Now at this the 2nd day of March 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

> Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1 Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2 Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF CART FUNDS:

Treasurer Carol Green presented the CART fund receipts for February 2021. Local residents Ray Schweikhardt and Terri Yates and Collector Faith Barnes were also present.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZEN INPUT:

Terri Yates came in to ask about what it would take to get her road, Co Rd 2210, paved. Commissioner Hicks measured it and found that the length was about 2430 feet to the junction with Road 2250. Coroner Ernie Coverdell and the sales representative from Stryker Emergency Care entered at 0915. Yates had called to speak with the Road Department and got a rough estimate of the cost for the road. She said she called Pierce Asphalt and their estimate was over fifty thousand. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp spoke to her about the requirement for all the residents with road frontage to be "on board" and addressed the potential need for widening the road prior to any improvement. She said she understood that she would have to "sell" this to her neighbors. Barnes left at 0918.

IN THE MATTER OF CARES ACT REQUESTS FOR CORONER AND EDGAR SPRINGS RFPD:

Coverdell said he has responded to one murder, 6 overdose deaths, and 2 suicides of individuals both aged 24, with a total of 59 coroner cases year-to-date to the end of February. Christina Elias with Stryker Emergency Care made a presentation and supplied AHA and DOD guidelines for CPR in the face of COVID-positive patients. She then demonstrated the Lucas chest compression device. Local resident Chester Kojro entered at 0935.

IN THE MATTER OF PDMP:

Schweikhardt reviewed his take-home impressions of the fourth quarter 2019 St. Louis County PDMP. He said the reports were "pretty" but he was unsure of what else they could be used for, then mentioning his very visceral dislike of databases. Schweikhardt left at 0940 and Kojro offered additional remarks.

IN THE MATTER OF DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION PER STATE RETENTION GUIDELINES:

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION, Continued:

Commissioner Hicks moved, Commissioner Auxier seconded, that the document destruction be approved. Passport transmittal forms, 2016/17 Timesheets, Liquor licenses 2012-2015, LE Accruals 2011-2015, and other superannuated time sheets. Kaitlin Brothers left at 0950.

IN THE MATTER OF CARES ACT FUND APPLICATIONS:

Commissioner Hicks moved and Commissioner Auxier seconded the pre-approval of the Coroner's application for \$45,663.53. Commissioner Auxier moved and Commissioner Hicks seconded that the pre-approval application for \$15,867.20 for Edgar Springs Rural Fire Protection District be preapproved. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier the Phelps County Health Department CARES Act application denoted [P-51] in the amount of \$26,968.42 was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF CHIP AND SEAL ROADS:

Commissioner Hicks reported on Road 8160 being used as an incident bypass route and the damage caused on 2/27/2021 by the heavy traffic. He said the condition of the road was far beyond pothole patching. There are stretches 10-15 yards long on which the surface is crumbled. Kojro left at 1030. Commissioner Hicks said he urged Presiding Commissioner Verkamp to contact the head of the Missouri State Highway Patrol about use of county roads (rather than lettered state roads) as incident bypass routes.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZEN INPUT:

Philip Lohmann name to inform the Commission of his aspirations to run for the $121^{\rm st}$ state representative district.

IN THE MATTER OF POST-THIRD TAX SALE PROPERTIES OFFERING:

Collector Faith Barnes returned to discuss a new post-third offering policy. She wanted her policy to be entered in the minutes. The policy and bidding guidelines were as follows:

POST 3RD TAX SALE OFFERING GUIDELINES

2021

- 1. All persons or entities placing bids on these properties shall meet the same qualifications for all regular bidders at the tax sale. However, a bidder for a post $3^{\rm rd}$ sale property may register at any time prior to obtaining a Collector's Deed.
- 2. Sealed Bids will be accepted on Monday, September 27 at 8am.
- 3. Bids due no later than 9:45am on Tuesday, September 28.

POST-THIRD TAX SALE PROPERTIES OFFERING, Continued:

- 4. Bids will be evaluated beginning at 10am on Tuesday, September 28.
- 5. Highest bidder will be notified immediately and has 24 hours to pay.
- 6. Failure of the highest bidder to pay will result in the next highest bidder to be notified and offered the property, so forth, and so on, until the property is purchased.
- 7. Failure to receive an initial bid by 9:45am on the fourth Tuesday in September for any property will put that property on notice for over the counter sale in perpetuity. Bids will be accepted on the fourth Tuesday of every month by 9:45am. In the case of multiple bids, highest bidder will receive a Collector's Deed.
- 8. These properties are subject to RSMO 140.250, specifically parts 3 & 4.
- 9. Minimum bid required by Collector's office to off-set expenses is \$40.
- 10. Any city which may have a lien on the property shall be given first right of refusal.
- 11. The owner of the property in question shall have the right to pay the taxes due at any time prior to the minute the Collector's office receives payment of the amount bid from any purchase.
- 12. Payment for all properties purchased shall be by cash, check, Cashier's Check, or Money Order. Payment must be received by 24 hours after notification or the property will be sold to the next highest bidder.
- 13. Bidder is responsible for all taxes owed in current year.
- 14. Buyer Beware. Collector makes no warranties about title and ownership. You are highly encouraged to seek legal guidance before starting the bidding process.

Faith Ann Barnes

Phelps County Collector

Missouri statues indicate that a Collector's deed issued under these circumstances will give the purchaser a superior right over all other liens, except those for real property taxes, but purchasers are STRONGLY encouraged to consult with an attorney and conduct a title search before proceeding. In many cases, purchasers will have to file a quiet title action to get good title, and the court's interpretation of that provision will prevail over the interpretation of the Collector's office.

POST 3RD TAX SALE OFFERING - Bidding Policy

POLICY APPLICABLE TO ALL PROPERTIES THAT WERE OFFERED ON

THE TAX SALE A THIRD TIME AND DID NOT SELL AT SUCH 3RD

OFFERING.

These properties are subject to RSMO 140.250, specifically parts 3 & 4.

POST-THIRD TAX SALE PROPERTIES OFFERINGS, Continued:

These properties may be sold for any amount, at any time, without further notice. Minimum bid required by Collector's office to off-set expenses is \$40.

Beginning on the fourth Monday in September, after the close of the tax sale in the year in which the property was offered as a post third sale, and was not sold, the Collector will begin accepting written offers for the purchase of such properties. All properties will be subject to a minimum of a thirty day public posting period. Posting may be defined as the following, but not limited to: Posted in the office, posted at the time of the tax sale whether verbally or printed, listed on the web page, listed on social media, physical posting at situs address. The minimum acceptable offer shall be \$40. All offers shall be held and evaluated together at 10am on the fourth Tuesday of September. At that time, the property offered shall be sold to the highest bidder, according to the following guidelines. Failure to receive an initial bid by 9:45am on the fourth Tuesday in September for any property will put that property on notice for over the counter sale in perpetuity. Bids will be accepted on the fourth Tuesday of every month by 9:45am. In the case of multiple bids, highest bidder will receive a Collector's Deed.

- 1. All persons or entities placing bids on these properties shall meet the same qualifications for all regular bidders at the tax sale. However, a bidder for a post 3rd sale property may register at any time prior to obtaining a Collector's Deed.
- 2. All recorded liens may be extinguished unless they are government liens.
- 3. Any city which may have a lien on the property shall be given first right of refusal.
- 4. The owner of the property in question shall have the right to pay the taxes due at any time prior to the minute the Collector's office receives payment of the amount bid from any purchase.
- 5. Payment for all properties purchased shall be by cash, check, Cashier's Check, or Money Order. Payment must be received by 24 hours after notification or the property will be sold to the next highest bidder.
- 6. Bidder is responsible for all taxes owed in current year.

IN THE MATTER OF INCIDENT BYPASS AND MSHP:

Presiding Commissioner placed a call to Captain Edwin A. Blaylock, the Troop I Commander with the MSHP. He will be in contact with his personnel over the matter of routing interstate traffic over county roads, when the incident bypass should be a lettered state road.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1

Now at this the 4th day of March 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

> Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1 Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2 Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF PDMP:

St. Louis County's Health Department Prescription Drug Monitoring Program or PDMP, to which Phelps County belongs, was discussed with Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD 8280:

Local resident Don Green came in to report on the deteriorating condition of his road, expressing his hope that repairs would be considered as schedules permitted.

IN THE MATTER OF RPD COMMUNICATIONS TOWER:

Deputy Clerk Peter Cook reported that he had incontrovertible proof that the radio tower behind the police station had been transferred to the E911 board in 2011 and the tower is controlled by the PCESB.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY PROPERTY IN JEROME:

Local landowner Jim Anderson spoke by phone with Commissioner Hicks about a parcel he is interested in within Jerome; the Commission informed him that at present the County Surveyor and Land Commissioner Terris Cates is working on this.

IN THE MATTER OF US HIGHWAY 63 EXPANSION:

Fixing America's Surface Transportation, a/k/a the "FAST" Act, was signed into federal law and \$300 Billion are to be appropriated, of which \$500 Million was apparently estimated by MoDOT to be available for improvement of US Highway 63 from Jefferson City to the Arkansas state line.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD 5280:

Michelle Bock of the Road Department entered at 1000 to report the failure of a very large culvert; options such as a box culvert poured in place were reviewed. Bock said 1,062 acres drain to this location.

IN THE MATTER OF COLLEGE HILLS:

COLLEGE HILLS, Continued:

Commissioner Auxier reported on how a resident in College Hills had corresponded with him in email and phone messages and was very negative, even threatening, about brush cutting in the county's right-of-way. Assessor Bill Stoltz entered at 1015 and expressed his approval of the work that had been done in this regard.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE PHONES:

Sissy Korich of Building and Grounds entered at 1030 to report that the base model phones will be unavailable and a minimally simpler phone costing \$30 less will be substituted; as moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks this was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF CARES ACT APPLICATIONS:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks approval for acceptance of a Cares Act Application from Maid-rite.

IN THE MATTER OF SENIOR COMPANIONS MOU'S:

Commissioner Hicks moved, and Commissioner Auxier seconded, that the MOU's between Phelps County as a "station" as well as Silver Stone long term care facility be approved.

IN THE MATTER OF CARES ACT FUNDS:

Treasurer Carol Green asked if new applications could be accepted from non-profit agencies such as the Rolla Nutrition Site. CMAAA is the board providing oversight. Stoltz and Bock left at 1115.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE:

The January 2021 Benefit Management Report was reviewed by the Commission. The reserve account balance was over \$467,000.

IN THE MATTER OF CEDAR HILL ROAD:

The condition of this road off Road 2290, and potential future maintenance, was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of invoices totaling \$26,968.42 for Phelps/Maries Health Department, CARES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, Continued:

Act Fund request #7; payment of 9 invoices for contract pay in the amount of \$18,919.01, and payment of 60 and 20 invoices in the amounts of \$20,002.14 and \$8,294.92, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1

Now at this the 9th day of March 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1 Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2 Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF RIDGE CREEK SUBDIVISION:

Pulaski county resident Lyle Cox was present to inquire about the possibility of vacating the roads in this subdivision on the north side of Co Rd 3000. Local resident Ray Schweikhardt and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present. Commissioner Hicks reported that he was investigating the possibility of a second means relating to subdivisions in unincorporated areas, rather than that laid out in Chapter 228, RSMo. Cox would plan to eliminate two cul-de-sacs overlapping what are now Alexandria and Foxwood Courts as well as the one in between, with the goal of constructing more homes which will face the woods. The Commission looked at the GIS maps and reviewed Cox's plans with him. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp placed a call to the prepaid legal services attorney and left a message regarding legal options for vacating roads. After further deliberation about potential alterations to his development plans, Cox left at 0930. Local resident Chester Kojro entered at 0935.

IN THE MATTER OF MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN:

The Commission was presented with the renewal of the agreement and as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier, the resolution to adopt the Phelps County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

IN THE MATTER OF COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT:

Collector Faith Barnes presented her annual settlement to the Commission. She wanted this to be recorded in the minutes. After brief discussion with Barnes, Sheeley left at 0950. There are a couple of companies protesting their taxes; these taxes are paid and retained in escrow such that they are not disbursed to the school districts. Barnes said that she works closely with the school districts to keep them informed, as this revenue is not accessible to them for budgeting.

IN THE MATTER OF SINGLE AUDIT 2019-2020 ENTRANCE CONFERENCE:

Nate Zoschke, CPA, staff auditor with McBride, Lock & Associates entered at 1100. Also present from the firm were Matthew Partridge and Brandon Robertson. Zoschke began by asking about CARES Act funds. Treasurer Carol Green entered at 1105. The flow of information and approvals for CARES Act funds were

SINGLE AUDIT 2019-2020 ENTRANCE CONFERENCE, Continued:

outlined with respect to MRPC, the entity administering the distribution of Phelps County's CARES Act funds, and BKD, the CPA firm providing technical assistance to MRPC. Zoschke said the CARES Act funds would be the primary area of interest for the audit. Subsequently a discussion ensued regarding MoDOT's concern with the county's corrective action plan for three audit findings from the 2017-2018 Single Audit. In their communication dated January 4, 2021, they stated that the "...corrective action plans proposed by the City [sic] are not sufficient to address the audit findings. As 2 CFR 200.511(c) states, 'a corrective action plan must provide the name(s) of the contact person(s) responsible for the corrective action, the corrective action planned, and the anticipated completion date.' None of the corrective action plans included a completion date. The corrective actions planned also do not provide enough specific detail on how the County will address the audit findings per the recommendations of the auditing agency." was the letter digitally signed by Julie Stotlemeyer, PE, Assistant State Design Engineer, Local Programs Administrator. Commissioner Hicks reported that the funds for the BRO project were obligated but now there seems to be some sort of entanglement and threats from MoDOT to withhold final payment, which could be as much as 10% of the total project. Zoschke made it plain that he was an independent auditor but said he would forward compliance guidelines from the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement which contained information on most federal award programs.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 11 invoices in the amount of \$16,771.38. This included payment for the upgraded office phone models being purchased by several of the departments.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1

Now at this the 11th day of March 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

> Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1 Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2 Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF SENIOR COMPANIONS:

Senior Companions Director Yvonne Leuthauser and Christine Miller of the Senior Companions program presented a review of their program and some developments. There had been significant issues nationwide with the grant website which finally seem to have been resolved. She reported on a grant for Tai-Chi classes for balance and strengthening which may be funded by the hospital; 48 attendees in a Zoom in-service; a local physician performing physicals for their new companions. She is starting to think about the 45th recognition. Commissioner Hicks asked how many of the Senior Companions had been immunized; Leuthauser said there were only four that had been fully immunized for COVID and she said there was some reluctance. The common practice has been phone and virtual visitation; several companions are doing in-person visits but this was approved by the client and the family and these are people who are immunized. Christine Miller presented the Treasurer's report. Their fiscal year begins for them July 1. She inquired about having Director of Support Services Sissy Korich included on her in-kind contribution and Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said this would be acceptable. They left at 0920.

IN THE MATTER OF PRIVATE DRIVE 3005:

Michelle Bock of the Road Department said that a private drive off Road 3000, Pvt Dr 3005, needs a new culvert as the existing culvert is too short and small. As Road Department personnel have been to the site on at least one time to discuss the situation, the residents are aware.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD VACATION:

Local resident and realtor Kimmie Auxier entered at 0945 to discuss road vacation in a parcel containing a recorded subdivision plat which had never been developed. Referred to RSMo 71.270 and an attorney's counsel, she left at 0950.

IN THE MATTER OF MODOT GRANT:

Lt. Paul Lambert with the PCSD entered with the paperwork for the MoDOT DWI Enforcement grant for \$10,000 and MoDOT Hazardous Moving grant for \$7,000 which was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier.

IN THE MATTER OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF:

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF, Continued:

Treasurer Carol Green came in to report on a second impending load of Federal Reserve Notes for COVID relief, not through the State Treasurer's Office, but directly from the federal government to Phelps County, of over \$8 million.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD 5100:

A local resident called to report a dryer dumped on Road 5100 which was actually partly on the driving surface and the road department was informed.

IN THE MATTER OF TRASH PICKUP:

Bock said that since there is no longer a Tough on Trash grant, the blue bags for trash will have to be supplied through COSP (which also supplies the labor) and the last time the road department purchased bags they paid \$2200 for 10,000 bags. Bock said that a vendor is working on a price as the current supply is marked with the grant name, which no longer applies.

IN THE MATTER OF QUAIL RUN:

Residents there have complained about 3010 which was paved and drivers have been going too fast. It's said that the edges are thick in some places; one 17 year old flipped his car which would indicate that the driver was over 35 mph speed limit. At least one resident has requested white lines. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp reported that there are numerous and explicit federal guidelines stipulating when, where, how, and what may be painted on the roads and these guidelines were then further discussed. The clerk asked when sharrows would be painted.

IN THE MATTER OF PHELPS/MARIES HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Ashley Wann entered at 1040 and said that her department was not administering any COVID immunizations. Commissioner Hicks reported on his recent experience with COVID immunization and waiting for about 30 minutes, and then waiting during the observation period. Wann reported, when asked by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, that she anticipated approximately \$28,000 for February-May monthly expenses over baseline for COVID response activities. Wann then left at 1100, followed by Bock.

IN THE MATTER OF OFFICE HOLDER'S MEETING:

Assessor Bill Stoltz entered at 1100, stating that since the pandemic circumstances arose, there have been fewer chances for the office holders and department heads to get together and discuss developments. Commissioner Hicks said that it might be

OFFICE HOLDER'S MEETING, Continued:

something to promote courthouse harmony and Commissioner Auxier said that he favored more Zen in the courthouse.

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSMENT FUND:

Stoltz reported on the Ameren UE Gas Distribution system tax appeal which may entail significant attorney costs to each county's assessment fund.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZEN CONCERN:

Local resident Steven Cochran communicated by telephone with Commissioner Hicks, reporting that he had trouble with water crossing Road 7100 on the Rolla city side of the BRO project currently underway.

IN THE MATTER OF SALE OF PCSD VEHICLE:

Commissioner Hicks moved, Commissioner Auxier seconded, that the sale of a 2014 Ford van with approximate odometer reading of 210,xxx be approved; Presiding Commissioenr Verkamp signed the title.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD 2340:

Local resident Susan Hilderbrand entered at 1155 to say she was planning to put in a new culvert; augmentation of the rock in the ditch was hoped for, to prevent the water from further damaging the north side of the road.

IN THE MATTER OF
MISSOURI AGRICULTURAL AND
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (MASBDA) CERTIFICATION:

Local resident and business owner Linda Hosack with Corn Creek Greenhouses, of Yancy Mills, Missouri submitted a request for certification of county health ordinances, required for her to access the funding source supplied by MASBDA. The form was completed for her.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll for 3/15/21, representing work dates of 2/16-28/21. Net wages were \$195,342.63, federal and state withholdings were \$60,943.91 and \$8,207.50, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 59 and 23 invoices in the amounts of \$79,988.95 and \$56,498.37,

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, Continued:

respectively, as well as semi-annual disbursements to the agencies funded with county-wide tax levy by the Phelps County Board for the Developmentally Disabled in the amounts of:

AGENCY	AMOUNT
Camp Brimshire	\$ 8,625.00
Capable Kids	\$35,000.00
Choices for People	\$46,525.00
Kyle Center	\$ 9,077.26
People First	\$ 1,695.00
Phelps County Industrial Solutions (PCIS)	\$62,800.00
Phelps County Recreation for the Handicapped	\$25,000.00
Preferred Family Healthcare	\$ 2,500.00

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved Court Order #2046 outlawing 2016 PP taxes in the amount of \$5,970.69. Additionally, they reviewed and approved Court Orders #2047 through #2050 for add-on's for the 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 years to February 2021.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1

Now at this the 16th day of March 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

> Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1 Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2 Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF SALES TAXES:

Treasurer Carol Green presented the sales tax report for March. Green suggested the revenue was partly a "bubble", representing January and even December sales because of the filing dates permitted. Michelle Bock of the Road Department as well as Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were present. The 0.5% county tax showed \$298,887.03 which was up 2.91% in the month-to-month, 2.17% in the YTD, and \$5.38% in the rolling twelve-month comparisons. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said he could understand an argument for accepting more coronavirus relief money, in that "the virus cost us sales tax" although the revenues were positive/increasing; the increase may not reflect the actual retail expansion. Commissioner Hicks believed that in addition to over \$8 million there will be another \$2 million; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said the particulars were extremely vague and it is not at all clear that the \$8 million would be approved to supplant lost revenue. Legislation currently under consideration, including the "Wayfair Bill" (or bills) affecting tax revenues, was discussed. Green left at 0920.

IN THE MATTER OF ROADS:

Road 1190 and "Brown Road" and various drainage issues were discussed. Brown Road goes east off Road 1190 into Crawford County. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp reported on numerous roads that he had driven and asked about patching with a 'tilt trailer' but Bock said Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson would be concerned about controlling the amount of material applied as well as the material getting cold. Bock said the Snelson wants to return to use of a better emulsion for roads. Multiple roads were then discussed by their common names.

IN THE MATTER OF TRASH PICKUP:

Bock said the minimum number of bags is 5100 at \$1,000 from a local company. Funding sources for these were discussed; COSP workers may be solicited in this effort and perhaps the cost of the bags could be run through COSP. Printing versus not with the logo and the additional cost was detailed. Bock left at 0950.

IN THE MATTER OF INMATE PHONE SERVICES:

Jail Administrator Lt. Joe Taylor entered at 0945 and presented an amendment to the HomWav contract which involved am addition

INMATE PHONE SERVICES:

of tablets. The tablets will be a means to prevent the need to give inmates physical mail of a personal nature; it will be scanned front and back and the inmate will be able to view it through the tablet. They may only receive personal mail as a 5" x 7" postcard. Legal mail (from an attorney) does come in an envelope. Legal mail needs to be opened but only in the presence of the jail staff; once it is ascertained that there is no contraband within, it can be given to the inmate. As moved by Commissioner Auxier, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, this contract amendment was approved. Sheeley then left.

IN THE MATTER OF JAIL STAFFING:

Taylor segued to speaking about new hires for the jail and the increased training offerings made available. Taylor left at 1005.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Director of Building and Grounds and Support Services Sissy Korich entered at 1005 along with local resident Chester Korich. The opening for a maintenance person was discussed; Korich has one resume for an individual she plans to interview tomorrow.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident Dan Sutterfield entered at 1015 to present his hopes to present a DVD movie, "Seven", in the multipurpose room that presented what is known from an independent viewpoint about the destruction of NY Trade Center Building 7. He permitted the Commission to keep his DVD for viewing prior to his viewing date.

IN THE MATTER OF LIBERTY LANE:

At 1020 Forrest Stroebel entered to discuss this road. A road, or perhaps more of a driveway, is being constructed extending southward from Schrenk Court and he asks if this might be extended to meet Liberty Lane. The Commission informed him that they did not own right-of-way across this expanse and there was no plan at present to acquire it. He also asked about a "no outlet" sign at or near the cutoff of the Rolla city limits; the existing sign is displayed on the left side of the road as motorists travel eastbound and he believes one on the right side would be more effective. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp contacted the Road Department and placement of a sign will be investigated. Stroebel then left at 1040.

IN THE MATTER OF PCSD BOAT:

Sheriff Mike Kirn entered at 1035 to report that he wanted to

PCSD BOAT, Continued:

donate his department's johnboat to Doolittle Fire. At one time there were certified individuals for water rescue but no longer. (Former Sheriff) Don Blankenship and Bruce Southard are the ones who purchased the boat in 2007 and had training; it was purchased with asset forfeiture funds. There will be three titles: those of the boat, motor and trailer. Transfer was discussed. Commissioner Hicks moved and Commissioner Auxier seconded that this transfer be approved. Local resident Chester Crider then entered at 1050.

IN THE MATTER OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PUBLICATION BID OPENING:

Bids for the publication of the 2020 financial statement were opened after having been solicited by the clerk. The bids were received as follows:

Newspaper

Estimate

St. James Press

\$1,995.50

Phelps County Focus

\$2,510.00

Rolla Daily News

\$1,200.00

As moved by Commissioner Auxier, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the publication was awarded to the Rolla Daily News.

IN THE MATTER OF ASBESTOS ABATEMENT:

Since the estimate of the cost for the project removing asbestos was over the bid threshold, Presiding Commissioner Verkamp placed a call to the vendor to make him aware. A bid solicitation will be developed for later review and approval.

IN THE MATTER OF COSP:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called Christine Gulley in COSP. She will speak with the board this week regarding targeting trash pick-up and purchasing bags. She said that the large van used by COSP was not reliable enough to travel very far outside the city of Rolla. The workers have been fewer due to the reduced court activity.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Joseph H. Auxier/ Commissioner District 1

Now at this the 18th day of March 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1 Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2 Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF BID SOLICITATION, ASBESTOS REMOVAL:

The bid solicitation for removal of asbestos at the residential property at 407~W. 2^{nd} Street, Rolla was reviewed. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present. As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Auxier, the following bid solicitation was approved:

BID SOLICITATION

Phelps County is currently seeking bids for the removal of all asbestos from a residential structure located at 407 W. 2nd St., Rolla, MO in accordance with the asbestos inspection that was performed by MRPC on February 8, 2021 as modified by a report on samples taken by ARSI on March 11, 2021. A copy of the asbestos inspection and/or directions for site access can be obtained by contacting the Phelps County Clerk's Office, at 573-458-6115.

To schedule a time for physical inspection, please contact the Phelps County Sheriff's office at 573-458-3825. Asbestos removal shall be done by a licensed abatement contractor in accordance with all Federal, State and Local Guidelines for asbestos containing material. The project completion date will be thirty (30) days following the award of the bid. Successful bidder will be required to provide proof of Worker's Compensation and Liability Insurance. Sealed proposals, addressed to Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk, 200 N. Main St., Suite 102, Rolla, MO 65401, will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Envelopes must be clearly marked on the outside as "Asbestos Removal Bid". Phelps County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received and to waive or not to waive any or all irregularities.

Done in my office by order of the Phelps County Commission on March 18, 2021.

s/s Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

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

Commissioner Hicks provided a detailed review of the progress on this bridge project. Sheeley took down many of the data points as Collector Faith Barnes entered.

IN THE MATTER OF POST-THIRD TAX SALE PROPERTIES OFFERING:

Barnes provided details to Sheeley of the three properties to be sold as post-third collector's delinquent tax sale offerings.

IN THE MATTER OF COLLECTOR:

Barnes reported that she would be leaving the next day for Juarez where she is participating in building a home for a widow under the Casas por Christo charity. Commissioner Auxier warned her to be careful and Barnes said she had already been in contact with the US Consulate. She stated that she believed her program was taking adequate safety precautions. She left at 0920 and Sheeley left approximately 0930.

IN THE MATTER OF SALE OF PCSD BOAT:

Phelps County Jail Administrator Lt. Joe Taylor entered with \$1.00 he had received from the Doolittle Rural Fire Protection District. This will be receipted in to the fund from which this asset was originally purchased, to be determined by the clerk and the county inventory records.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE TRAINING:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp recounted hearing about training available on road construction mentioned in the virtual online Commissioner's training.

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING, MANAGED IT CONSULTING SERVICES:

Director of Building and Grounds, Support Services Sissy Korich entered at 0955. The sole bid received was opened as scheduled at 1000 and was received from Alliance Technologies, LLC of St. Louis. Monthly fee schedule was \$2870.00 which included documentation/ticketing system access at \$150 (once); physical server support and maintenance at \$1400 (\$200 x 7); virtual server support & maintenance at \$1,080 (\$180 x6); network monitoring at \$240 ($\30×8). Standard business hours support rates were quoted at \$140/hr, 1.5 x that after-hours and 2x that as an emergency response. Block hour support is available at \$125/hr in a minimum of 24 hours for a year or 4 hours for a month, allowing for some bulk purchase at a savings. Optional virtual CIO consulting is available at \$150 per hour and was recommended at least annually and quarterly. The one-time onboarding and discovery fee quoted was \$3,500. As moved by Commissioner Auxier, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the RFP was taken under advisement and Korich will review. A second bid was received by Fed Ex delivery from MGT Consulting Group of Sacramento, CA at 1042 and was not opened due to late arrival. Korich was informed that it had arrived.

IN THE MATTER OF CARES ACT FUND APPLICATION:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Auxier, the request for CARES Act funds from \$33,978.22 for Phelps/Maries Health Department; this encompassed February expenses related to COVID-19.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved the payment of 21, 75, and 27 invoices in the amounts of \$10,180.20; \$44,876.41 and \$18,530.25 respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Joseph/H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1

Now at this the 23rd day of March 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1 Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2 Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD VACATION:

Local attorney Jamie Crump came to discuss the process of vacating a road pursuant to Chapter 71.270, RSMo, specifically regarding a parcel on which a subdivision with a road had been platted but never built. He is representing two clients in similar situations. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present. Crump elaborated on the meaning of the statute's phrase "...at the term..."; also "...adjourned terms..." which appears in 7 statutes. The implication for road vacation with respect to the timing and required periods of public notice was the aspect of concern. Commissioner Hicks recounted the previous attempt to vacate pursuant to Chapter 228.110, RSMo, which was delayed because only two signatures were on the petition, not the twelve required. Crump's opinion is that if the statute doesn't specify, the Commission is vested in the power to vacate. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asked if the title company would be likely to provide clear title to the property and Crump believed they would. Commissioenr Hicks thought perhaps the legal services attorney should be consulted. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp inquired as to what the county's exposure would be, in taking such action. Treasurer Carol Green entered at 0915 and local resident Chester Kojro entered at 0925. Having been told that the Commission would consult with their prepaid legal services attorney, Crump left at 0930.

IN THE MATTER OF CART FUNDS:

Green presented CART Funds for March. Gas tax revenues were \$48,816.68, over 3% less in the month-to-month comparison and the lowest March total going back through 2015. Motor vehicle sales tax at \$15,374.91, however, was 26.67% higher than one year previously and motor vehicle fees were \$7,423.41, an astounding 77.65% more than one year earlier though wide fluctuations in this revenue were noted as was the availability of "stimulus" cash for the consuming public.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLLA SENIOR CENTER:

Green then asked about grant-writing hours for Phelps Connections for Seniors, now a 501 (c) (3). Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asked her who would write the grant; Green said there were one or two members of her committee who have skill in this area.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING:

PLANNING AND ZONING, Continued:

Commissioner Hicks spoke with Doug Melton of Edgar Springs who is contemplating a meat processing plant on M Highway. He asked for a letter confirming no planning and zoning within the county.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Director of Support Services, Building and Grounds Sissy Korich came in to introduce Mike Barnett, the new maintenance man. She reported that her new assistant would be Amy Asberry who is to begin on April 1, 2021. Korich and Barnett left at 1055.

IN THE MATTER OF ROADS:

Michelle Bock of the Road Department entered at 1100. She discussed chip and seal for Road 2210 estimated at \$19,695.48 for approximately 0.5 mile. This price will only be good through June, as the oil prices are only good through June 31st. Commissioner Hicks asked about prepayment by the county, permitting taking advantage of the current pricing; Bock doubted this possibility. Several new culverts are needed. A lengthy discussion of other road issues ensued.

IN THE MATTER OF CITY OF ROLLA FEE FOR ROAD STRIPING:

An invoice was received from the city of Rolla for striping a road or roads for just over \$2500, at the rate of 9 cents per foot, which was approved for payment by the Commission in discussion with Bock. This is the first time the city has charged for this.

IN THE MATTER OF SALVAGE OF PCSD VEHICLE:

A 2016 Dodge Charger which had driven into water on a low water crossing was sold at salvage for \$1,650.00 after insurance from MoPERM in the amount of \$4,676.88 (after \$500 deductible). This was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Auxier; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp signed the title.

IN THE MATTER OF BRO-B081(13) ROAD 7100 PROGRESS INVOICE #16:

This was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier. The invoice for GRE was for \$5,054.75 and the contractor Gene Haile was for \$120,946.00. Progress Invoice #15 has not yet been paid by MoDOT.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE STOP-LOSS CONTRACT:

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE STOP-LOSS CONTRACT, Continued:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called Group Benefit Services President and CEO Mike Deren and placed him on speaker phone; multiple questions about the stop-loss policy coverage with Aetna were fielded. Deren said that Aetna has been slow to supply their contract, and though their documents suggested that the contract would need to be approved and signed by 90 days after the start of the current calendar year, the burden of performance would be on Aetna since they were slow in generating the documents needed.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 49 invoices in the amount of \$42,410.14.

IN THE MATTER OF ASBESTOS REMOVAL:

The clerk received instructions on soliciting bids for asbestos removal from the house at $407~\rm W.~2^{nd}~St.$, Rolla which was to be demolished to make room for the Sheriff's Department's use of the property.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1

Now at this the 25th day of March 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1 Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2 Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF

Local resident Rick Guill entered the Commission meeting to ask about an "old subdivision" of 40 acres adjoining his 38 acre plot; there are no roads built much less any development on this parcel. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Kaitlin Brothers was also present. Guill wonders if he can contact the property owner, purchasing some of these lots and vacating the roads. Commissioner Hicks displayed the tract on the GIS wall screen and Presiding Commissioner Verkamp mentioned that a return call from the prepaid legal services attorney was expected. Guill said he would be in touch with local resident and major owner of the parcel, Dale Wands, and will return later. He left at 0925.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD VACATIONS:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp placed a call to MAC Prepaid Legal Services attorney Travis Elliott, who was placed on speaker phone. The statutory approach to vacate roads pursuant to RSMo 71.270 was compared and contrasted with RSMo 228.110. He spoke about the requirements needing to be satisfied, such as notice of the petition to vacate published in a newspaper OR posted in 5 places in the county. The first statute stipulates the notice is published "...15 days before the term of the Commission..." and Elliott said he favored a stricter interpretation of this time requirement; he has seen road vacations reversed in court. Hicks mentioned Crump's use of the term "...adjourned term..." and that Crump's notion was that if they did the requisite posting they only needed 15 days. Elliott mentioned RSMo 49.200 regarding adjourned terms of the Commission. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asked if the title company issuing title insurance and a clear title would be at risk; Elliott thought they would be. A discussion of the meaning and use of the word "term" ensued. Elliott thought the real problem was in getting the legislature interested in addressing the use of the word in statutes. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp summarized by saying he recognizes Elliott acknowledges the risk is low but that he doesn't like the "adjourned term" argument. The call ended after about 20 minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF CITIZEN INPUT:

A call received from Robbie Crum of Road 7130 with respect to drainage issues was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD VACATION IN CEDAR MEADOW SUBDIVISION:

ROAD VACATION IN CEDAR MEADOW SUBDIVISION, Continued:

Commissioner Hicks said he was in favor of the vacation of these never-constructed roads platted in the subdivision at 11555 County Road 2180, as was Verkamp, and this was communicated to local attorney Jamie Crump via a closed phone call.

IN THE MATTER OF CAMP BRIMSHIRE:

Local resident Richard Hashagen entered and reported that Camp Brimshire would be opening on April 15, 2021 and that there was significant interest being expressed.

IN THE MATTER OF ASBESTOS REMOVAL, 407 W. 2ND STREET, ROLLA:

The clerk received guidance for emailing bid solicitations, inspection and testing documents on the property to be demolished. There are three bidders for the work in addition to the

Brothers left at 1030.

IN THE MATTER OF MANAGED IT CONSULTING SERVICES BID AWARD:

Director of Building and Grounds, Support Services Sissy Korich entered at 1032 and requested the sole bidder Alliance Technologies be awarded the bid, which was done as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Employment of a temporary housekeeper in the evenings was discussed with Korich. The UV light filters for the rest of the heating ducts were discussed; Korich was reminded that the deadline for the expenditure was June 30, 2021 per the State Treasurer's office. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp will share whatever documents he possesses regarding the completion of the HVAC Controls project; Korich will review those in conjunction with her documents to see if the balance of the remaining work can be summarized, aiming toward its ultimate completion.

IN THE MATTER OF LEGISLATION:

Led by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, the Commission discussed current legislation including the increase in the gas tax and the bill known as "The Wayfair" bill.

IN THE MATTER OF FEDERAL STIMULUS:

Treasurer Carol Green entered at 1130 to engage the Commission in a discussion of the more than \$8 million to be released to the county via an expansion of the money supply by the federal

FEDERAL STIMULUS, Continued:

government. An animated discussion followed with respect to how this windfall would or could be handled.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of CARES Act funds for the Phelps/Maries Health Department's February COVID-related expenditures in the amount of \$33,978.22; and one, 16, and 67 invoices in the amounts of \$360.00; \$4,394.77; and \$83,053.85 respectively. January and February EATS (economic activity taxes) from the Rolla WEST development in the amounts of \$16,753.45 and \$27,340.17, respectively, were approved for payment. These two payments represent 50% of the county's sales tax receipts for those months at the rate of \$0.00875, or the county sales tax (\$0.005 per \$1 of sales) and LEST (\$0.00375 per \$1 sales).

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll for 3/31/2021 representing work dates of 3/1-15/2021. The net salaries were \$195,007.67, with \$60,712.23 and \$8,081.00 in federal and state withholding, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Joseph, H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1

Now at this the 30th day of March 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1 Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

Commissioner Hicks was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF SCCG GRANT:

PCSD Detective Shawn Hedge presented a modification of his grant to shift some funds from non-payroll to overtime. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present. Hedge had an item for online training for Cellebrite which he will not be using, and he has a different training which would be better for him. This change is revenue-neutral. The SCCG Tax Force covers 10 counties, as far south as Shannon, as far west as Pulaski, as far east as Reynolds and Iron counties. As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, this amendment was approved.

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

The Pay request to accompany Progress Invoice #16, already approved, was signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

IN THE MATTER OF COLLECTOR:

Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0917 and reported on what had been a very satisfying and enjoyable mission trip to Juarez, Mexico to build a home for a widow. Michelle Bock of the Road Department entered at 0923, and local resident Chester Kojro at 0925. Barnes then left at 0926.

IN THE MATTER OF HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN REVISION:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, the amendment to Action 2.1.3 which previously stated, "Encourage the installation of backup generators for critical infrastructure such as water systems and emergency services." This will be revised to, "Encourage the installation of small renewable energy microgrids (solar, wind) and backup generators for critical infrastructure such as water/sewer systems and emergency services."

IN THE MATTER OF ROADS:

8200 and 8160 are "passable" per Bock, with a new culvert planned. Sheriff Mike Kirn entered at 0930 just as Sheeley left. Multiple road projects were then reviewed by Bock and the Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE STOP-LOSS CONTRACT:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, the stop-loss contract with Aetna was approved and signed.

IN THE MATTER OF PCSD VEHICLE:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, the sale of a 2013 Dodge Charger was approved and the title was signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPG GRANT:

Sheriff Kirn presented the renewal of the EMPG Grant which was for the same amount: \$7800 annually from the federal government and a dollar-for-dollar match from the county. As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, the contract was signed. Kirn is the Emergency Management Director for the County.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD 8280:

Dennis Green came to report on the potholes on his road. A discussion of many of the roads in the 8000's ensued.

IN THE MATTER OF SOFTWARE SALES PRESENTATION:

Audrain County Associate Commissioner Tracy Graham and former Morgan County Clerk Cathy Daniels, both with Computer Information Concepts, entered. Graham is on the NaCO board and reported that his Commission was looking into using the ARPA funds for road and bridge expenses. CIC has remote access capability which he believes will be useful should there be another reason for a shutdown. Their software is used by 11 counties in MO and some in KS and IL. They believe that it interfaces well with the State Auditor's Office budget template, which currently must be hand-entered one cell at a time by the clerk as figures are taken from the current financial software in use in the county.

IN THE MATTER OF AUDIOVISUAL UPGRADES TO COURTROOMS:

Circuit Clerk Sue Brown entered at 1120 to discuss the need for some IT help with their new system which enables "virtual" court. Brown said Pulaski installed something similar; the vendor who installed in Phelps was authorized through the state. This vendor is in KC; there is a laptop in her department that can be "remoted" to, but there is obviously the issue of having nobody on site most of the time. Brown said OSCA's IT personnel are not able to provide all the support, as the state did not

AUDIOVISUAL UPGRADES TO COURTROOMS, Continued:

mandate this. Director of Support Services, Building and Grounds Sissy Korich entered at 1130, and Brown said that the vendor is coming on-site from Kansas City tomorrow and he will speak with Korich. This will allow Korich to better appreciate the scope of what the Circuit is needing, though she may be unable to provide their support, if for no other reason than limits on her time.

IN THE MATTER OF ROOF LEAK:

There is an intermittent leak, depending on the amount and the direction of rain, into one of the judge's offices. Korich said that there is a vendor coming to look into the matter and they will quote a seal job on the entire roof.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioner reviewed and approved the payment of two invoices to Group Benefit Services for employee insurance in the amount of \$124,292.97 and payment of general invoices in the amount of \$201,310.89, including some \$166,000 for the new total body scanner for the inmates taken into the jail. Kirn remarked that two inmates had already been caught with contraband with this process.

READ AND APPROVED

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1