

**PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**  
**June 2, 2020 Eighteenth day of the April term**

Now at this the 2nd day of June 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  
YOUR COMMUNITY  
HEALTH CENTER:

YCHC Board member Jodi Waltman came with the new executive director Stuart Gipson. Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present. Information was provided on the capabilities and assets in the possession of YCHC in regard to COVID-19 testing. Gipson said the clinic is in discussions with local schools about their adaptation, perhaps to include some sort of telehealth agreement. In response to the inquiry of Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, Gipson said that medically assisted therapy (MAT) for opioid dependence is conducted by YCHD in Crawford and Dent counties via a grant. They are headquartered in Phelps. Commissioner Stratman initiated a conversation about thermal imaging cameras in public spaces and Gipson said he had been hesitant, as data and research are lacking. Commissioner Stratman said he continues to have weekly meetings with the city of Rolla, Phelps Health, Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann, joined by the University last week. Discussion of testing 7,000 returning Missouri S&T students, expected to cost \$1.4 million; antibody testing; reliability issues of tests; duration of immunity; testing in long term care facilities and the jail ensued. YCHC is applying for federal funds under the CARES Act. Gipson said that their medical director, Dr. Matthew Porter, lacks hospital privileges at Phelps Health but the hospitalists employed by the hospital fill that need. Gipson and Waltman left.

IN THE MATTER OF  
HOUSTON HOUSE AND  
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local residents Linda Hance and Linda Marshall came to discuss operation of the Houston House, which is quite popular with some local residents as well as some from distant areas of the state, during this time of social distancing.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SURPLUS TAX FUNDS:

Collector Faith Barnes discussed a matter related to a former owner requesting surplus funds derived from sale of a property during the 2017 Collectors Delinquent Tax sale.

IN THE MATTER OF  
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS  
COVID-19 AND MISSOURI S&T:

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 AND MISSOURI S&T, Continued:

Wann discussed strategies to handle students returning to the campus and community.

IN THE MATTER OF  
STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE  
PERFORMANCE AUDIT RESPONSES:

Draft audit responses to the SAO were finalized and submitted.

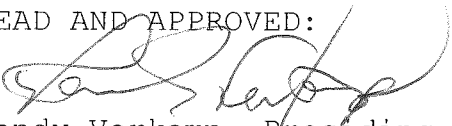
IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Eight invoices in the amount of \$16,052.35 for contract pay, 19 invoices for additional MAC Trust Worker's Compensation premium charged on the audit of 2019 payroll in the amount of \$2,226.00, and Progress Invoice #9 for BRO-B081(13) in the amount of \$8,290.16 were approved.

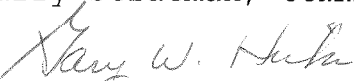
IN THE MATTER OF  
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDER:

Personal Property Court Order 2009 consisting of an amendment to the 2018 add-on's for April 2020 for omitted LAP (late assessment penalty) was approved.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

**PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**June 4, 2020 Nineteenth day of the April term**

Now at this the 4th day of June 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  
COURTROOM ONE AV IMPROVEMENTS:

The clerk discussed the 50% payment required the prior day by the vendor engaged to install audiovisual equipment in courtroom one; \$14,658.21 was paid by the Sheriff's Drug Forfeiture Fund and an equal amount was paid from the Prosecuting Attorney's Drug Forfeiture Fund. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present. The invoices had been approved by Commissioner Hicks and Presiding Commissioner Verkamp; Commissioner Stratman added his signed approval.

IN THE MATTER OF  
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

University of Missouri Extension Board Chairman Sarah Oerther entered and talked with the commission at length about the COVID-19 pandemic.

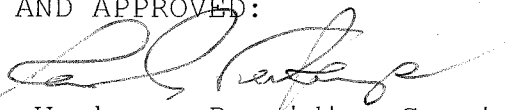
IN THE MATTER OF  
MISSOURI S&T:

The Commission viewed a live stream with Chancellor Dhegahni from Missouri S&T as well as other university officials about the budgetary impacts and expected responses the university will make.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 40 and 32 invoices in the amounts of \$23,452.14 and \$43,746.56, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

**PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**  
**June 9, 2020 Twentieth day of the April term**

Now at this the 9th day of June 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner  
Larry Stralman, Commissioner District 1  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2  
Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF  
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION:

MU Extension County Engagement Specialist Rachel Buenemann and Nutrition Program Associate Jean Day presented the "Walk Indoors" program which would be offered to employees in the courthouse as a break from the utterly sedentary nature of their jobs. The Commissioners were in favor and planning will be undertaken.

IN THE MATTER OF  
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Local resident Sarah Oerther and Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann arrived as Buenemann and Day were leaving. Wann reported that preliminarily two new cases were felt to exist in Phelps County. After briefly discussing the increased scope of testing for this illness in St. Louis County, she left.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SALES TAXES:

Treasurer Carol Green arrived and provided the sales tax report for the month of June, 2020. This showed county 0.5% sales tax receipts of \$271,143.68 and law enforcement 0.375% sales tax receipts of \$203,342.63. These amounts were down 8.30% in the month-to-month, up 0.28% in the YTD and up 1.39% in the rolling twelve-month comparisons, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CITIZEN INPUT:

Dick Elgin, P.E., PLS, arrived and discussed recent Black Lives Matters demonstrations in Rolla, which had been peaceful.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CITIZEN INPUT:

Ray Schweikhardt arrived just as Elgin left.

IN THE MATTER OF  
BLACK LIVES MATTER:

Sheriff Rick Lisenbe arrived and discussed the BLM protests, policing and the "Defund the Police" movement of recent days.

IN THE MATTER OF  
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19  
AND COURTHOUSE SANITATION:

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 AND COURTHOUSE SANITATION, Continued:

Director of Support Services Mark Brookshire reported on obtaining ultraviolet units for the HVAC system for the courthouse; there is a possibility that the Sheriff's Department would be interested as well. Cost, placement and bidding for the equipment were discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFFING:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann returned to discuss staffing in her department, feeling she has need of a slight uptick in her manpower.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PCESB/E911 FINANCIAL REPORT:

This report, for the month of June, 2020 was received.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 13 and 379 invoices for grand and petit jurors, respectively, in the amounts of \$3,679.73 and \$3,774.03, respectively. Payment of one invoice to Rolla Municipal Utilities for \$30.34 was also approved.

READ AND APPROVED:

  
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

  
Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1

  
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

**PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD**

**June 11, 2020 Twenty-first day of the April term**

Now at this the 11th day of June 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  
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Commissioner Stratman gave an update of a meeting for the purpose of discussion of the strategy for mitigation of COVID-19 illness upon the return of the Missouri S&T student body for the fall semester. Flattening the disease incidence curve, transmission by asymptomatic individuals and effect (if any) on the academic calendar were discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ROADS:

Michelle Bock of the Road Department came to report on multiple road issues. She also notified the Commission that several Democrat party candidates for County Commission, one each for each district, came and explored the functions of the department.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SURPLUS TAX FUNDS:

A quit-claim deed on a property for which surplus tax funds were requested, as opposed to a warranty deed, was referred to Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CARES ACT FUND APPLICATION:

The clerk presented an application for CARES Act monies from St. James Ambulance District, with a quotation from a vendor of transport ventilators. The quote was for four ventilators at a total cost of \$16,000. There was no proof of payment and the request IS to be held for further documentation.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amounts of \$60,548.69 and \$94,148.64.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PAYROLL:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll for 6/15/2020, representing work dates of 5/16-31/2020 in the amount of \$185,870.18 net salaries and \$60,200.99 federal and \$7,770.00 state withholdings, respectively.

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IN THE MATTER OF  
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

The Commission approved personal property court orders numbered 2011 through 2014, for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 add-ons respectively to May 2020. These increased the tax due by \$27.10, \$50.85, \$4,282.21 and \$25,695.33, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ST. JAMES CARING CENTER CDBG:

The Commission reviewed request for funds #7 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding the St. James Caring Center renovation and improvements. It was for the amounts of \$38,134.84 for Community Facilities work, \$2,282.50 for Construction Inspection, \$5,000.00 for Administration of the grant, and \$19,706.39 for parking lot facilities. This brought the total in funds requested on the \$344,110.00 grant to \$276,236.27. This was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

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