

Phelps County Commission Record

February 2, 2023 Eleventh day of the January Term

Now at this 2nd day of February 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
Liquid Waste treatment facility:

Commission reviewed proposed request for Geohydrologic Evaluation of Liquid Waste treatment facility. Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the signing of proposal, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 9:00 am. Present was The Focus Reporter and Collector Faith Barnes.

In the matter of
Accounts Payable:

Commission reviewed and approved payment of invoices in the amount of \$249,077.48 for A-L, \$26,953.34 for insurance and TIF, \$20,002.35 for contract payments, \$447,694.00 for MOPERM payments, \$115,070.09 for M-Z and \$357,231.25 for additional invoice batch of A-L. Barnes left at 9:18 am. Michelle Bock and Mark Case from Road Department entered at 9:30 am.

In the matter of
Damaged tree along County Road 1050:

Discussions were had about a home owner complaining of a tree adjacent to their home that was potentially damaged during the laying of Fiber Optic cables. Case and Bock advised by statute the home owner is responsible for the tree because of its location. Commissioner Auxier advised we should have the home owner contact Intercounty Electric to see if they would take the tree down since it is on Intercounty Right of way. Commissioner Stites advised when she drove out to assess the tree it has been dying for some time now so no damage was made during the laying of the cables. Commissioner Stites advised she would contact the home owner and provide the suggestions discussed from the day. Tom Sowers, Local Developer, enters at 9:50 am.

In the matter of
Phase 3 Quarry building project:

Sowers presents commission with specifications of asphalt for road, compaction testing results and culvert specs. Discussions were had in reference to builders doing jobs properly and to county specifications to prevent costly maintenance down the

road. Examples of improper building that has caused damage by not having proper ditch lines and draining equipment are Quarry Trail and Quartz Lake. Commissioner Hicks advised Sowers the Phase 3 specifications need to have the required 3 foot shoulders in the new subdivision as per Phelps County Road Specifications. Commissioner Hicks also advised the county did not adopt these specifications just to have them sidelined by builders and developers. Quarry 1 was used as an example of County Road Specifications being followed and there being no issues with extensive maintenance or reported damages. Sowers advised commission it was to costly to put in new subdivisions if he followed County Road Specifications. Commissioner Auxier advise Sowers everything in the economy is high and likely only going to get higher but it is not the tax payers responsibility to pay for the repairs when these developments are not following the stated County Road Specifications and he feels the county should not throwaway the tax payer money when these costs can be prevented. Commission advised Sowers these are the Phelps County Road Specifications for all new builds in the county and they are not willing to bend the rules. Case advised Sowers that this is a minor issue but it must be done to county specifications in order to not have costly repairs needing to be paid with the tax payers money further down the road. Commissioner Hicks pointed out that it is the HOA or Subdivision Trustee's responsibility for maintenance and that they are to adhere to the County Road Specifications as well. Commissioner Stites suggested to set up a meeting with the HOA's, Commissioners and Road and Bridge Department to grasp a better understanding and to get every one on the same page. Commissioner Auxier suggested having a Commissioner, Road and Bridge personnel and Mr. Sowers meet at the build site to put eyes on the problem areas and reassess the issues. Everyone present agreed and decided to meet on site at 1:30 pm today. Sowers left at 10:50 am. Tonya Greven from BPJ Insurance and Tom Pasley retired county employee entered at 10:51 am.

In the matter of
Adding Retiree to KCL insurance:


Greven advised commission she heard back from KCL Dental & Vision and there would be no additional cost to the county share to add a retiree to the Dental and Vision. Greven also explained there would be no addendum needed to add said retiree. Bock and Case left at 11:05 am. Treasurer Cathy Tipton and retired Treasurer Carol Green entered at 11:06 am. Greven and Pasley left at 11:08 am.

In the matter of
3% Marijuana use tax:


Discussions were had about the current wording of the law for utilization of funds obtained from the marijuana use tax. DOR has ruled that the recreational marijuana sales tax cannot be "Stacked". The Commission believes that the ruling could be amended. Commission decided to keep it on the ballot and if the

use tax passes during the election, they will rediscuss appropriation of the funds.

Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record

February 7, 2023 Twelfth day of the January Term

Now at this 7th day of February 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
Opioid Settlement Revenue:

Discussions were had on establishing a way of properly distributing the opioid settlement funds to suit the community. Commissioner Hicks suggests establishing a board and that the commission should consider running an ad to look for members of the public that might be interested in assisting with distribution of funds. Commissioner Auxier advised the lawsuit is set to run for 8 years and feels it would be in the county's best interest to utilize citizens on the board. Discussions were also had about coming up with a possible mission statement for the board. Commissioner Stites suggested we reach out to Judge Clayton as he knows the impact of drug use on our community and maybe he could be an asset for the legal side of the distribution of the funds. The Focus Reporter and Ray Schweikhardt public member were present.

In the matter of
County Government Month:

Commissioner Hicks advised April is county government month. Hicks stated when he took office 10 years ago there was 150 years combined experience in the courthouse and as we stand now there is only about 40 years experience. Discussions were had on possibility of bringing back quarterly meetings with office holders. Commissioner Stites advised it would show transparency, allow everyone to get to know the newly elected officials and help bridge the gap in county government procedures. Commissioner Hicks suggested Commissioner Stites spearhead these quarterly meetings and maybe see if Collector Faith Barnes would be willing to assist her. Theresa Lasher entered at 9:29 am.

In the matter of
Destruction of records:

Lasher presents Commission with a destruction of record form for sheriff's department records. Presiding Commissioner Auxier moved to approve the destruction of 2017 Commissary, 2015 Commissary and Civil Turnover, 2011-2015 Jail Billing and 2019 Accounts payable records that have reached their retention dates, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 9:30 am.

Kent Bagnel from Results Radio and Cameron Schweiss from Archer Elgin entered at 9:31 am. The Focus Reporter left at 9:32 am.

In the matter of
Road and Bridge facility:

Schweiss presents commission with the bid review findings. Discussions were had on getting the contracts signed and he projects to get started with in a month. Commissioner Stites asks if there is contingency on the contract. Discussions were had about having a 5% contingency for issues or additions to the project. Discussions were had on doing a ribbon cutting and arrangements will be made with the Focus Reporter to document the occasion. Ray Schweikhardt left at 9:44 am.

In the matter of
Results Radio:

Kent Bagnel approached commission and asks if the commissioners would take turns coming on the radio to give updates to the community. Commission advised they would gladly attend the radio sessions on Wednesdays to provide update on projects and developments in the county. Michelle Bock for Road Department entered at 9:49 am. Kent Bagnel left at 9:50 am.

In the matter of
ARPA Administration to MRPC:

Commissioner Hicks moved to approved payment of ARPA Administration fee to Meramec Regional Planning Committee in the amount of \$122.99, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 10:10 am. Sheriff Mike Kirn entered at 10:23 am.

In the matter of
Everbridge system:

Discussions were had on how the Everbridge fee use to be divided among offices in the county but the Commission has been paying it the last few years. Commission asked Sheriff Kirn if he would be willing to pay \$2707.31 like he has previously, Kirn advised yes, he would pay his portion. Commission asked Johnson to reach out to Circuit Clerk Wallace to see if she is willing to pay \$500 like her department has in the past.

In the matter of
Purchase of property for Sheriff's Department:

Sheriff Kirn presents commission with documents to purchase a property along Park Street. Commissioner Auxier moved to approve purchase, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried. Bock left at 11:07 am.


In the matter of
Damage off Southwood Dr:

Commissioner Auxier received phone call referencing damage that just occurred off Southwood Drive. The caller advised Aptitude Internet was boring to lay new cable lines and struck a forced sewer main. Sheriff Kirn left at 11:42 am.

Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record

February 9, 2023 Thirteenth day of the January Term

Now at this 9th day of February 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
Bahr Property Appraisal:

Discussions were had on the Commission paying a third of the appraisal cost. Commissioner Stites moved to approve paying \$616.66 of the \$1,850.00 priced appraisal, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried. Carol Green asked commission which fund these are to be paid out of and commission advised they have not decided just yet. Present were The Focus Reporter and retired Treasurer Carol Green. Grant Wilson from Representative Jason Smiths office entered at 9:11 am followed by Kent Bagnol from Results Radio at 9:16 am.

In the matter of
Fiber Optics:

Bagnol asks Commission what the status of the fiber optic cable being laid in the county is. Commissioner Auxier advised it is being contracted so they do not have exact dates but several plans have been presented and approved. Michelle Bock and Mark Case from Road Department entered at 9:30 am.

In the matter of
Bid Specifications for Road:

Bock presents Commission with typed bid specifications for the newspaper ad for their review. Commissioner Hicks moved to approve bids for various jobs for Road Department, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 9:38 am.

In the matter of
Quail Run Phase 3 development:

Discussions were had on the development getting ready to start on Quail Run. Case advised he spoke with Sbabo Construction and informed them they must meet with him prior to construction starting so that he can make sure the County Road Specifications are being carried out. Commissioner Stites moved to approve submission of Phase 3, Commissioner Hicks seconded, motion carried at 9:51 am. Chester Crider public member entered at 9:53 am. The Focus Reporter left at 9:57 am followed by Crider and

Bagnel at 10:08 am. Greg Brauner from metal Culverts entered at 10:35 am.

In the matter of
Culvert materials:

Brauner presents commission with Sample Polymer coated culvert. Discussions were had on how the county is currently having to replace culverts roughly every 10 years do to deterioration. Brauner advised the polymer coating has a 100-year guarantee which would save the county money in the long run. Tony Floyd from Intercounty Electric entered at 11:03 am.


In the matter of
Bahr Property Appraisal:

Discussions were had about the future of expense on the Bahr property if it is utilized as a manufactured park. Floyd advised if the grant funding is not approved the property will be a wash. Floyd advised there are still a lot of "ifs" involved in the project but if it is appropriated then it will help stabilize not only Phelps County but several surrounding counties as well. Floyd, Bock, Case and Brauner left at 11:09 am. Gary Heavin public member entered at 11:10am.

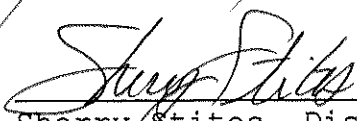
In the matter of
Accounts payable:

Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amount of \$36,106.87 for A - L, \$33,777.92 for M - Z and \$500.00 for contract pay.

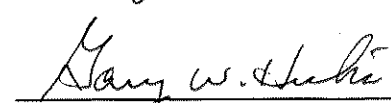
Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record

February 14, 2023 Fourteenth day of the January Term

Now at this 14th day of February 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 are The Focus Reporter and public members Ben Tipton and Jamie Myers.

In the matter of
Opioid Settlement Funds:

Ben Tipton presents commission with some findings on opioid settlement funds. Discussions were had on State guidelines advising the funds must go to certain areas. Suggestions were made about utilizing an application process in order to disburse the funds we have been given allowing for there to be a timeline of funds for a specific program to help our community. Commissioner Stites suggests to Presiding Commissioner Auxier of having Jamie Meyer reach out to individuals that would be interested in being on the advisory board since he works close with those individuals affected. Commission advised these funds will be coming in for the next few years so the account will slowly dwindle down as the funds are allocated. Commission advised this will be a huge asset to our community to be able to offer assistance and more resources for treatment. Ray Schwartz, Senator Brown's Representative, entered at 9:15 am followed by Treasurer Cathy Tipton at 9:22 am. Ben Tipton and Jamie Myers left at 9:33 am.

In the matter of
News from Senator Brown's office:

Field Representative Ray Schwartz from Senator Justin Brown's Office advised mental health is a big issue not just substance abuse. Schwartz suggests to commission advising with recovered addicts to help decide when and where the opioid funds should be spent. Schwartz asked commission to be put agenda on March 16th @ 9am to discuss upcoming transportation on bills that have been passed. Schwartz explains it is getting harder and harder for rural areas to get good health care and Senator Brown is pushing to change this for the rural communities. Ray Schwartz left at 9:40 am.

In the matter of
County Sales tax:

Treasurer Cathy Tipton presents commission with Sales Tax for the county. Law Enforcement sales tax has increased almost \$50,000 and the Local Sales Tax has increased almost \$100,000. Commission asks Tipton where the Marijuana Tax will be reported if it passes. Tipton advised she will look into it to see if it

comes from state and she will present her findings to commission at a later date. Commissioner Hicks entered at 10:33 am.

In the matter of
Country Club Rd:

Commissioner Hicks presents business on the property to the west of the new road facility site along Country Club Rd, Jadwin property. Discussions were had about the declaration to obtain the property. Commissioner Hicks advised to have County Clerk Johnson send proposal to legal counsel, Kara Wacker. Health Department Director Ashley Campbell entered at 10:53 am.

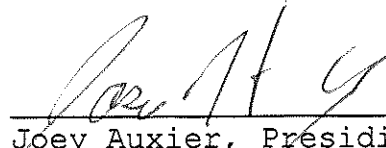
In the matter of
Health Department Business:

Ashley Campbell presents commission with a yearly contract from State Investment Local Public Health Services. Commissioner Hicks moves to approve contract, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 10:58 am. Discussions were had about DocuSign for obtaining a new Ricoh printer. Commissioner Hicks advised to have Ricoh send him the documents and he will complete the DocuSign. Campbell advised Commission there are now naloxone (Narcan) vending machines available. Discussions were had on how these machines can be used for more than just Narcan and would be a more discreet way to provide other personal items to the community. This would be a good source of data for the community as they could track who is obtaining items from the machine and how frequently they are requesting these items. Presiding Commissioner Auxier advised to reach out to other counties to find out if they are using these machines, where they are located and what it has done for their community. Campbell is requesting to get rid of a contract that is actually costing the health department money to stay contracted. The negative to cancelling this contract would mean the department would lose one employee. Campbell and Commission agreed to continue out the year but not renew it next year. Ashley Campbell left at 12:13 pm.


In the matter of
Accounts Payable:

Commissioner Hicks moved to approve payment of \$94,281.88 to Smith and Edwards construction Inc., Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 12:20 pm.

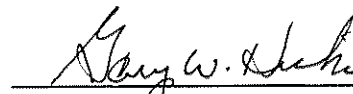
Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record

February 16, 2023 Fifteenth day of the January Term

Now at this 16th day of February 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, Collector Faith Barnes, retired Treasurer Carol Green and public member Don Riley were also present. Deputy Clerk Hudson took minutes.

In the matter of
COLLECTOR'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON D.C.:

Faith Barnes relayed some information about her recent trip to Washington D.C. She was part of a delegation of some 23 Missourians, mostly from rural, third-class counties, who met with Missouri's U.S. Senators and urged dispersal of monies to the counties directly, instead of funneling the money through state agencies or concentrating disproportionate sums to the metropolitan areas.

Barnes also observed a trend in the D.C. area, that jails seem to becoming repositories for the homeless, drug addicted, and mentally ill.

Commissioner Hicks mentioned that the opioid litigation settlement monies are one way to address the issues at the county level.

Barnes encouraged advocacy on behalf of Missouri counties.

Carol Green encouraged continued membership in National Association of Counties, pointing out that they assist in matters such as collection of COVID relief and ARPA monies.

In the matter of
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPINION SURVEY:

The Focus Reporter mentioned that a community group is proposing a survey of local homeowners modeled on the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, to determine what are "red flags and blue ribbons" regarding how well money is being spent, or could being spent, for community development. Michelle Bock from the Road and Bridge Department entered at 10:00 a.m.

In the matter of
STOP SIGN ON COUNTY ROAD 8190:

The Commission was notified that a stop sign was knocked down in Doolittle on County Road 8190. Because of the location, the State Department of Transportation was notified.

In the matter of
COUNTY ROAD 8170:

Commissioner Hicks asked that MoDOT be contacted about the roughness of CR 8170 near the outer road.

In the matter of
RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS ON QUARTZ LAKE DR. AND SLATE CIR.:

Road and Bridge Department advised it is still in communication with a home owners' association regarding easements and removal of grass in ditches on Quartz Lake Dr. and Slate Cir. Teresa Lasher from the Sheriff's Department entered at 10:15 followed by Senior Assistant Prosecutor Kara Wacker at 10:19.

In the matter of
FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT:

Ms. Lasher sought clarification on when documentation from a healthcare provider is required under the FMLA. General discussion was had regarding best policies and record keeping.

Local resident Chester Kojro entered at 10:27.

Lasher left at 10:35.

In the matter of
COLLECTOR'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON D.C.:

Barnes mentioned she was part of placing a wreath at Arlington on behalf of the Missouri Association of Counties. Insurance representative Tanya Greven entered at 10:57.

In the matter of
NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION (NEAR COUNTY ROAD 1022):

The County Engineer will be consulted and Road and Bridge will provide specifications on a new road being built near existing County Road 1022. A request had been received by Road and Bridge that the road be gravel, but Road and Bridge has advised that it needs to be asphalt.

In the matter of
RIGHT SECTIONS OF COUNTY ROADS:

Discussion was had that Road and Bridge advises it is not precisely defined on existing road specification drawings that describe the cross sectional view of property constructed subdivision roads. Road and Bridge plans to ask an engineer to draw up some clarifying specifications.

Commissioner Hicks agreed an engineering drawing would be beneficial.

Presiding Commissioner Auxier suggested these specifications could be an addendum to those already maintained.


In the matter of
LOW-WATER CROSSINGS:

Discussion was had about the County looking to build five low-water crossings, possibly covered by grant monies.

In the matter of
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of invoices in the amount of \$168,102.32 for A - L, \$39,183.32 for J - Z and Westside TIF in the amount of \$33,975.00.

Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Srites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record

February 21, 2023 Sixteenth day of the January Term

Now at this 21st day of February 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 Count Clerk

Present were The Focus Reporter and public member, Ray Schwinehardt.

In the matter of
House Bill 57:

Commissioner Hicks discusses findings on HB 57 that is sponsored by State Representative Ron Copeland. Discussions were had and it was discovered the federal government (forestry) only own's 3 % of the property in Missouri. Commissioner Hicks advised Richard Elgin was supposed to be getting the county an updated county map. Jeff Banderet from Great River Engineering enters at 9:22 am followed by Collector Faith Barnes at 9:23 am.

In the matter of
Bridge repair and replacement on County Road 3620:

Jeff Banderet presents update to commission on BRO Project for the year. The Bridge on Boys town road (County Road 3620) is on this year's list to be replaced/updated. Discussions were had about the bridge and road being updated from a 2 foot heigh low water crossing to a 55 foot high bridge with two 12 ft lanes. Discussions were had about the major improvements this will provide to the community in that area and to the employees of the businesses in the area. The design time frame is about 9 months with a 3 month bid process and once ready to start the bridge should be completed within 90 days. Commissioner Stites asked what the life expectancy on these bridges are, Jeff Banderet advised roughly 55 years with proper maintenance. Banderet advised he is hoping to break ground in December 2023 or January 2024 as long as all goes well. Discussions were had on a prelim cost of \$400,000. Discussions were had about finding another county that would be willing to trade soft match for cash. Banderet advised he would definitely put some feelers out to other counties that have soft match funds available. Commission unanimously agrees on the projections and timeline provided and encouraged Jeff Banderet to get started. Michelle Bock from Road department entered at 9:35 am. Ray Schwinehardt left at 9:53 am followed by Jeff Banderet at 10:07 am.

In the matter of
Damaged Culvert at corner of CR 3310 and 3290:

Local Resident Tim Craft called Commission phone and is placed on speaker at 10:17 am. Craft requests commission meet him at the corner of his county road along 3310 and 3290 to evaluate some damaged culvert that is clogging up. Commissioner Stites

advised she would reach out to set up a time to assess. Phone call ended at 10:22 am. Further discussions were had about potentially putting in a cross culvert to help alleviate some of the draining that overflows across the road that could be causing some of the damage.

In the matter of
County Road 3060 Asphalt Plant:

Michelle Bock and Presiding Commissioner Auxier advised the property owner off County Road 3060 advised he was building a storage shed but when they drove by the property it has been made into an asphalt plant. Auxier advised he was led to believe it was going to be a storage shed by the owner so this was a shocking discovery. Bock had the property owners' number and made a call to see what was going on. It was discovered the plant is just temporary and will be dismantled after July 1, 2023 as there is a project in the area. Paul Lambert enters at 11:01 am.

In the matter of
Sheriff Department Grants:

Paul Lambert presents Equitable Sharing Forfeiture Funds grant and the traffic grants to commission. Commissioner Hicks moved to approve Equitable Sharing Forfeiture Funds Grant, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 11:03 am. Lambert advised Commission they are going to enforce grants starting on St. Pats weekend. Commissioner Hicks moved to approve 2 MDOT grants, HMV Enforcement in the amount of \$10,000 and DWI Enforcement in the amount of \$15,000, Commissioner Stites seconded, motion carried at 11:05 am. Lambert left at 11:19 am.


In the matter of
County road 3030 and 3010:

Commissioner Hicks advised we may need to adopt a 15-ton weight limit on Quarry Rd. County Clerk Johnson calls Senior Assistant Prosecutor Kara Wacker and places on speaker phone for legal advice on if we need to adopt a weight limit on a road before we can post a sign. Kara advised she will look into it and provide her findings once she has an answer. Hicks advised after reviewing Statute 304.010 we can impose a weight limit sign just like imposing a speed limit on a road. Bock left at 11:31.

Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record

February 23, 2023 Seventeenth day of the January Term

Now at this 23rd day of February 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

The Focus Reporter entered at 9:01 am followed by Collector Faith Barnes at 9:04 am.

In the matter of
Local County government student tour:

Barnes advised commission Mr. Perona's class from St James will be in for their tour of the Courthouse on March 14th. Commissioner Stites has advised she would like to be a sponsor on this program as she loves the thought of getting students involved in the local county government. Faith Barnes left at 9:30 am.

In the matter of
3% Marijuana Use Tax Revenue:

The Focus Reporter asks commission to give input on what the Marijuana use tax funds will be used for if it passes. Discussions were had in reference to the safety of office holders and their personnel and how the revenue generated from this Use Tax would help fund the needed Security updates. The updates would include requested metal detectors and security personnel. Every courthouse in Missouri has updated security but Phelps County is behind times and we need to help protect not just the employees in the courthouse but the public visiting the courthouse as well. Focus Reporter left at 9:30 am. Ashley Cambell, Health Department Director, enters at 10:13 am.

In the matter of
Narcan Supply for County:

Campbell explains findings on suppliers for Narcan for the county. Discussions were had on the findings and Commission asked Campbell how she wants to proceed. Commissioner Hicks ask if the supplies are limited doses or unlimited. Campbell advised it is unlimited. Campbell also advised there are kits now available to receive instead of just the Narcan; in the kits there are instructions, good Samaritan law information and recovery centers available. After further discussions Campbell advised she feels going with MIMH would be the best for the county. (MIMH stands for Missouri Institute of Mental Health) Commissioner Stites moves to sign MOU for New Narcan supplier MIMH, Commissioner Hicks seconds, motion carried at 10:30 am. Chester Kojro, public member enters at 10:34 am.

Discussions were had about the construction happening on I-44. It was discovered the split on I-44 to resurface one lane of the Northbound side will last until December 1st, 2023. Discussions were had about potential accidents happening and how emergency personnel will not be able to easily access the public involved in an accident. There are no shoulders available on the construction area and it is so narrow that it will cause a major back up. Collector Faith Barnes re-enters at 10:43 am and Ashley Campbell left at 10:46 am.

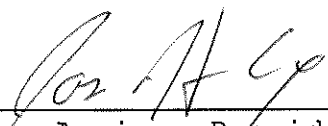
In the matter of
NACO Conference review:

Barnes presents information that she learned from the NACO conference. Discussions were had relating to NACO wanting all counties to utilize green lighting in November to represent Veterans to show the community is Green Lighting our Veterans. Barnes also presented the NACO findings on USDOT releasing \$573 million in the Fiscal Year 2022 through the New Railroad Crossings Elimination Program. This will allow counties to eliminate crossings that will improve the safety and mobility of goods and people. Chester Kojro left at 10:55 am followed by Faith Barnes at 10:59 am.

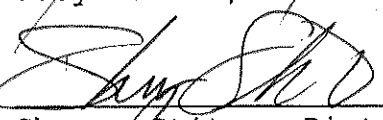
In the matter of
Accounts Payable:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of invoices in the amount of \$15,451.06 for A-L and \$31,996.06 for M-Z.

Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

Phelps County Commission Record

February 28, 2023 Eighteenth day of the January Term

Now at this 28th day of February 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 Bill Hudson.

Also present were The *Focus Reporter*, Mark Case and Michelle Bock from the Road and Bridge Department, County Clerk Laura Johnson and Deputy Clerk Bill Hudson.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Commission reviewed and approved invoices in the amount of \$66,822.00.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW ROAD & BRIDGE SHED FACILITY:

It was mentioned that a new file will be started for documents relating to the Road and Bridge Department's new shed facility.

IN THE MATTER OF ROCK AND GRAVEL BID OPENING:

As scheduled, the County Clerk opened and read aloud bids for rock and gravel. At 9:08, Melrose Quarry & Asphalt's bid was opened and read. Local resident Ray Schweikhardt entered at 9:09 am.

At 9:11, Capital Quarries's rock and gravel bid was opened and read.

At 9:15, Willard Quarries' rock and gravel bid was opened and read.

IN THE MATTER OF GRADER BLADES BID OPENING:

As scheduled, the County Clerk opened and read aloud bids for grader blades.

At 9:19, St. James Napa's bid was opened and read, with a total amount of \$25,047.60.

At 9:22, Fabick's bid was opened and read aloud, with a total amount of \$16,407.56 before tax.

IN THE MATTER OF ROCK AND GRAVEL BIDS:

Mr. Case suggested that based on pricing differences and travel, contracts be awarded to all bidders. On motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, contracts to all bidders were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
GRADER BLADES BIDS:

On motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, the grader blades contract was awarded to Fabick as lowest bidder. Brian Rackers with Capital Materials entered at 9:23.

IN THE MATTER OF
CHIP AND SEAL BID OPENING:

As scheduled, the County Clerk opened and read aloud bids for chip and seal. At 9:31, Central Stone's bid was opened and read aloud. Greg Brauner of Metal Culverts entered at 9:35 am.

At 9:35, New Frontier Materials' chip and seal bid was opened and read aloud.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROCK AND GRAVEL BID OPENING:

Owing to mislabeling by the company, a bid for manufactured sand from Capital Sand Company was opened at 10:18 am, instead of with the other rock and gravel bids. The bid was submitted timely.

Discussion was had with road and bridge about manufactured sand. The County is currently buying sand at \$1 per ton, up to 10,000 tons.

IN THE MATTER OF
CHIP AND SEAL BIDS:

On motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, bids for chip rock and seal were taken under advisement. A representative from N. B. West Contracting entered at 9:43.

IN THE MATTER OF
CULVERT BIDS OPENING:

As scheduled, the County Clerk opened and read aloud bids for metal culverts.

At 9:50, Viebrock's letter was read, informing the Commission that it declined to submit a bid.

At 9:52, Metal Culverts, Inc.'s bid was opened and read aloud. On motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, Metal Culverts, Inc. was awarded the contract.

IN THE MATTER OF
ASPHALT BIDS OPENING:

As scheduled, the County Clerk opened and read aloud bids for asphalt.

At 10:00, Capital Quarries' bid was opened and read aloud.
At 10:03, Lt. Taylor from the Sheriff's Department entered.
At 10:02, N. B. West Contracting's bid was opened and read.
On motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, asphalt contracts were awarded to both bidders.

At 10:06, Mr. Schweikhardt left.

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY ROADS 3030 AND 3010:

Commissioner Hicks mentioned that County Roads 3030 and 3010 service residential neighborhoods, and asked for contractors to limit use of them. There is already an asphalt plant near these neighborhoods.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONTRACT HAULING BIDS OPENING:

As scheduled, the County Clerk opened and read aloud bids for contract hauling.

At 10:20, Daniels Trucking's bid for \$110 per hour was opened and read.
At 10:20, Roger Skaggs R&C Trucking's bid for \$120 per hour was opened and read.
On motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, hauling contracts were awarded to both bidders.

IN THE MATTER OF
TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (JAIL RENOVATION):

Lt. Taylor presented a Missouri Department of Revenue Project Sales Tax Exemption Certificate for the jail renovation to the Commission. With no objections, the certificate was signed by the presiding commissioner. At 10:23, Lt. Lambert and Sgt. Reeder of the Sheriff's Department, and head of maintenance Sissy Korich entered. The N. B. West representative, Mr. Brauner, Ms. Bock, and Mr. Case left at 10:24 followed by Lt. Taylor and County Clerk Ms. Johnson at 10:25 am. Collector Faith Barnes entered at 10:26 am.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE TOUR:

Ms. Barnes spoke about County Day and a planned courthouse tour for school children. Ms. Barnes plans to map out the courthouse

to send groups around to the different offices. About 18 students and 2 adults are expected to take the tour.

At 10:28, former Presiding Commissioner Randy Verkamp entered, greeted those present, and left.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE FOYER SECURITY MODIFICATIONS:

Planned modifications to the courthouse foyer to increase security were discussed. Ms. Korich spoke about a bid request for divider glass. Ms. Korich will be looking for at least two bids. The mechanics of doors and glass were discussed, and what will have to be installed and modified to fit with plans. Lt. Lambert, Sgt. Reeder, Ms. Korich, and Commissioners Stites and Hicks stepped into the foyer for a few minutes to survey the areas where modifications are to be made. Tony Floyd and Kristin Sullins with Intercounty entered at 10:49.

IN THE MATTER OF
BAHR PROPERTY:

Discussion of the Bahr property project was had with Mr. Floyd and Ms. Sullins.

IN THE MATTER OF
CERTIFICATION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN PCRMC AND PHELPS COUNTY:

At 10:56 Craig Moore entered. Mr. Moore presented for the Commission's review a certificate that memorializes Phelps County Regional Medical Center's contract with the County to provide healthcare services to low-income individuals not entitled to benefits under Titles XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stites, the certificate was approved and signed by the Presiding Commissioner.

IN THE MATTER OF
REAL ESTATE COUNTY COURT ORDER (PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stites, a partial abatement of \$1,090 was approved concerning tax certificate 2022001927.

IN THE MATTER OF
JADWIN PROPERTY:

On the motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, the purchase of the Jadwin property was approved. On the motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, the amendments and restrictive covenants in the latest draft of the sales contract were approved. The land contract was signed.

IN THE MATTER OF
PARK STREET:


The Commission has been in contact with Tom Coots and Terris Cates regarding the portion of Park Street running from the intersection with 2nd Street and running north and terminating at the Burlington-Northern Railroad line (the right-of-way that runs in front of the Sheriff's Dept. main entrance).

The County is seeking an abandonment of this section of public road right of way.

IN THE MATTER OF
NATIONWIDE COVERAGE:

Discussions were had of the option to opt out of changes to Nationwide optional retirement plans. After discussion, the Commission was satisfied that opting out would not work any detriment to employees who are enrolled in the Nationwide plan. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stites, the County opted out of changes.

Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

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Phelps County Commission Record

February 28, 2023 Eighteenth day of the January Term

--CLOSED SESSION--

Now at this 28th day of February 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

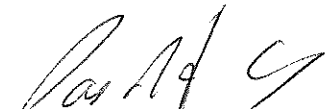
Minutes were recorded by Deputy Clerk Bill Hudson.

IN THE MATTER OF
THE JADWIN PROPERTY:

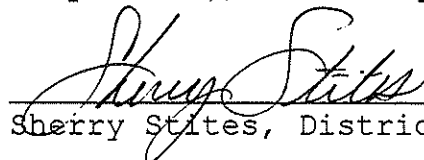
On the motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, the Commission entered closed session pursuant to Chapter 610 RSMo. Discussions were had of the Jadwin property and of the date and time of the contract signing. The Commission also reviewed and discussed the addendums to the land contract draft.

On the motion of Commissioner Hicks as seconded by Commissioner Stites, the Commission then returned to open session to act on the land purchase.

Read and Approved:



Joey Auxier, Presiding Commissioner



Sherry Stites, District 1 Commissioner



Gary Hicks, District 2 Commissioner

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