

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

August 4, 2020 Eleventh day of the July term

Now at this the 4th day of August 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
ROLLA CITY COUNCIL:

The previous night's meeting of the Rolla City Council was discussed. Noteworthy was RPD Officer LeAnn Robertson being recognized as the International CIT [Crisis Intervention Team] Officer of the Year. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present. Commissioner Stratman mentioned that the Rolla City DirectionFinder @ Survey results were quite favorable, with 76% of the residents surveyed, who had an opinion, as "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the overall quality of life in the City. There was, additionally, extensive discussion and public comment regarding a potential change to municipal ordinances about cannabis possession.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

As Sheeley was leaving, Michelle Bock of the Road and Bridge Department entered to discuss various roads and citizen road concerns. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp mentioned the fading of the road signs he had noticed in the Edgar Springs area, as well as the upgrade of Rolla Street Road in the county afforded with the double yellow stripe, done by the City of Rolla. Local resident Chester Kojro entered.

IN THE MATTER OF
LP BID OPENING:

Bids for LP Gas were opened as scheduled at 10:00 and revealed:

Poe's Gas, Rolla	\$0.969/gallon
MFA Oil, Rolla	\$0.99/gallon
Ferrellgas, Denver, CO	\$1.085/gallon

The bid was awarded to Poe's Gas, the low bidder, as moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
HOSPITAL LAND SALE:

A third listing contract amendment was desired on the property at 105 North Lawrence, Cuba, MO, owned by the PCRMC Medical Group, Inc. Joyce Thomas, the licensed realtor, and hospital administration had approved. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, this listing amendment to \$99,500.00 was approved.

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IN THE MATTER OF
USE TAX, ROLLA CITY:

Use tax revenues for the city of Rolla were briefly discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF APPORTIONING MONIES RECEIVED FROM
THE ROLLA HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ROLLA,
MISSOURI, US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT LOW RENT HOUSING PROGRAM FOR PHELPS
COUNTY PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2018:

Now at this day a check in the amount of \$22,488.39 for payment due for the year 2018 was received from the US Department of Urban Development Low Rent Income Housing, Rolla Housing Authority, for distribution of money in lieu of taxes. The county clerk hereby distributes same giving each political subdivision their proportionate share. This PILT was late.

TAXING DISTRICT	2018 APPORTIONMENT
County Revenue	\$584.76
Road & Bridge	\$554.92
Developmentally Disabled	\$346.52
State	\$144.38
Rolla School District 31	\$17,176.48
City of Rolla	\$3,681.33
TOTAL	\$22,488.39

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DEVELOPMENT LOW RENT HOUSING PROGRAM FOR PHELPS
COUNTY PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2019:

Now at this day a check in the amount of \$21,170.53 for payment due for the year 2019 was received from the US Department of Urban Development Low Rent Income Housing, Rolla Housing Authority, for distribution of money in lieu of taxes. The county clerk hereby distributes same giving each political subdivision their proportionate share.

TAXING DISTRICT	2019 APPORTIONMENT
County Revenue	\$489.94
Road & Bridge	\$485.00
Developmentally Disabled	\$323.33
State	\$134.71
Rolla School District 31	\$16,302.61
City of Rolla	\$3,434.94
TOTAL	\$21,170.53

IN THE MATTER OF APPORTIONMENT OF
FINES AND FORFEITURES FOR PERIOD
JULY, 2019 THROUGH JUNE, 2020:

Now at this day the county clerk takes up the matter of

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APPORTIONMENT OF FINES AND FORFEITURES, Continued:

apportioning the Fines and Forfeitures credited to the Principal School Fund for Phelps County as provided in the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and the clerk of the Commission hereby apportions said funds among the school districts with territory in Phelps County.

The amount to be apportioned is \$549,760.39.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	MEMBERSHIP	AMOUNT
	Fraction of Total	
Dent/Phelps 65/R-3	0.00099	\$546.49
St. James R-1	0.27480	\$151,073.83
Newburg R-2	0.05909	\$32,486.70
Rolla 31	0.62729	\$344,855.65
Phelps County R-3	0.03621	\$19,907.67
Dixon 16/R-1	0.00130	\$712.04
Texas County 81/R-8	0.00032	\$178.01
TOTAL	1.00000	\$549,670.29

IN THE MATTER OF APPORTIONMENT OF
FINES AND FORFEITURES INTEREST FOR
PERIOD JULY, 2019 THROUGH JULY, 2020:

Now at this day the county clerk takes up the matter of apportioning the Fines and Forfeitures Interest credited to the Principal School Fund for Phelps County as provided in the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and the clerk of the Commission hereby apportions said funds among the school districts with territory in Phelps County.

The amount to be apportioned is \$2,223.77.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	MEMBERSHIP	AMOUNT
	Fraction of Total	
Dent/Phelps 65/R-3	0.00099	\$2.21
St. James R-1	0.27480	\$611.09
Newburg R-2	0.05909	\$131.41
Rolla 31	0.62729	\$1,394.93
Phelps County R-3	0.03621	\$80.53
Dixon 16/R-1	0.00130	\$2.88
Texas County 81/R-8	0.00032	\$0.72
TOTAL	1.00000	\$2,223.77

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 27 invoices in the amount of \$178,255.81.

IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

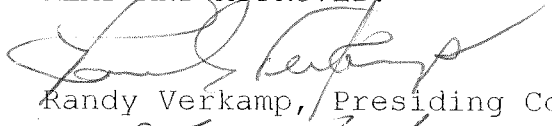
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PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS, Continued:

The Commission reviewed and approved add-ons for personal property to June 2020 as Court Orders numberd 2015 through 2018; these were for the years 2016 through 2019, respectively.

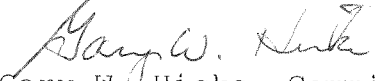
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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August 6, 2020 Twelfth day of the July term

Now at this the 6th day of August 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS FOR THE FORT:

Commissioner Hicks reported on a recent meeting of the Phelps for the Fort group, where construction of the new Fort Leonard Wood hospital was discussed. Local resident Ray Schweikhardt was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF
SUSTAINABLE OZARKS
PARTNERSHIP (SOP):

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said the Sustainable Ozarks Partnership dues for 2020 needed to be paid; the clerk will attend to this. The agreement in December, 2018 between SOP and the Commission was for three annual dues payments of \$2,500.00. The payment is made to the Leonard Wood Institute.

IN THE MATTER OF
TIF AND TDD:

Commissioner Stratman shared some thoughts about the Rolla West TIF and the MoveRolla TDD; these agreements were not easy but without them, retailers like Menard's would not have come into the area. Commissioner Hicks theorized that approximately 350 jobs were provided. Stratman wondered if he should continue representing "all other taxing districts" on the EEZ Board after he leaves office at the end of the year.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

Michelle Bock of the Road Department entered and discussed multiple roads including 7000, 8220, 3110 and Springhouse Lane. The last ended in an unfinished cul-de-sac which would have to be finished should the road be accepted into the county inventory. One or more driveway culverts might be needed. A stop sign requested on Road 3040 at its western approach to Road 3030 was again discussed; a "Stop Ahead" sign may also be installed. A Road Department employee cutting brush on Road 1190, a "county line" road with Crawford County, had reportedly been chased down by a resident on the Crawford County side of the road and the PCSD had to intervene to correct the erroneous ideas of said person.

IN THE MATTER OF
SALE OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VEHICLE:

Commissioner Verkamp signed the title of a 2011 Ford Econoline F-350 van, sold by the Sheriff's Department.

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IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident Chester Crider visited briefly.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUNDING (CRF) REQUESTS:

Treasurer Carol Green reported that she had reviewed and approved of the Rolla-31 CRF application; since she can easily obtain proof of payment, she would also approve the Phelps/Maries Health Department request. She did have some questions about the St. James R-1 request, as some of the accounts payable proofs of payment seemed omitted. She felt the St. James Ambulance District application was also complete. Request #2 from Phelps Health in the amount of \$323,673.74 and a request from Phelps County R-3 in the amount of \$19,898.85 were tabled. Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann then entered, and shortly thereafter Green left.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Wann supplied information on the number of cases in Phelps County, now up to 94 and she expected more than 100 by close of business today. None of the 15 active cases are hospitalized. The turnaround on testing runs from 2 to 13 days; there seems to be wide scattering of accuracy; currently have about one contract tracer per 4,000 population between the two counties. Some of the cases have 12 to 20 cases. There are some individuals who have required quarantine but who, because of household demands that they quarantine elsewhere, need short-term housing and her department has had to pay for lodging and in some cases grocery/supply deliveries for these individuals.


IN THE MATTER OF
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED BOARD BYLAWS:

Updated by-laws were received from the Phelps County Board for the Developmentally Disabled.


IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved the payment of 54 and 31 invoices in the amounts of \$35,645.18 and \$43,047.63, respectively, as well as \$500.00 for Crisis Intervention.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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August 11, 2020 Thirteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 11th day of August 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

Chief Deputy Clerk Lisa Dowdy took notes in the clerk's absence.

IN THE MATTER OF
SPRING HOUSE LANE:

Local resident Bradley McClay attended as a representative of his housing association; there is a desire for this private road to be adopted as a county road, but the residents do not want a chip & seal surface treatment. Michelle Bock of the Road and Bridge Department will calculate the cost for various surface treatments.

IN THE MATTER OF
PCSD LITIGATION:

Sheriff Rick Lisenbe informed the Commission of a lawsuit filed by an inmate, referred to MoPERM already.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann entered to discuss funding available for the purchase of equipment made by Abbott Labs for testing for COVID-19. Both the machine and the reagents needed may be available in September. The entities most likely to benefit were felt to include the High Schools, the Health Department, Phelps Health, and Your Community Health Center, though Wann said the Health Department does not currently have enough employees to utilize one. The machine will also test for flu, strep, and RSV, and costs about \$2500; a bar code scanner at \$175 would also be required. The reagents are \$47 per test; the turnaround time is 15 minutes (negative test) and 5 minutes (positive test). CARES Act funding might help with the purchase; the equipment is only available to hospitals and government entities. Wann reported that, separate and aside from the CARES Act funds, Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (ELC) funding of \$71,150.00 is available from August 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022. As moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, this program services contract with Missouri DHSS was executed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp. This funding may support temporary hires, and as such, they may be entitled to county benefits such as health insurance, CERF, and LAGERS.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of invoices in the amount of \$20,864.25. Additionally, payment to St. James Ambulance District in the amount of \$16,000.00 and Rolla 31 Public School District in the amount of \$224,131.40 was approved from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

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IN THE MATTER OF
SALES TAXES:

Treasurer Carol Green presented August 2020 sales tax revenues in the amounts of \$249,416.41 for county 0.5% sales tax and \$187,062.22 for LEST 0.375% sales tax; up 23.37% in the MTM, 4.15% in the rolling 12 month and 2.97% in the year to date comparisons.

IN THE MATTER OF
WORKER'S COMPENSATION:

Green also notified that the county had incurred no worker's compensation claims for 2020 YTD.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUNDS (CRF):

As moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, \$323,673.74 for Phelps Health's second request and as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman \$19,189.85 were two CRF applications approved and signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting briefly entered closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (5) - Personally Identifiable Health Information but no actions were taken.


IN THE MATTER OF
2020 CENSUS:

Collector Faith Barnes brought the need for continued data collection in the census; as there is no door-to-door interaction taking place the U.S. Census has proposed having a temporary unit, or station, in front of the courthouse, and this was felt agreeable by the Commissioners.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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August 13, 2020 Fourteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 13th day of August 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

Deputy Clerk Katie Henson took minutes in the clerk's absence.

IN THE MATTER OF
WHISPERING PINES SUBDIVISION:

Some of the residents of this subdivision, because of increasing water and sewer rates, have made inquiry into obtaining their services from the city of Rolla. Also present were Local residents Joey Auxier and Chester Crider, Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley, Collector Faith Barnes and Circuit Clerk Sue Brown. Rolla Public Works Director Steve Hargis had estimated it would cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000 to extend sewer services to the approximately 100 homes there. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp will speak with Meramec Regional Planning Commission about some options.

IN THE MATTER OF
2020 CENSUS:

The possibility of census data collection in front of the courthouse was again discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
CIRCUIT CLERK EQUIPMENT LEASE:

AS moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman, a lease agreement for a Xerox copier for Circuit Clerk Sue Brown was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
MISSOURI S&T FALL 2020 ROADMAP:

The Commissioners joined a virtual meeting with S&T Chancellor Mo Dehghani detailing plans for University operations as students returned to campus.

IN THE MATTER OF
FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT:

The Commission reviewed a floodplain development permit for property at 14550 State Route E, Rolla, Missouri. Construction of a pole barn had begun but was suspended after the owner became aware of floodplain near the property. The barn was sited, however, at a location more than two feet above base flood elevation (BFE), as required by the County floodplain ordinance. Furthermore, the owners had applied to FEMA for a Letter of Map Amendment, removing the area from the floodplain, and this was supplied by FEMA which removed the property from the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The permit was approved by the Commission and signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

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IN THE MATTER OF
SALE OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VEHICLES:

As moved by Commissioner Stratman, and seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Two vehicle titles were signed for the PCSD.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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August 18, 2020 Fifteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 18th day of August 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
ROLLA CITY COUNCIL:

The prior evening's Rolla City Council meeting was discussed. The lease of the Centre to a private company for operation had been approved. Local resident Ray Schweikhardt and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present.

IN THE MATTER OF
CHAPTER 100 AND
WALMART DISTRIBUTION CENTER:

In 2021, when the Chapter 100 agreement matures, the Distribution Center will go onto the tax rolls, though this also provides the DC the option of closing and moving elsewhere. The Commission favored extension, if possible, of the Chapter 100 in which a PILOT is paid.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROLLA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION (RREC):

Commissioner Hicks said that "No matter what RREC was doing to improve the image of Rolla, the behavior of some members of the city council have cancelled that." He said this was the consensus of attendees at the RREC recently. The I-44 Tech Corridor was discussed. Local resident Chester Kojro arrived; Sheeley left; Collector Faith Barnes entered.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR'S TAX SALE:

Barnes provided information about the upcoming Collector's Tax Sale and the process involved. Barnes then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
SUSTAINABLE OZARKS PARTNERSHIP:

The upcoming dues payment was mentioned.

IN THE MATTER OF
MERAMEC REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MRPC):

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp gave a report on a recent MRPC meeting where very large grants were discussed: \$992,000 over three years from DOJ for "Opioid Effect on Youth Strategic Plan"; \$735,000 Community Needs Assessment from Federal DHHS and Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA); \$48,500 for the Food Hub Feasibility Study; \$400,000 for 2 years from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as a non-competitive grant relating to COVID strategies and Broadband. Schweikhardt and shortly thereafter Kojro left.

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IN THE MATTER OF
TELADOC:

Barnes returned to speak about Teladoc and her recent experience, which was good.

IN THE MATTER OF
LOBBY MONITOR:

Barnes then provided an update about the monitor and its installation.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVAL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

As Barnes left, Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann arrived to report that 1 case of COVID-19 from Phelps County was in hospital, and 5 cases from outside the County. She provided information about ongoing contact tracing.

IN THE MATTER OF
HEALTHY FAMILIES GRANT:

The Healthy Families Home Visiting Grant in the amount of \$76,561 was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman.


IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUNDING (CRF) REQUESTS:


Treasurer Carol Green attended, informing Commissioners that of the roughly \$1.7 million in CRF requested by Phelps Health, approximately \$800,000 of this was payroll. For other expenses, she said there was no proof of payment from the hospital. Disbursements to Phelps/Maries Health Department, Phelps County R-3 Schools and St. James R-1 Schools in the amounts of \$70,814.75; \$19,189.85; \$44,011.91 respectively were approved.


IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

Court Orders numbered 2019, 2020 and 2021 representing (respectively) 2017, 2018 and 2019 add-on's for July 2020. These increased the total tax by \$295.900, \$3,974.45, and \$22,271.58.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF TAX LEVY HEARING NOTICES:

The following notices published on Thursday, August 6, 2020 are entered into the record:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2020 in the Phelps County Commission Hearing Room in the Courthouse, 200 N. Main St., Suite 105, Rolla, Missouri, at which time citizens may be heard on the proposed 2020 tax rates to be set by Phelps County. The tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue to be raised by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax rate will be expressed in cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

ASSESSED VALUATION (By Category)	CURRENT TAX YEAR 2020	PRIOR TAX YEAR 2019
Real Estate	\$ 484,220,190	\$ 477,327,930
Personal Property	122,821,317	122,294,827
Railroad & Utility – State	24,075,170	22,648,401
Railroad & Utility – Local	2,201,174	587,860
Less Tax Increment Financing	-7,601,380	-7,532,720
TOTAL	\$ 625,716,471	\$ 615,326,298

FUND	AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX	TAX RATE CEILING	PROPOSED TAX FOR 2020
Phelps County Board For the Developmentally Disabled	\$ 450,516	\$0.0720	\$0.0720

Gary Young, Chairman; Phelps County
Board for the Developmentally Disabled

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TAX LEVY HEARING NOTICES, Continued:

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FUND	AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX	TAX RATE CEILING	PROPOSED TAX FOR 2020
General Revenue	\$ 741,547	\$0.2797	\$0.1185
Road & Bridge	\$ 707,240	\$0.1998	\$0.1130

Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

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IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION
OF 2020 TAX LEVIES FOR PHELPS COUNTY
BOARD FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED:

Local resident Joey Auxier and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp opened the hearing; as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the levy of \$0.0720 per \$100 assessed valuation was approved. Commissioner Stratman wanted it entered into the record that the Commission was extremely grateful for the consistent and capable leadership of the now-retired Phelps County Board for the Developmentally Disabled Chairman, Mike Speak. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the hearing was closed.

IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION
OF 2020 TAX LEVIES FOR PHELPS COUNTY
GENERAL REVENUE AND ROAD AND BRIDGE:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp opened the hearing and a discussion was held of the process of the sales tax rollback wherein 50% of sales tax revenue is translated into an effective tax levy and subtracted from the maximum allowable levy. Commissioner Stratman pointed out the effect that shopping locally has on property tax levies. The clerk said that the State Auditor's Office compliance audit team, in residence for approximately four months in the courthouse from early December, 2019 through most of March, 2020 had been intensely interested in the sales tax roll back. She had provided her calculations and there was ultimately no comment made whatsoever about her methods in the final audit report. Wide fluctuations in sales

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PUBLIC HEARING, GENERAL REVENUE AND ROAD AND BRIDGE LEVIES,
Continued:

tax remittance to the county in late 2017 (extra remittance in December of that year) had meant a significant correction had to be made in determining the roll back for 2019 to compensate for underestimate of sales tax in 2017. The levies in 2019 were artifactually low because of this correction. As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the levies of \$0.1185 for County Revenue and \$0.1130 (Road & Bridge) per \$100 assessed valuation. Sheeley then left; as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the hearing was closed.

IN THE MATTER OF
SUSTAINABLE OZARKS PARTNERSHIP (SOP):

The Commission joined a livestream of the Sustainable Ozarks Partnership Annual Meeting and listened to updates on local, state and federal level support of national defense, Fort Leonard Wood and the Fort Leonard Wood Region.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS COUNTY PROPERTY:

Collector Faith Barnes arrived to discuss two lots in Jerome which had apparently been acquired by the county through the lack of due diligence by someone who purchased the land after a collector's delinquent tax sale. An individual who has placed a mobile home on the property, for quite a few years, has been paying personal property tax on the mobile home there and has expressed an interest in the property. Barnes then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
ASSESSOR AND CARES ACT
(CRF) FUNDING REQUEST:

Assessor Bill Stoltz entered to report that he had ordered laptops and other equipment to facilitate his employees teleworking if necessitated by further lockdowns. He discussed the cost and some of the preparations he might have to make with his software vendors.

IN THE MATTER OF
BID OPENING, PCSD INTERVIEW
ROOM DVR EQUIPMENT:

The sole bid for the PCSD interview room equipment was opened as scheduled at 10:00 a.m. The bid was from Trinity Innovative Solutions, Elm Grove, TX. The amount was \$14,724 and as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the bid was taken under advisement and forwarded to the Sheriff's Department.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 41, 13, and 17 invoices in the amount of \$24,640.09; 11,215.30; \$12,278.54, respectively. Payment of 233 invoices in the amount of

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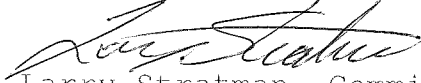
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, Continued:

\$18,992.79 for August 2020 Primary Election poll judges, election workers, poll rent and other expenses was approved. Additionally, \$65,629.71 in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to Newburg R-2 Public Schools and \$11,840.80 in RollaWest TIF Economic Activity Taxes ("EATS") were approved.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

August 25, 2020 Seventeenth day of the July term

Now at this the 25th day of August 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS COUNTY PROPERTY, JEROME:

Local resident Carl Cardin attended to inquire about Lots 33 and 34 of Block 28 in Jerome, where he has had a mobile home parked for a number of years on which he has paid personal property tax. Andrew Sheeley and Caitlin Brothers of the Phelps County Focus were also present. The parcel bears Collector's account number 4896.00. Cardin said his father had purchased the lot at a delinquent tax sale, and he passed away in 1995. He inquired about the possibility of this small lot, on which due diligence may not have been performed following a tax sale, being deeded to him. His options were discussed after Cardin presented some of his paperwork regarding the parcel.

IN THE MATTER OF
VACATING A PORTION OF
CHERRY STREET, JEROME:

Cardin then proceeded to inquire about the process of vacating a street or road, and the Commission did instruct him that once this was complete, the property owners on either side of the road would obtain the land, whereupon Cardin left.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS COUNTY CORONER:

Local resident Chester Kojro and Phelps County Coroner Andy Davis entered. Davis reminded the Commission that his deputy, Gavin McDonald, was leaving his position and as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, a letter of appreciation was approved for him.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Davis then addressed the first reported COVID-19 death in Phelps County, which was that of a woman in her 80's.

IN THE MATTER OF
DEATHS:

Davis then spoke of the discovery of a deceased male subject in his 50's in Schuman Lake, Rolla and the death of a Missouri S&T student from a gunshot wound, believed accidental. Three suspected overdose deaths across 10 days, with outstanding toxicology results, were brought to the Commission's attention.

IN THE MATTER OF
CART FUNDS:

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CART FUNDS, Continued:

Treasurer Carol Green entered to present the CART funds for August, 2020. Gas Tax was \$51,890.46, down 5.92% and 7.60% in the month-to-month and YTD comparisons. Motor Vehicle Sales Tax was \$22,842.25, an increase of 29.41% in the MTM comparison though still down 0.32% YTD from 2019. Motor Vehicle Fees were \$9,265.36, 17.95% up but \$5.08% down in the MTM and YTD comparisons, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR'S DELINQUENT TAX SALE:

Collector Faith Barnes entered and provided a report on the Collector's Delinquent Tax Sale, held pursuant to statute on the fourth Monday in August, that being August 24, 2020. Though there were many interested bidders, there only 3 properties of 8 sold. Some of the finer details of the properties were discussed. Barnes then left.

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

Evan Lewis, engineer with Great Rivers Engineering, entered to discuss the bridge and the invitation for construction bids. MoDOT has provided a final, approved set of plans. Lewis left.

IN THE MATTER OF
BID AWARD, PCSD INTERVIEW
ROOM DVR EQUIPMENT:

Lt. Mike Kirn and Kyle Jones of the PCSD entered. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the sole bidder for the Sheriff's Department Interview Room DVR Equipment, Trinity Innovative Solutions, LLC of Little Elm, Texas was awarded the bid. Kirn and Jones then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann arrived and numerous matters were discussed including but not limited to: contact tracing, resumption of elementary and secondary schools as well as Missouri S&T, quarantine numbers at the university, testing equipment acquired by S&T, staffing requirements in her department, mandates by the Missouri Department of Health and Social Services regarding completion of contact tracing for younger index cases.

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

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asked Wann if she knew of agreements between YCHC and public schools in Dent County or in the Dixon area. He then placed a call to Stewart Gipson, YCHC CEO; Gipson was placed on speaker phone and made aware of all attendees. The clinic has an existing arrangement with Newburg Public Schools and he stated that some other schools had expressed interest. When Gipson spoke about the handheld stethoscope/otoscope all-in-one equipment they are hoping to

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YOUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER (YCHC), Continued:

acquire and put into service, Commissioner Hicks asked whether YCHC observes procurement guidelines. Commissioner Stratman asked if the laptops would need to be very expensive, but Gipson said the security features such as encrypted email in the software was going to add cost.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONTACT TRACING, HIPAA AND
PREPAID LEGAL SERVICES:

Presiding Commissioner Randy Verkamp placed a call to Travis Elliott, MAC General Counsel and Prepaid Legal Services attorney, regarding HIPAA requirements and contact tracers. He was placed on speaker phone and made aware of the attendees. Elliott explained that under HIPAA, usually three entities were considered: health plans, health care providers, and health care "clearing houses" of information. Elliott will look at the Phelps/Maries Health Department's agreement; Wann offered the idea that a county health department might be in a gray area. She then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS COUNTY PROPERTY, JEROME:

Assessor Bill Stoltz arrived and provided some input on smoothly transferring property from the county to this individual; he said a quiet title suit might clear up the gaps in this particular parcel's land ownership records.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Now at this the 27th day of August 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE HVAC PROJECT:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp placed a call for approximately 15 minutes to Travis Elliott, MAC General Counsel and Prepaid Legal Services Attorney, regarding this incomplete project. The question was whether or not the work would be bid at prevailing wage. He was placed on speaker phone and notified of the attendees who also included local resident Ray Schweikhardt as well as Kaitlin Brothers and Andrew Sheeley of the Phelps County Focus. Elliott recommended selection by competitive bidding for the balance of the project, taking the original contracted pricing into account. Elliott warned that there have been changes to prevailing wage law since the project was originally bid. Director of Building and Grounds Mark Brookshire will be put into contact with Elliott.

IN THE MATTER OF
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT ADDENDUM
FOR CARES ACT FUND ADMINISTRATION:

Meramec Regional Planning Commission wished for an addendum to the original contract executed on May 28, 2020. Sections 1 through 6 and Sections 8 through 19 shall remain the same. A portion of Section 7 was to be amended to cover the additional attorney fees associated with the project: **Additionally, Client will be billed for actual attorney fees, advertising costs associated with this project and postage for large mailings, should any be done.** As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman, this amendment was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUNDING (CRF) REQUESTS:

The second request from St. James R-I Schools, in the amount of \$30,469.54, and the request from St. Patrick's Catholic School for \$157,330 were taken under advisement. The Focus reporters left and Collector Faith Barnes entered.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR'S DELINQUENT TAX SALE:

Barnes discussed an extremely small parcel, essentially the footprint of a radio tower no longer in use, which had been put up for third offering and did not sell. This structure had been re-classified as real property; such antennas used to be personal property. The current assessor suggested a way forward to clear up the problem with the property. Two much larger towers located nearby are deeded separately, however. Barnes then left.

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IN THE MATTER OF
FLU SHOTS, 2020-21 FLU SEASON:

Public Administrator Kathy Oliver attended to discuss flu shots briefly. She wondered how early they might become available.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Oliver left and Treasurer Carol Green, Director of Support Services Mark Brookshire, Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann and Sissy Korich of the Building and Grounds Department entered. Wann spoke about rapid tests for SARS-CoV-2 (the COVID-19 viral agent) and said these rapid antigen tests are not considered confirmatory by the CDC, only presumptive. When positive, if these tests are not followed up with a swab PCR test, the positive rapid antigen tests are not included in the tally of confirmed cases. Commissioner Stratman wondered how many lost wages could be attributed to a false positive. Wann left to retrieve a letter needed for her department to access the secure monitoring system operated by Missouri S&T for contact tracing.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE HVAC PROJECT:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said that Brookshire should get a contract for the balance of the Courthouse HVAC work needing completion; the incomplete items in the project were enumerated in part as programming and some wiring of air conditioning, connecting valves and moving all sensors on 100+ heat pumps.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONTACT TRACING SOFTWARE:

Korich provided information about Sara Alert by MITRE Corporation, the contact tracing software currently in use by Missouri S&T. This software is said to be owned by S&T, which recruited a developer. Brookshire said it was hosted on Phelps Health's website for HIPAA Compliance. Wann returned with a letter to Mark Bookout, a Chief Information Officer for S&T's Information Technology Department. The letter requested access to Sara Alert on behalf of the Phelps/Maries County Health Department and asked for this access at the county level to allow for the department's jurisdictional control of all cases within Phelps County. As moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the letter was approved and signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

IN THE MATTER OF
HEPA FILTRATION OF
CIRCUIT COURT FACILITIES:

As mitigation for airborne viruses and other pathogens, HEPA filtration equipment has been installed into the jury room and Courtroom #1 (the large courtroom). Brookshire wondered, should the UV disinfection equipment not appear by 9/15/20 (90 days after being ordered), if HEPA filtration could be used in congregate areas of the courthouse such as the multipurpose room, courtrooms #2 and #3 as well as the sky room. The

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HEPA FILTRATION OF CIRCUIT COURT FACILITIES, Continued:

Commission might consider using Coronavirus Relief Funds for this.

IN THE MATTER OF
LOBBY RECEPTION AREA:

In an effort to better use the lobby area, Commissioner Hicks inquired of Brookshire whether the counter at the reception desk could be altered by cutting it and installing a hinge, to permit its use by the lobby bailiff. Brookshire said the terrazzo flooring did not extend under the half wall under the counter and might be difficult to match; further, conduit from below will have to be taken into consideration.

IN THE MATTER OF
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING:

Treasurer Carol Green provided input on some of the requests. Proof of payment is being sought.

IN THE MATTER OF
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
CART FUNDS:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the contract for 2021 with MDC for CART funds to place rock on a road serving MDC property was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT:

An event called Pedal to End Polio, likely occurring Saturday, October 24 (October 31 if rain), using a small area of the parking lot for a water and rest station for cyclists was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2