

Phelps County Commission Record

April 4, 2023 First day of the April Term

Now at this 4th day of April the commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner
Laura Johnson, Phelps County Clerk

In the matter of
GFL Trash Service:

Discussions were had on GFL no longer collecting trash for the county. Commission advised there are several other avenues the citizens can utilize to get their trash collected and provided the Focus Reporter with a contact to be able to run a report for the citizens of Phelps County to call.

Also present were The Focus Reporter.

In the matter of
Property Outlaw:

Commission reviewed the Timothy Tolliver property outlaw. Hicks moved to approve, Stites seconded, motion carried at 9:04 am.

In the matter of
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved payment of invoices in the amount of \$600.00 for Prosecuting attorney MAPA training Fee, \$18,335.69 for April Contract Pay and \$7,706.21 for KCL Insurance.

In the matter of
Road Vacation of North Park Street:

Commission discussed the possibility of vacating North Park Street. Commission called and placed on speaker the County Surveyor, Terris Cates. Commission asked Mr. Cates to resubmit a corrected form as it was signed incorrectly. Cates advised he would correct and resubmit the form.

In the matter of
Historical rail road bridge next to courthouse:

Discussions were had on how BNSF is responsible for the repairs needing to be made to make the bridge safe for the public again.

John Watkins entered at 9:27 am. The focus Reporter left at 9:29 am.

In the matter of
Road Vacation of County Road 1300 continued:

Mr. Watkins entered with his document of 12 signatures required by statute. The signatures consist of the following neighbors:

John Watkins
Debbie Watkins
Jason Gargus
Jessica Gargus
Brian Adams
Marvin Bartle
Debbie Bartle
Denver Spurgeon
Amanda Spurgeon
Bryan Licklighter
Gary Lorts
Justin Lorts

Commission mapped off to abandon approximately 2,410.06 feet of County Road 1300 beginning at Latitude:38.11679 Longitude:91.62003 and ending at Latitude:38.11609 Longitude:91.61249. Mr. Watkins agreed to the section of abandonment and agreed to put in a 50 ft hammerhead turn around for county trash and county road equipment. On this first day of the second term the commission read the petition presented by Watkins to vacate 2,410.06 ft on CR 1300 from the intersection of CR 1290 to the east of CR 1300 at a point of 60 feet west of Mr. Watkins drive way. Commission advised the final adoption of the Road Vacation be held on July 6th @ 9:30 am as that will be the first day of the next term. The commission instructed Mr. Watkins that he will need to post this petition to abandon such right of way at least 20 days before the first day to the next term in 3 public places in the Dawson township. A copy of the same petition shall be served on all the property owners whose land crosses the proposed vacation.

In the matter of
Paula Gayle Street Damage:

A concerned resident, Corey Cross, calls Commissioner Hicks to report damage being done to the road and is placed on speaker. Commission advised that road has not been accepted by commission so it is the developer's responsibility (Lyle Cox) to maintain the road. Discussions were had on the fact this road does not have a culvert to direct any storm water which is causing the damage. Commission advised Mr. Cross since he has a VA Loan, he needs to get the Predication of the road letter the developer had to submit which would state the road would be completed up to county specifications in order for the VA to sign off on the VA Loan.

Mark Case from Road and Bridge department entered at 11:17 am.
Mr. Watkins left at 11:30 am.

In the matter of

County Road Dept Requests to fix personal driveways:

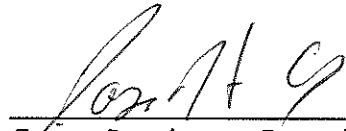
Discussions were had on the matter and commission advised Mr. Case to use his own discretion.

In the matter of
Silt Fence along new Road facility:

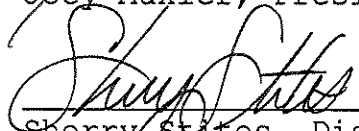
Case advised a neighboring property owner has expressed concerns of the placement of the silt fencing. Discussions were had and commission advised they would relocate the fence to where it is not following the property line but set further within the property line.

Case left at 12:02pm.

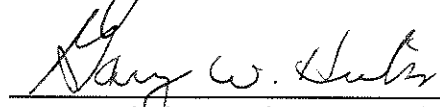
Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record

April 6, 2023 Second day of the April Term

Now at this 6th day of April the commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner
Laura Johnson, Phelps County Clerk

Also present were The Focus reporter, Local residents Don Riley and Ray Schweikhardt.

County Clerk appoints Commissioner Hicks as presiding commissioner for the day in the absence of Presiding Commissioner Auxier.

In the matter of
Ground Breaking on New Road and Bridge Facility:

Commissioner Hicks advised they have a scheduled ground breaking for the new road and bridge facility on Thursday April 13, 2023 at 11:30 am.

Local resident Dale Wands entered at 9:16 am.

In the matter of
April General Municipal Election 2023:

Discussions on the Marijuana tax passing almost in every county of the state after the General Municipal election were had.

In the matter of
The Mission and homelessness:

Discussions were had on the new regulations the city has placed on only allowing the mission to allow overnight stays for the homeless during the winter months. Discussions were had on the concerns this will put on not only the city but the county as well as the homeless will be looking for a place to sleep. Further discussions were had on how since this is a non-profit organization, they are being told they can't put stipulations on how they conduct business which is what is causing the issue with not being able to stipulate matters involving the Mission.

Local resident Randy Bahr entered at 9:35 am.

In the matter of
911 board tower being put up:

Local resident Randy Bahr advised commission: the 911 board is working on installing a new tower along County Road 7580. Discussions were had on the tower being placed just past the cemetery toward the end of County Road 7580. Bahr advised he believed this will be the 5th tower being installed in the area. Discussions were had on how this will increase services for not only the local residents but the first responders that respond to those dead cell areas of the county.

Schweikhardt left at 9:46 am.

In the matter of
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved Invoices in the amount of \$78,116.87 A - L, \$41,171.54 M - Z, and \$129,866.63 to River City Construction/ Mastercard.

Phill Madonna Local resident entered at 9:51 am.

In the matter of
Animals at large on County Road 8440:

Mr. Madonna advised commission he is having issues with his neighbors' dogs running all over his property. He explains he has contacted Law Enforcement and law enforcement has advised they issued citation to the owners of the dogs. Mr. Madonna explains he feels it's not right to kill the animals when it is the fault of the owners not the dogs. He feels victimized and wants this issue resolved quickly. Mr. Madonna explains he is an outdoor influencer and works with several outdoor companies to shoot outdoor videos and these dogs at large are causing him issues. Discussions were had on how these are not occasional issues this is happening morning, noon and night. Further discussions were had on the county ordinance that was put in place for these matters. Commission advised Mr. Madonna to see what has happened with his case and go from there. Mr. Madonna asked "if it was a human on my property, they would be given a trespass order so how is it any different when a neighbors animals are not going to be given the same trespass order".

Bahr left at 9:56 am. Local Resident Chester Crider entered at 9:59 am.

Local Resident, Chester Kojro entered at 10:23 am. Phill Madonna left at 10:25 am followed by Chester Crider at 10:39 am, The Focus Reporter at 10:47 am, Chester Kojro and Don Riley at 10:50 am.

Public Administrator Dana Sooter entered at 10:56 am.

In the matter of
Public Administrator business:

Ms. Sooter explains last year they were contacted by the VA in reference to a client. Sooter was made to refund the fees taken last year and as a result they split her funds up into a social

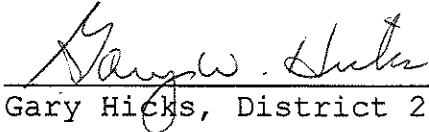
security account and a VA account for this particular client. Sooter just received another call from the VA stating they now can't use the social security account either and are being told they have to refund the fees taken out as of this year. Commission advised to go ahead and issue the refund.

Sooter left at 11:48 am.

Read and Approved:



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record

April 11, 2023 Third day of the April Term

Now at this 11th day of April, the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Minutes were recorded by Deputy Clerk Hudson in the absence of County Clerk Johnson.

Also present were The Focus Reporter, Support Services Amy Asberry and local resident Ray Schweikhardt.

In the matter of
Elevator maintenance and repair Contract:

Ms. Asberry provided the Commission information from ATIS Elevator Consulting relating to planned elevator rebuilding and maintenance. This consulting and construction management firm writes specifications for rebuilding and maintenance. Based on these, bids are then solicited from contractors. After brief discussion, the Commission took the matter of contracting with ATIS under advisement, pending review by legal counsel. The Commission plans to discuss a contract with ATIS with head of maintenance Sissy Korich at their next meeting, or as soon as practicable afterwards.

Jamie Myers, a member of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee, entered at 9:02 am.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Asberry presented a Fidelity phone bill in the amount of \$1,467.33, which the Commission approved.

Ms. Asberry left at 9:05 am.

IN THE MATTER OF
OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Myers inquired about the drafting of by-laws for the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee. The Commission advised that draft by-laws are in existence, a copy of which will be e-mailed to Mr. Myers.

IN THE MATTER OF
REMOVAL OF VEGETATION FROM AROUND POWER LINES:

A notice was received from Ameren that the company would shortly be working to remove vegetation that threatens to encroach on

power lines. Trimming operations will be dependent on weather conditions.

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Representatives from the county employee's health insurance company recently worked with County personnel to reconcile computer records. Accounts payable as of this date reflect this reconciliation.

IN THE MATTER OF
SOUTH CENTRAL COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION DUES:

On motion of Commissioner Hicks, as seconded by Commissioner Stites, the Commission approved payment of membership dues to the South-Central Commissioners Association, which provides instruction on a wide range of county management issues, from such things as wildlife management to wireless internet.

IN THE MATTER OF
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT/STORM WATER DISCHARGE:

Commissioner Hicks noted that with the building of new subdivisions, particularly those comprising sizeable multi-unit structures, Storm water drainage off rooftops will likely create discharge that overtaxes existing ditches. Code regulation on this point may be considered at a later date.

IN THE MATTER OF
MARIJUANA TAXES:

The *Focus* reporter asked if County and City (e.g. St. James) sales taxes on marijuana are cumulative. He was advised that the taxes are cumulative - that is, stacked on top of each other.

IN THE MATTER OF
AIR FORCE BASE DEVELOPMENT - B-21 BOMBER BEDDOWN SITE:

Corrected information was received from the Department of the Airforce about hearing dates for the location of a new bomber air base. The first hearing in Missouri will be held April 18, 2023, and can be accessed by video conferencing.

Collector Faith Barnes entered at 9:26 am.

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY ROAD SPECIFICATIONS

Discussion was had of the need for clarification in County Road Specifications regarding provisions for storm water drainage and the materials to be used to facilitate the same.

The *Focus* reporter left at 9:41 am.

IN THE MATTER OF
ASPHALT PRICES:

New asphalt prices, based on previously-awarded contracts, were briefly discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT:

A concerned citizen called to report sewage standing in a pond at Cedar Grove Lane and Cedar Grove Road. The Citizen suspected a defective septic tank. The Citizen knew there was culvert construction on the road, and thought the Commission should know about the situation. The Commission will refer the matter to the Health Department.

Mr. Schweikhardt left at 10:14 am.

IN THE MATTER OF
LAND DEVELOPMENT:

The Commission generally discussed concerns about property developers deliberately selling parcels to individuals with low credit, with the intention of repossessing the land when installment payments stop.

Ashley Campbell from the Health Department entered at 10:34 am.

IN THE MATTER OF
SEWAGE DISCHARGE AT CEDAR GROVE:

Ms. Campbell advised on the previously-mentioned situation where the citizen complained about standing sewage at Cedar Grove. Ms. Campbell advised she could act on a complaint if one was lodged by a worker who was involved in the culvert construction. Mark Case from the Road and Bridge Department was contacted by phone and apprised of the situation. Mr. Case advised that as of yet, no one has reported encountering sewage while working on this culvert project.

Ms. Campbell left at 10:40 am.

The Commission attempted to contact the concerned citizen who previously called by phone, and left a voice message offering a follow-up phone call.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved invoices to UMR Medical in the amount of \$255,646.38 and to Phelps County Senior Companion Stipends in the amount of \$23,534.34.

IN THE MATTER OF
VERIFICATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO SENIOR COMPANIONS:

The director of the Phelps County Senior Companion program requested presentation of verification forms to the Commission for in-kind contributions to her department. On motion of Commissioner Hicks, as seconded by Commissioner Stites, the verification certificates were approved.

Commissioner Stites left at 11:00 am for previously-scheduled business.

The meeting remained open until noon, when, no other business having been brought to the Commission's attention, the meeting was adjourned.

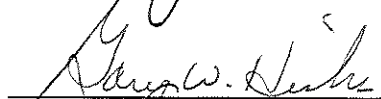
Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record
April 13, 2023 Fourth day of the April Term

Now at this 13th day of April the commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner
Laura Johnson, Phelps County Clerk

Also present was The Focus Reporter.

In the matter of
County Road 6140:

Commissioner Auxier calls Mr. Phillip Freeman who is requesting to dig up a county road to install a water line. Discussions were had on why the commission will not allow Mr. Freeman to proceed with this request. Mr. Freeman advised commission he knows the specs associated with putting in the line properly to avoid damages down the road and he is working through the water board in Edgar Springs. Commission advised Mr. Freeman to have the Water Board in Edgar Springs contact the Commission to move forward with the process.

Treasurer Cathy Tipton entered at 9:14 am.

In the matter of
County Sales Tax Report:

Ms. Tipton explains all local sales taxes are up across the board which is great news. Discussions were had on how the economy is starting to get back to normal since COVID. Further discussions were had on how the community is now getting involved in more projects and are investing more into purchases with in the community.

Local resident Chester Crider entered at 9:23 am. Tipton left at 9:25 am.

In the matter of
Drone footage in restricted areas:

Mr. Crider asked commission who he should talk to to gain access to shooting some drone footage of the jail expansion project. Commission advised to contact the FAA and Sheriff Kirn to obtain permission to take drone footage.

In the matter of
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amount of \$1,200.00 for April Polling place rentals, \$48,901.20 A-L, and \$105,379.57 M-Z.

In the matter of
Collectors Court order Corrections:

Commissioner Stites moved to approve court adjusted amounts on 3 property taxes of the following certificates 2022002429, 2022002428 and 2022002427, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried at 9:42 am.


Assessor Tim Kean entered at 9:53 am and left at 9:58 am. Barnes left at 10:05 am. Support Services Sissy Korich entered at 10:27 am.

In the matter of
Elevator Maintenance and Repair contract:

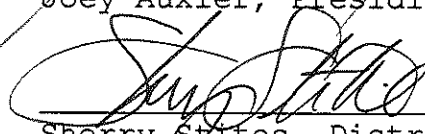
Korich asked commission if they reviewed and approved the contract provided at the April 11, 2023 commission meeting. Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the signing of the contract to ATIS for the Elevator repairs, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 10:30 am.

Korich left at 10:34 am.


Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record

April 18, 2023 Fifth day of the April Term

Now at this 18th day of April the commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner
Laura Johnson, Phelps County Clerk

Also present were The Focus Reporter, Local Resident Ray Schweikhardt and Jail Sgt. Marvin Jackson.

In the matter of
Jail Medical Records destruction order:

Jackson presents list of records that have met their retention period for destruction. Commissioner Stites moved to approve destruction of certain records for the Sheriff's Department, Commissioner Hicks Seconded, motion carried at 9:04 am.

Jackson left at 9:06 am.

In the matter of
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved the payment of invoices in the amount of \$214.20 for Senior Companions training and \$23,054.27 for EATS Rolla Westside TIF.

In the matter of
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program:

Hicks presents information received from our health department director on PDMP. Discussions were had on how this program is being pushed state wide so that all healthcare providers will be able to utilize the account. The hopes are to create a smoother transition for anyone visiting a doctor.

In the matter of
New Road and Bridge facility:

Discussions were had on the processes associated with the construction of the new facility. Commissioner Hicks advised they are working on compacting and flattening the site area and plan to start laying concrete in May of this year.

In the matter of
Tax Commission Reimbursement:

Clerk Johnson presents commission with the Tax Commission Reimbursement forms for the Assessor's Office from The State. Commissioner Hicks moved to accept the quarterly reimbursement in the amount, of \$74,959.50 from the Missouri Department of Revenue to fund the Assessment Maintenance plan, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 9:38 am.

The Focus Reporter left at 9:40 am.

In the matter of
County Road 3330:

Discussions were had on a former road vacation property owner that questioned a hammerhead turnaround being put in by the county. After looking through the commission minutes it was discovered the property owner was responsible for putting in a hammerhead turnaround to allow for maintenance equipment to service the road.

Michelle Bock from Road and Bridge entered at 10:01 am followed by Chester Crider at 10:02 am. Mark Case from Road and Bridge entered at 10:13 am.

In the matter of
Drone footage from Jail Expansion Project:

Chester Crider presents commission with the drone footage he was able to take. Discussions were had on the progress of the jail expansion.

In the matter of
County Road 6140:

Discussions were had between commission and the road department on allowing water district 2 to contract out work for waterline lament. Road advised they suggest making the contractor or the water board pay a deposit that would pay to repair the road. Commission advised they suggest having the contractor patch the road once the line is laid. Commission asks if they could have them trench at 12 in so the line is laid properly and won't cost the county money further down the road. Commission and Road agreed to allow the trenching to commence since it will be for 3 homes on that dead end road.

Chester Crider left at 10:26 am.

In the matter of
Quartz Lake and Lake Circle Drives:

Discussions were had on how Tom Sowers has received negative feedback when approaching homeowners on the fixes that need to be made for ditch lines in these subdivisions. Sowers suggested to the Road department that we may have to make these 2 cul-de-sacs private drives if the home owners won't comply with county specifications.

In the matter of
The county shed in St James:

Discussions were had on potentially getting rid of the county shed in St. James.

In the matter of
Rediscussing of County Road 3330:

Discussions were had with the Road department on the hammer head being approved for the owners to put in place for the road vacation. Further discussions were had on how the commission found documentation on the road vacation being recorded with the recorder of deeds office from July of 2017. County Clerk presented previous minutes to Commission in reference to this road vacation of CR 3330.

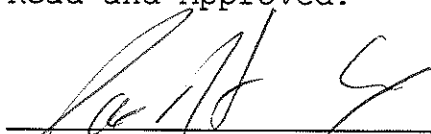
Assessor Tim Kean entered at 11:20 am. Followed by Prosecuting attorney Brendan Fox and Treasurer Cathy Tipton at 11:30 am.

In the matter of
PA Budget Amendment:

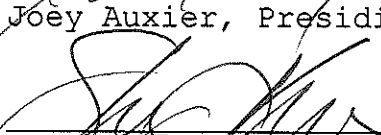
Discussions were had on the budget for PA not having enough funds to pay their incoming bills out of the PA Drug Fund. Mr. Fox advised this was an oversight as they had previously used this fund but they have not received any funding in the last 6 years causing this fund to be depleted. Fox advised to take out of the PA Training fund 450 from the travel meetings and training dues \$4100.00 and put in the computer software/Int/licenses line of 200-2014. Then also take \$1500 out of supplies and material line of 200-2014 fund and put up in the computer software/Int/license line of 200-2014. This totals up to \$5,600.00 being moved around to the correct line. Commission advised to supplement the PA general fund with additional general funds for the remainder of the 2023 budget year. Hicks moved to approve supplementing with county general revenue, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 12:08pm.

Tipton and Fox left at 12:09 pm.

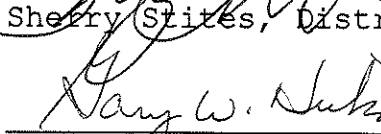
Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record

April 20, 2023 Sixth day of the April Term

Now at this 20th day of April the commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner
Laura Johnson, Phelps County Clerk

Also present were Representative Ray Schwartz from Senator Brown's office and local resident Ray Schweikhardt.

In the matter of
News from Senator Browns office:

Discussions were had on widening I-70 and how Missouri should put in Tolls if they are struggling to fund road repairs and maintenance. Commission asked when we can project to see these road projects happen, Mr. Schwartz advised they have to allocate the funds first but we should know by May 5th when the budget has to be ready for the State of Missouri. Commission asked where the senate is at with the personal property tax increase. Mr. Schwartz advised they will not push that through at this time. Discussions were had on how it needs to be harder to get an incentive on a ballot. Further Discussions were had on the school of choice measure and Mr. Schwartz advised he doesn't see it passing as it would hurt a lot of smaller schools that are barely making it as it is now. Discussions were had on how we need to have more child care incentives and Mr. Schwartz sees this passing in the senate in the future. Mr. Schwartz advised everything is going pretty smooth and he sees good things happening this year for the State.

Jamie Meyers entered at 9:18 am followed by The Focus Reporter at 9:19 am. Mr. Schwartz left at 9:39 am.

In the matter of
Opioid Committee By laws:

Mr. Meyers presents commission with revised by laws for the committee and asked commission to review and approve. Discussions were had on the changes to Article 2. Commissioner Hicks moved to accept the draft of opioid settlement funds committee bylaws and allow the appointed committee to review and approve the bylaws, Commissioner Stites seconded, Motion carried at 9:46 am.

Mr. Meyers left at 9:48 am followed by Mr. Schweikhardt at 9:59 am. Lt. Joe Taylor entered at 9:59 am followed by Sheriff Kirn at 10:02 am.

In the matter of
Lagers early retirement for Corrections Officers:

Lt. Taylor presents commission with his findings on the Corrections Officers becoming eligible to retire at age 55 through the Lagers retirement system. Discussions were had on how this is something that has to be amended under the public safety program side of the Lagers retirement system. Lt. Taylor advised he has reached out to our local representative and is waiting to see what we need to do in order to utilize this feature of the Lagers retirement system. Discussions were had on how this would be a beneficial perk of the job when they are recruiting new hires.

In the matter of
COPS program (Citizens On Patrol Services):

Discussions were had on the COPS program. Sheriff advised its another way for us to make a presence in the community and provide close patrols of property while a property owner is away for business or vacation. Discussions were had on the training provided and the role the Citizens on Patrol volunteers will have in this volunteer role.

In the matter of
Law enforcement academy:

Sheriff advised he has partnered up with ECC (East Central College) and we already have 5 applicants. The program is a year long and when they graduate, they will have the option to take a few other classes in order to obtain a bachelor's degree. Post statue advises the applicants must be 21 by the time of the posttest. Sheriff gave example of entering the course at 20 years of age and then take the posttest when you graduate at the age of 21 years of age. Sheriff Advised RTI is now going to be offering a Criminal justice degree which will allow high school students to take the criminal justice classes and then move into the law enforcement academy the following year. Kirn expressed the concern of local Law Enforcement agencies hurting to be able to recruit anyone for the open positions at the local agencies. Discussions were had on how this will be very beneficial for the community and local agencies.

BPJ representative Tonya Greven entered at 10:32 am. Lt. Taylor and Sheriff Kirn left at 10:45 am followed by the Focus Reporter at 10:53 am.

In the matter of
County Insurance policy updates:

Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the Covid amendment to our health care policy, Commissioner Stites seconded, Motion carried at 10:58 am. Commissioner Hicks moved to approve acceptance of the new group benefit health summary plan, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 11:00 am.

In the matter of
Closed Session:

Commissioner Hicks moved to go into closed session pursuant RSMo 610.021(5) to discuss personnel medical issues, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 11:10 am.

Commissioner Stites moved to come out of closed session, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried at 11:48 am.

In the matter of
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amount of \$19,962.74 for April Election Judge Stipends and Mileage, \$113,945.37 for A-L and \$77,467.23 for M-Z.

In the matter of
Destruction of records:

Document Destruction

April 19, 2023

Commission approved on _____

Shredded on _____

- Deleted voter records from 2012-2017, Q through W


Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner.

Sherry Stites, Commissioner District 1.

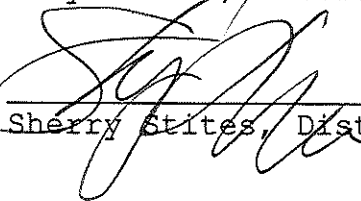
Garry Hicks, Commissioner District 2.

Commissioner Stites moved to approve the destruction of Deleted Voter cards from 2012-2017 Q-W, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried at 12:00pm.

Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner

Gary W. Hicks
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record
April 25, 2023 Seventh day of the April Term

Now at this 25th day of April the commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner
Laura Johnson, Phelps County Clerk

Also present were Treasurer Cathy Tipton, local resident Ray Schweikhardt and the Focus Reporter.

In the matter of
CART Funds report:

Tipton presents commission with CART Fund report and advised gas tax is slightly down but looking at past years April is always down. Everything else is looking great. MV sales tax are up from last year just as the past years trend.

In the matter of
County Investment Policy:

Tipton presents commission with old policy she located and her proposed revisions to the county investment policy. She advised from training she was told to model off of the States investment policy as a guide. Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the revised investment policy for the county, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 9:08 am.

Mark Case from Road and Bridge department entered at 9:10 am. Tipton left at 9:11 am. COPS program director Vince Giacolone from the Sheriff's Department entered at 9:16 am.

In the matter of
County Road 3340 and 3330:

Case advised commission he contacted Mr. Porter in reference to the hammerhead turnaround that needed to be put in after a road vacation of CR 3340 was completed in the past. Discussions were had on how it would be a relatively easy project so Mr. Case proposes to commission that he will do the work and make sure the ditches are put in correctly then the property owner will just be responsible for bringing in the rock. Further discussions were had on the matter of how another section of CR 3330 will need to be properly vacated in order to make this area up to policy standards. Property owner off of CR 3330 was quoted in previous commission minutes that he would have the hammer head put in before the snow flies but it has yet to be done. Case suggested to commission that he will do the work to clear

it out and put in proper ditch lines but Mr. Porter and Mr. Meyers will be responsible for purchasing and laying out the rock. Mr. Case advised we should word these vacations as we will clear it and put in the ditch lines but the property owners will be responsible for laying down the rock needed. Commission agreed with this process.

Mr. Case left at 9:40 am followed by the Focus Reporter at 9:43 am. Lt. Finch entered at 9:59 am.

In the matter of
Sale of Sheriff's Department Fleet Vehicle:

Lt. Finch presents sale invoice and title on a 2015 Dodge Charger that is no longer in commission. Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the sale of sheriff's department fleet vehicle, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 10:00 am.

Lt. Finch left at 10:01 am. Followed by Mr. Schweikhardt at 10:23 am.

In the matter of
Lagers Early retirement for Corrections Officers:
Commission called Lt. Taylor to discuss the next step of the early retirement valuation that was emailed to Clerk Johnson. Discussions were had on the matter. Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the next step of the lagers process that will allow Corrections Officers the chance to retire at the age of 55 years old and that the sheriff will pay the \$660 of the valuation process, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 10:28 am.

In the matter of
PA Budget amendment finalized:

County Clerk Johnson advised commission after looking at the funds with the treasurer and making the stated movements of funds per the Prosecuting Attorney the county would need to provide an additional \$14,000 from general revenue to the PA 200-2014 fund in the Computer Software/Int/License line. Commission advised to make the transfer from general funds to the stated PA budget.

Collector Faith Barnes entered at 10:43 am followed by local resident Chester Crider at 10:52 am. APA Kara Brashears-Wacker entered at 10:55 am. Crider and Barnes left at 10:55 am.

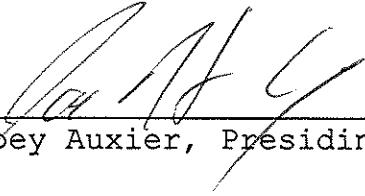
In the matter of
County FMLA review:

Discussions were had on the exhaustion of the 12-week FMLA leave and how the county should proceed. Commission discussed with

Legal Counsel Brashears-Wacker the option of putting employees on Cobra at the beginning of the following month once its exhausted or allowing the employee to utilize the time they have available and then advise them they will need to utilize COBRA if they wish to remain employed with the county. After these discussions were had it was suggested that the employee will be given the option to continue to utilize their accrued time if they have it available and they would have to be put on COBRA once those accruals are exhausted. Commission was advised once the 12-week FMLA leave is exhausted the county has the option to terminate the employee if they have no time accrued and will be covered by federal law if they choose termination. APA Brashears-Wacker suggests reaching out to an attorney that specializes in the FMLA area and see what they would advise for the county to put into a written policy.

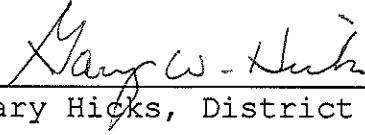
Brashears-Wacker left at 11:38 am.

Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner

Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

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April 27, 2023 Eighth day of the April Term

Now at this 27th day of April the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner
Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner
Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

The Focus Reporter was also present. Deputy Clerk Hudson took minutes in the absence of County Clerk Johnson.

IN THE MATTER OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT:

A brief discussion of floodplain management was had. Tammy Snodgrass will provide a synopsis of floodplain legislation and ordinance planning at the May 4th Commission meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ROAD 3620 DRY FORK CREEK BRIDGE:

On motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, the Commission approved a written request to the Missouri Department of Transportation for federal BRO money to reimburse 80% of a \$12,851.49 invoice for progress on the Dry Fork Creek bridge under construction on County Road 3620.

IN THE MATTER OF LAGERS PUBLIC SAFETY VALUATION:

The Commission approved, and the Presiding Commissioner signed, a written request to the Local Government Employee Retirement System (LAGERS) for a public safety valuation.

IN THE MATTER SICK LEAVE HOURS:

The Commission reviewed and discussed the number of sick leave hours accrued by all current County employees, which total 39,944.12. This follows from previous discussions of the county FMLA leave policy.

Det. Hedge from the Sheriff's Department entered at 9:17 am.

IN THE MATTER OF CYBER CRIMES GRANT:

Det. Hedge requested the Commission's approval to apply for a State cyber-crime grant in order to investigate and combat child exploitation computer crimes. On motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, the grant application was approved.

Det. Hedge left at 9:31 am.

Matt Mayhew of Integrated Facility Services entered at 9:39 am.

Collector Faith Barnes entered at 9:41 am.

IN THE MATTER OF
GREAT CIRCLE:

Commissioner Stites noted that Great Circle is in negotiations with a multi-state healthcare provider to take over the local facility. Positive change is expected, including technical training for residents of sufficient age.

IN THE MATTER OF
STATE BUDGET:

Ms. Barnes mentioned that there are proposals in the State budget for a new mental health project in Kansas City, as well as for increased pay for caregivers of mental health patients.

Sissy Korich and Amy Asberry of Support Services entered at 9:56 am.

IN THE MATTER OF
FLUID COOLER BID:

As scheduled, a bid for a fluid cooler (to replace the 30-year-old cooler on the north side of the courthouse) was opened and read at 10:00 a.m. Integrated Facility Services provided the only timely bid. Price was listed as \$250,100.00; chemical treatment was quoted at \$8,000.00 in the event that water is not of sufficient quality to maintain the equipment to warranty standards; heat rejection in conjunction with increased power was quoted at \$55,875.00. On motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, the bid was taken under advisement.

Mr. Mayhew left at 10:10 am.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY:

General discussion was had about plans to improve courthouse security, both in terms of infrastructure and the employment of additional law enforcement personnel.

Christine Miller, director of Senior Companions, entered at 10:31 am.

IN THE MATTER OF
SENIOR COMPANIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Ms. Miller announced a meeting of the Senior Companions Advisory Council this date at noon. Ms. Miller then left the room at 10:34 am.

IN THE MATTER
SICK LEAVE HOURS:

Discussions were had of the interaction of sick leave and federal law, including the Family Medical and Emergency Leave Act. The County's method of awarding accrued sick and vacation leave was also generally discussed.

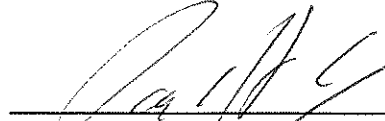
IN THE MATTER OF
ARPA FUNDS:

The Commission reviewed and approved the final payment of \$94,131.52 in ARPA funds for the lift station replacement in St. James.

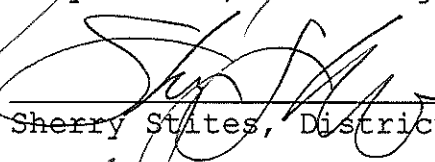
IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amount of \$15,778.33 for A-L and \$154,514.19 for M-Z.

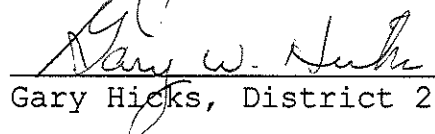
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