by one week, through April 23, 2020, to be reassessed at that time; there were no other changes.

IN THE MATTER OF
BENEFIT MANAGEMENT REPORT:

The Commissioners reviewed the Benefit Management Report from Springfield's Group Benefit Services through March, 2020 showing 47% loss ratio with the reserve account balance at end of March as \$329,636.01.

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IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS COUNTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES BOARD (PCESB)/E911 FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Commission received and reviewed the April 2020 PCESB/E911 Financial Report.

IN THE MATTER OF
MISSOURI S&T:

The Commission then observed the Virtual Town Hall Meeting from Missouri S&T with Chancellor Mohammad Dheghani. The Chancellor, Chief Financial Officer Cuba Plain as well as Provost Stephen P. Roberts provided information about the University's response to the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak, which has involved extensive modifications of the operation of the campus.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the payment of 26 and 46 invoices in the amounts of \$36,715.63 and \$29,630.73, respectively.

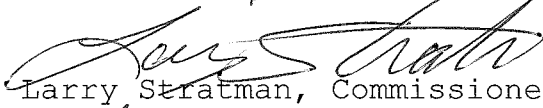
IN THE MATTER OF
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND ROAD 2170:

The Commissioners signed a letter to MDC regarding placement of rock on this road, under the state's CART program.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
April 21, 2020 Sixth day of the April term

Now at this the 21st day of April 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
PCSD AND SHOOTING RANGE:

PCSD Lt. and EMD Mike Kirn and Lt. Paul Lambert presented the possibility of purchase of land in Phelps County for the firing range for the PCSD; the current location is on land which is to be sold and had only been leased by the PCSD. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present. Under consideration is a parcel of roughly 30 acres on County Road 3450 with topography that would be suitable for such a purpose. There may be some issues with access during very rainy periods, but Kirn said the department would plan to work around the wet seasons.

IN THE MATTER OF
FLOOD BUYOUT:

Commissioner Hicks said that he inspected the site of a demolition in Jerome with Chuck Cantrell of MRPC. This is the second property that has been demolished with several more to come. Sheeley then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

As moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the meeting entered closed session at 9:10 a.m. pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) - personnel matters. No actions were taken and the meeting returned to open session at 10:05 on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

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

Commissioner Hicks provided some updates on the project.

IN THE MATTER OF
FIDELITY CABLEVISION:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp informed all that Fidelity Cablevision Company was in negotiations with Turner Broadcasting regarding contracts for their channels.

IN THE MATTER OF
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
PAID LEGAL SERVICES:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp received a call from MAC Paid Legal Services attorney Travis Elliot and was absent from approximately 11:00 to 11:20 a.m.

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IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

The Commissioners reviewed a provisional listing of roads to chip and seal during the coming roadwork season. The state bid for chip and seal oil, and oil prices in general, were discussed. Michelle Bock of the Road Department arrived and informed the Commission that two FEMA disaster payments for the April 2017 flood, totaling over \$48,000, had been received.

IN THE MATTER OF
JUVENILE VEHICLE:

A 2007 Ford Taurus belonging to the Juvenile Division had been reported a total loss due to hail damage, and as moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the title was signed over for salvage.

IN THE MATTER OF
FLOOD BUYOUT:

The Commissioners reviewed Request for Funds (RFF) #3 from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) FEMA-4317-DR-MO, Project #0037 in the amount of \$4,500; and RFF #4 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Project # FR-2018-15 in the amount of \$4,155.00. This was intended for \$6,000 in demolition costs; \$4,155 in administrative costs and \$186.63 in publication costs to reimburse the county. These were approved as moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting returned to closed session as moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, at 11:35 a.m. pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) - personnel matter. No actions were taken and the meeting returned to open session at 12:00 p.m.

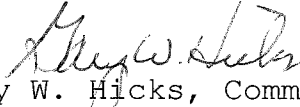
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
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Now at this the 23rd day of April 2020 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 ADMINISTRATOR AND
ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS:

Public Administrator Kathy Oliver as well as Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were present. The meeting was live-streamed via Zoom as all meetings had been since April 2nd; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp made introductions to viewers. Oliver said she wanted to provide information to the Commission: the "Stimulus" payments also known as Economic Impact Payments, made to adults by the U.S. Treasury as part of the response to the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, were being claimed by some of the facilities housing disabled adult wards assigned to her and to other public administrators around the state. Finding this of great concern, she had been in touch with the offices of U.S. Senator Josh Hawley, Missouri 8th District Representative Jason Smith, and 16th State Senator Justin Brown. Representative Smith informed her that this concern was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. Oliver believes these wards, often under conservatorship and/or guardianship, often need funds for personal needs like new dentures, pharmacy bills, and necessary clothing. Often they are on extremely limited stipends, less than \$100 monthly. Oliver then left at 9:12 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS/MARIES HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AND NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

At 9:10 a.m. Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann entered; she notified the Commissioners that due to the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 situation she was seeking a bid on a shield to position between her three WIC nurses and the public. She said she was told that the county may be the subject of focused surveys and random testing of asymptomatic individuals, for which the state will provide her department the materials and transport for samples as well as personal protective equipment (PPE); there may be hundreds of tests, as many as 400 to 600. She reviewed the new criteria for testing. Wann said there were many questions about reopening businesses and resuming community activities after the emergency declarations had been put into place. Commissioner Stratman said that, to date, the deaths in Missouri numbered 208 but 145 of these were over age 50 and 45 were in one nursing home; he believes there is a great deal of individual responsibility but Wann said social distancing remains important.

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY COMMISSION ORDER
DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY:

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STATE OF EMERGENCY, Continued:

Commissioner Hicks said he was reluctant to have a stay at home order in the county, but acknowledged the importance of supporting the governor's decision not to begin lifting restrictions until 11:59 p.m. on May 3, 2020. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the existing state of emergency permitting restrictions on congregant activities, as already in place, was extended through May 3, 202 with the order to be reassessed Thursday, April 30, 2020. Commissioner Hicks commented on personal responsibility and acceptance of risk. Wann then left the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR VIDEO TERMINAL:

Collector Faith Barnes entered just as Sheeley was leaving. She discussed again the use of a video terminal in the courthouse lobby; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp referred to the lengthy court dockets posted in paper form on the bulletin boards on the second floor; perhaps Circuit Clerk Sue Brown would need a separate monitor.

IN THE MATTER OF
MISSOURI S&T:

The Commissioners viewed a tele town hall with Missouri S&T Chancellor Mohammad Dheghani. Declining financial support for the University was extensively discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
ASSESSOR'S QUARTERLY:

The Assessor's Quarterly was reviewed and approved as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting entered closed session as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) - personnel matter, at 11:02 a.m. No actions having been taken, the meeting returned to open session as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, at 11:23 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 32 and 17 invoices in the amounts of \$49,774.87 and \$11,743.23; also the Group Benefit Services premium for May as well as TIF Economic Activity Taxes ("EATS") paid for the Rolla West project in the amount of \$14,786.92 were approved.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

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READ AND APPROVED, Continued:



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Now at this the 28th day of April 2020 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
BID OPENING, CONTRACT HAULING:

The one bid received for contract hauling was opened as scheduled at 0900. Daniels Construction bid \$85.00 per hour, for the truck, driver, fuel and insurance. Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson and Michelle Bock of the Road Department were present. After brief discussion with Snelson, the bid was awarded to Daniels Construction after a motion by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

The Commission discussed multiple roads and planned work on chip and seal for the upcoming season. Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann entered the meeting. Commissioner Hicks asked if it would be of benefit to bid tree trimming in the county rights-of-way, which caused Snelson to report that a firm performing contact tree-trimming work for Asplundh left debris behind along Roads 7140, 7160, 7170 and 7230, clogging ditches. Snelson said the contractor had trees down, ran a brush hog over them, and some of the debris was just slung out over the road. This was approximately a week ago; there was quite a lot of work created for the road department. The Commission promised to pursue the responsible party if Snelson wished them involved. Asphalt prices were discussed. Snelson and Bock then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Discussion of various aspects of the novel Coronavirus outbreak ensued. Covid-19 tests for approximately 3200 people, provided by the State Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS) in eight counties statewide, was reported on by Wann; 327 tests had been run though the report was not public yet as the patients were to be notified first. The clerk asked about a selection bias in choice of individuals tested, as there was use of electronic and social media in obtaining test subjects, with a narrow window of a day or two for those people to be enrolled in the test. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp had heard the governor's press conference in which Phelps County was mentioned. Discussion of the guidance in the April 27, 2020 order from the Director of DHSS was undertaken. Commissioner Stratman had asked other office holders about their preparation for permitting a gradual return toward normal face-to-face business with visitors to the courthouse; the clerk said she was not opposed to having a transparent shield which other office holders were acquiring, though she would not want one permanently. Wann provided copies of the new order and the

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19, Continued:

frequently asked questions by the governor's office. The operation of restaurants was agreed to be the most heavily impacted with the reopening guidance. The order had 8 parts, and Wann began by saying that part one simply permitted individuals outside their homes as long as social distancing was practiced at all times. The second part specified that all persons and places of business of the state should abide by social distancing requirements (everywhere understood to be 6 feet of separation between individuals not family members) but that if job duties would not permit 6 feet, "enhanced precautionary measures" to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19 were required. Wann pointed out that this was nowhere defined in the document. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said, "I would assume we're talking masks and gloves," but Wann said it was "...always an assumption...is that something we're going to want to define and require, or that we might want to highly suggest?" The "Frequently Asked Questions" document from the governor mentioned that as a general guideline, businesses should be prepared to implement basic infection prevention measures informed by industry best practices regarding protective equipment, temperature checks and so on; Wann wondered if that meant the county would merely state "...we encourage this," and then drew the Commission's attention to part six of the order requiring restaurants returning to dining-in service to adhere to the limitations on social distancing with respect to seating of individuals, table arrangements, and so on. Commissioner Stratman asked whose job it was to enforce this because without enforcement there would be "no teeth." Wann said that she would recommend an approach of highly encouraging these measures, more of an educational approach, as she did not have the staff to enforce nor did the police. She had two conference calls that afternoon about implementation; Commissioner Stratman said he would be interested in the outcome of those calls with respect to guidelines that might result. Enhanced protective measures were felt to represent gloves and masks, likely cloth and/or surgical face mask designs. Wann said it was getting easier to obtain masks. Commissioner Stratman said that his next question related to occupations which would need to take enhanced protective measures: would that be the barber, the stylist and the table waiter? Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said the phraseology would seem to indicate this. Commissioner Stratman expressed his belief that it would not be adhered to unless it was mandated; will it be complaint-driven? Commissioner Hicks asked, "Don't you think the business owners are going to be looking out for their businesses, and providing a sense of security to their patrons, in order to have patrons?" Commissioner Stratman replied, "You would think that would be correct, but some people's social distancing is 6 feet and some people's social distancing is turning your back on somebody, you know if there's four people at a table and you turn your back to all of them...you can't blame the restaurants because they're trying to get their business back." In answer to Commissioner Hicks' question about effective date, Wann said it was Monday, May 4. Commissioner Stratman said that Governor Parson had the best minds in epidemiology in the state working on this problem, and his order was perhaps purposely somewhat vague to let cities and counties to interpret as they would. "St. Louis County is not Phelps County," he said, and he was not

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19, Continued:

sure that Phelps County, without access to the analysis of an academic epidemiologist, would really need to make things more strict; it would be only operating on a "gut feeling". Wann said that some questions her department is already fielding are about summer school and summer sports; she is advising sports groups to hold off while social distancing is in effect and per the governor's FAQ document, quoting from page 7, "We also advise areas of high touch or high traffic, such as playgrounds, remain closed." Commissioner Stratman interjected that the governor's latest order ended on May 31. Asked by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp for his thoughts, Commissioner Hicks said, "I cannot see the reasoning behind Phelps County having any kind of order," and Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said, "We are obligated..." to comply with the governor's order, and suspected that an additional order from the county was not needed. Commissioner Stratman said that the county still had a declaration of a state of emergency still in effect, which Wann recommend be kept for the time being; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said Phelps County was blessed to have a very low incidence, as opposed to St. Louis City or County; Commissioner Hicks mentioned the hospital's readiness to handle approximately 250 COVID-19 patients with two confirmed cases in the entire county, one of whom is recovered. Though Wann said she had more questions, Presiding Commissioner Verkamp some of the responsibility was still on the individual and Commissioner Hicks said responsible business owners want their businesses to succeed; this will not happen if a COVID-19 case comes from "XYZ restaurant". Presiding Commissioner Verkamp was anxious to see the restaurants and businesses receive advance warning, to prepare to reopen. Wann said re-opening could not occur until the governor's order went into effect on May 4th; Commissioner Stratman said that restaurants in the city of Rolla were still bound by the city's order running through May 11th, unless this was changed. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said he was in favor of letting the county's order expire, and proceed forward in full compliance with the governor's order, effective at midnight, May 3. After discussion about the timing and dating, and Commissioner Stratman emphasizing that the county was not renewing their order because it was redundant.

IN THE MATTER OF
COMMISSION ORDER
2020-3-19 AMENDMENT 4:

As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the following Commission Order No. 2020-3-19 Amendment No. 4 was unanimously approved by the County Commission:

COMMISSION ORDER
AN ORDER DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN PHELPS COUNTY, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, a State of Emergency is declared in Phelps County, Missouri related to the immediate and significant risk posed to the health, safety, and wellbeing of the people of Phelps County that is presented by COVID-19; and

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COMMISSION ORDER 2020-3-19 AMENDMENT 4, Continued:

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020 Governor Mike Parson announced the first phase of the "Show Me Strong Recovery" Plan outlining how Missouri will gradually begin a process of reopening on Monday, May 4, 2020:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, by the County Commission of the County of Phelps, Missouri that a State of Emergency continues to exist in the County of Phelps, Missouri and the County Commission hereby invokes and declares in full force and effect all laws, statutes and regulations of the State of Missouri and the County of Phelps, Missouri, for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of the County of Phelps, Missouri, and the continuity of local government with a minimum of interruption. The County Commission acknowledges their support and agreement with the April 27, 2020 Order, as signed by Department of Health and Senior Services Director Dr. Randall Williams, to be put into effect beginning 12:01 A.M. Monday, May 4, 2020 and to remain in effect unless otherwise modified until 1:59 P.M., Sunday, May 31, 2020.

SO ORDERED, this 28th day of April, 2020.

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION

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

ATTEST:

Pamela K. Grow, County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES
AND COVID-19:

An inquiry was received through the Zoom conference about the implications for courthouse employees. Per the Missouri Supreme Court, the courts were closed for only the barest necessities until May 15, 2020. Commissioner Stratman said that many of the courthouse offices were functioning fairly well; he had not been in contact with the prosecutor's office.

IN THE MATTER OF
COMPLAINTS REGARDING
BUSINESS OPERATIONS:

Wann said she had fielded a large number of calls about businesses operating outside the imposed guidelines, but this had been handled easily with more of an anticipatory guidance approach. Commissioner Stratman had been on conference calls with the City of Rolla, Phelps Health, and Wann and there had been a great deal of information exchanged. He expressed that there was a need for good communication in order to respond nimbly, should cases of COVID-19 increase. Wann briefed everyone on contact tracing and what it required; more technological resources are needed. Wann then left.

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IN THE MATTER OF
MOVE ROLLA TDD:

A discussion was then held about traffic analysis done on the area of U.S. Highway 63 and 12th Street. As part of the Transportation Development District (TDD), realignment of University Drive to bring it into an intersection further south, at 12th street, with 63 is being considered. Exactly how this intersection should be configured is the topic of consideration; that is, signalized intersection versus roundabout. Commissioner Hicks inquired about the islands between traffic lanes, called "pedestrian refuge islands" where vehicular traffic like semi trucks can be avoided; Commissioner Stratman said his question was pertinent, as a way to push 18-wheeler traffic out of downtown Rolla will have to be found. Taking trucks out of traffic stream onto 44 and putting them back on at Menards but the trade-off is eliminating 7 stoplights for two roundabouts. Multiple improvements were discussed, at the U.S. Highway 63/MO Highway 72 intersections and elsewhere. Public Administrator Kathy Oliver entered the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT AND
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR:

Phelps County Public Administrator Kathy Oliver came to report on her clients, disabled adults living in facilities sometimes, being in receipt on occasion of the Economic Impact Payments (EIP) to individuals approved by the U.S. Congress due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Their facilities are trying to claim those payments, in part or in full, for their fees. She had been in contact with members of the Missouri federal legislative delegation and one facility has already apologized and retracted their invoice. Oliver also said she was required by statute to visibly see her clients, to document their well-being, and for this reason, she thought the business of her office would be helped if the public would be admitted to the courthouse again.

IN THE MATTTTER OF
JAIL INMATES AND COVID-19:

Sheriff Rick Lisenbe arrived as Oliver was leaving; he spoke briefly about precautions implemented in the jail regarding the COVID-19 airborne virus.

IN THE MATTER OF
STATE PRISONER PAYMENTS:

The State Auditor's office had made inquiry of the Commission about effects the low reimbursement rate has had on the county budget; what effect delayed reimbursements have had on the county budget; what effect elimination of the state prisoner per diem payment would have. Sheriff Lisenbe said the actual daily cost of housing a prisoner was approximately \$30-40 per day; the state pays less than \$21 per day. He said the Missouri Sheriff's Association reported most counties charge \$40-50 daily per inmate. Phelps County receives \$65 per day for federal inmates, which Commissioner Hicks said in effect meant the federal government was subsidizing the state Department of Corrections.

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IN THE MATTER OF
COURT FEES:

25th Judicial Circuit Presiding Judge Bill Hickle and Circuit Clerk Sue Brown notified the Commission that the Missouri Supreme Court would continue minimizing, to the extent possible, the in-person court functions until May 15. Judge Hickle said he thought Monday May 18th they would be back to a more normal type of operation. He discussed some of the modifications and the software used; Cisco's Web-ex has been used by the court system; there may be security concerns with Zoom.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved invoices for payment of 383 jurors in the amount of \$4,262.29 and 3 invoices for Senior Companions and Staples in the amount of \$2,117.44.

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL:

The Commission reviewed and approved payroll for April 30, 2020 representing work dates 4/1-15/202 in the amount of \$178,779.42 net salary, \$56,332.90 federal and \$7,185.50 state withholdings, respectively.

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 30th day of April 2020 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
COURTHOUSE REOPENING:

St. James City Administrator Jim Fleming was present as was Assessor Bill Stoltz, Treasurer Carol Green, Circuit Clerk Sue Brown and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley. Brown asked about reopening her office to the general public at a time when she cannot find additional hand sanitizer. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said that the target date is still May 4, 2020. Brown left shortly thereafter.

IN THE MATTER OF
CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND
ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT:

With the passage of the federal CARES act on March 27, 2020, the Missouri legislature apportioned over \$520,000,000 to the counties. Phelps County was targeted to receive \$5.2 million as their apportionment. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp had been in contact with Meramec Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Bonnie Prigge regarding administration of what is certain to be a complicated financial award; she was willing to attempt to master the rules and regulations. Green asked about which bank, at what interest, or merely a second account at the current depository (Phelps County Bank) for the funds. Fleming said he would like to see the county take an "aggressive stand" and said he wholeheartedly endorsed the recruiting of MRPC.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUNDING CERTIFICATION:

The office of State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick had supplied Phelps County with certification to permit direct payment from the State of Missouri pursuant to Section 14.435 of SS SCS HCS HB 2014, from the funds allocated to Missouri from the Coronavirus Relief Fund as created in the CARES Act. This document stipulated that the funds would only be used to cover those costs that

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) ("necessary expenditures");
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 for Phelps County; and
3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

Apportioned funds to Phelps County will be \$5,229,302. The funds cannot be used to replace lost revenues. Double-funding expenses by other emergency COVID-19 supplements is prohibited. The funds may be used to make a grant to any political

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CARES ACT FUNDING CERTIFICATION, Continued:

subdivision within Phelps County, under the same stipulations as for the county. As moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, these funds were accepted and Presiding Commissioner Verkamp completed the certification.

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

Presented with Progress Invoice #8 in the amount of \$2,745.58, payable to Great River Engineering for design phase services, the Commission approved payment as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman. Sheeley then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
COMMISSION ORDER
2020-3-19 AMENDMENT 4:

The clerk having prepared hard copy of the order approved 4/28/20, this was approved for signature on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF
DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, destruction of the following documents outside statutory retention limits was approved:

- 2002 General Revenue Check# 200000-201052
- 2002 General Revenue Check# 201053-202242
- 2002 General Revenue Check# 202243-203482
- 2002 General Revenue Check# 203483-204483
- 2002 General Revenue Check# 204483-205424
- 2002 General Revenue Check# 205425-206567
- 2002 General Revenue Receipts
- 2003 General Revenue Check# 300000-300875
- 2003 General Revenue Check# 300876-302011
- 2003 General Revenue Check# 302012-302955
- 2003 General Revenue Check# 302956-303734
- 2003 General Revenue Check# 303735-304651
- 2003 General Revenue Check# 304652-305460
- 2003 General Revenue Check# 305461-306019
- 2003 General Revenue Receipts
- 2004 General Revenue Check# 400000-400889
- 2004 General Revenue Check# 400890-401962
- 2004 General Revenue Check# 401963-402919
- 2004 General Revenue Check# 402920-403666
- 2004 General Revenue Check# 403667-404788
- 2004 General Revenue Check# 404789-406135
- 2004 General Revenue Check# 406136-406928
- 2004 General Revenue Receipt

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE REOPENING:

Collector Faith Barnes and Public Administrator Kathy Oliver entered. Both suggested having markings on the floor of the

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COURTHOUSE REOPENING, Continued:

lobby areas to remind visitors about the need to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from all others.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 COSTS:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp suggested elected officials and department heads would need a system of tracking their COVID-19 related expenditures. The clerk will send some information.

IN THE MATTER OF
NATIONWIDE CHANGES:

Changes in the investment portfolio for Nationwide, applicable to 25th Circuit Juvenile employees, were discussed. Chief Juvenile Officer Kevin Breeden will be notified by the clerk.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann arrived to inform the attendees that the results of targeted testing for 377 individuals, 28 of whom did not ultimately turn out to be residents of Phelps County, but rather neighboring counties, would likely be out later today or tomorrow. First these individuals will need to be informed of their results by Phelps Health personnel, and then Wann said she would release the summary results. Wann also said that she intends to keep the Health Department closed to public access beyond the opening of the main courthouse on May 4; this is for their continued work on the viral outbreak. They continue to serve the public through other means, including curbside.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT AND LEGISLATOR INPUT:

State Representative Don Mayhew (121-R) phoned into the Commission meeting and discussed county funds under the Act. He urged the county to keep a very good paper trail. He said the money did not extend to private businesses.

IN THE MATTER OF
YOUR COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTER (YCHC):

Wann reported that, effective May 4, 2020, YCHC would be capable of testing for COVID-19 using Lab Corps. Charges, turnaround, need for a physician order were discussed. Commissioner Hicks pointed out the CARES Act requirement that insurance companies cover the cost of testing in full, including emergency visits.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT AND MRPC:

MRPC Executive Director Bonnie Prigge called in and was put on speaker phone. She suggested a consistent process that "keeps everyone out of trouble," noting that not only the county signed

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CARES ACT AND MRPC, Continued:

a certification but that perhaps subsidiary recipients should sign a similar certification, for the county to determine. When asked by Commissioner Stratman, Prigge said that local governments are certainly eligible for funds from the county, by her review of Mo State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick's information. She had not looked into the legislation's language. Prigge said more definitive answers regarding qualified expenses and types of documentation were needed. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said the Commission encouraged Prigge and Assistant Director Tammy Snodgrass to become experts. Prigge then gave a few details on the planned reopening of the MRPC offices.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

Commissioner Hicks moved to enter closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (2) - real estate, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, at 11:50 a.m. The meeting returned to open session at 11:52 a.m. having taken no actions, on a motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 33 and 46 invoices in the amounts of \$7,187.37 and \$35,049.96, respectively.

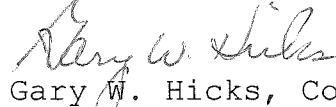
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2