

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
June 16, 2020 Twenty-second day of April term

Now at this the 16th day of June 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local residents Elizabeth A. White and Kristina Leininger attended and introduced themselves as candidates for the Phelps County Commission Districts 1 and 2 respectively, on the Democrat Party ticket in the August 4, 2020 primary.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUND APPLICATION:

The application received by St. James Ambulance for reimbursement of purchase of transport ventilators was reported still under review.

IN THE MATTER OF
EDGAR SPRINGS:

The clerk notified the Commission that the mayor of Edgar Springs, William Gallion, had resigned and his duties had been assigned during the June 11, 2020 meeting of the Edgar Springs Board of Aldermen to Alderman Terry Austin. Local resident Sarah Oerther and Collector Faith Barnes joined the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR'S TAX SALE:

Barnes provided some updates in advance of the Collector's Delinquent Tax Sale, scheduled for the statutory date of Monday, August 24, 2020. She believes that the number of properties, currently numbering over 1,000, will decline to the range of 30-40. Penalty percentage rate and distribution were discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
CIRCUIT COURT OPERATIONS:

Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit Clerk Sue Brown came to discuss court operations as government functions continued to open up more. Barnes left the meeting. Brown said that during the COVID-19 circumstance, the Missouri Supreme Court had provided a lot of direction which was filtering down through Presiding Judge William Hickle. In Phase I of operations, no in-house hearings at all transpired; Phase II began allowing some juvenile matters to be heard; Phase III will see much more liberalized scheduling.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

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ROADS, Continued:

Michelle Bock of the Road and Bridge Department came to discuss numerous road issues and some plans for upcoming roadwork. Commissioner Hicks stepped out briefly for a Zoom meeting of the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District but returned when no quorum was met.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 8280:

Local resident Don Green came to request this road be considered for attention; he stated he did not think any chip and seal had been done for 6-7 years. He and Oerther then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident Chester Crider attended for a few moments.

IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR:

Phelps County Public Administrator Kathy Oliver arrived to update the Commission about the CARES Act stimulus funds, often \$1200 per individual, which are being sought by care facilities when her clients often have unmet needs like hearing aids or dentures.

IN THE MATTER OF
MODOT AUDITOR:

An auditor at MoDOT reviewed the Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards (SEFA) submitted by the private auditors contracted to perform the Federal Single Audit, OMB Circular A-133 a/k/a "Uniform Guidance" uploaded to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse a/k/a "Harvester Site" when completed in September 2019 for the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years. This state agency auditor had seen discrepancies in the amounts reported as compared to MoDOT's records and, though currently teleworking herself for an unknown future period of time, was very anxious to have the clerk work on providing a full explanation. This auditor's superior at MoDOT had suggested to the Commission that funds could be withheld from the BRO-B081(13) Road 7100 bridge project, should the MoDOT auditor not obtain satisfaction. The importance of this matter was impressed upon the clerk.

IN THE MATTER OF
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Treasurer Carol Green came to remind the Commission that there would be a drive-by, social distancing-compliant recognition of recent retiree Sally Tennyson, who worked as a lobby receptionist and switchboard operator for 22 years. This will be a parade of cars past her home, over the noon hour on the 17th.

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IN THE MATTER OF
CLERK CONTRACT FOR
DOCUMENT SHREDDING:

As moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the clerk's contract with A-1 Document Storage and Shredding was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann entered and began a discussion of a spurious COVID test result which was broadcast, before being repeated two times as negative (not positive) to a church and school population. This caused Wann to learn that a laboratory employee released, without authorization, the patient's lab results to the patient. Wann also reported on some other circumstances in which false positives were obtained on testing.


IN THE MATTER OF
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT (TDD):

Commissioner Stratman reported on a recent TDD meeting, at which the envisioned roundabout near the University on U.S. Highway 63 was relocated, though the reason for this was a matter taken up in closed session.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
June 18, 2020 Twenty-third day of April term

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUND APPLICATION:

Treasurer Carol Green came to discuss the process other counties were using to validate applications for CARES Act funds. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present. At least one county makes inquiry into unpaid taxes and felony convictions. Green mentioned splitting awards into groups or tiers, and perhaps making awards on a monthly schedule. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called the office of Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) prepaid legal services attorney Travis Elliot, to request a draft fund application from him. The Commission then discussed their ideas for assessing qualification for CARES Act funds among private businesses.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann arrived; she announced that the Veteran's Administration was looking for a location for mobile testing; she had suggested they huse the St. James Veteran's Clinic, but they wanted a location in Rolla. She also informed the Commission that 329 individuals had undergone tests for anti-COVID-19 antibodies and only one had been positive, which may indicate there is potential for more infections in the community.

IN THE MATTER OF
HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACCRUALS:

Wann discussed her plans for new hires who will be making 60% of a FTE; in the past her 80% FTE hires had accrued pro-rated sick and vacation time. This follows her personnel policy; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp recommended she stick to this, and submit amendments should she want to permit pro-rated accruals for 60% FTE's.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS MITIGATION:

Director of Support Services Mark Brookshire arrived and provided an update on the UV light treatment to be installed into the ductwork, as first discussed May 14. He has found a cheaper source for the equipment, and it is local, as well.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE PARKING:

Deputy Clerk Peter Cook reported that cars were protruding so far over the parking bumpers that handicapped use of the

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COURTHOUSE PARKING, Continued:

sidewalk was, on occasion, completely impossible. He suggested submission of a work order to Support Services, requesting the bumpers be moved back to help keep the sidewalk clear. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, this was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM:

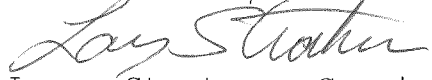
As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, use of the multipurpose room without payment of a deposit was approved for Meramec Regional Planning Commission.


IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 47 and 43 invoices in the amounts of \$13,004.24 and \$22,940.66, respectively. They also approved payment of 201 invoices for election judge pay for the General Municipal Election in the amount of \$16,402.09 as well as \$33,419.95 for TIF EATS (economic activity taxes) to be paid per agreement to United Bank of Missouri, UMB.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
June 19, 2020 Twenty-fourth day of April term

Now at this the 19th day of June 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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


Commissioner Stratman was unable to attend.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUNDING:

Two Commissioners were able to meet on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to join a statewide conference call with Missouri State Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick and U.S. Treasury Secretary Counsel Dan Kowalski, among others, regarding CARES Act funds, also called "Coronavirus Relief Funds" (CRF). Other state officials included Missouri Department of Economic Development Director Rob Dixon and Director of Accounting for the Missouri Office of Administration Stacy Neal. Up to 180 attendees may have been on the call, according to Fitzpatrick. He said that the \$2 Billion plus CRF monies were subject to the Single Audit requirement. He encouraged all to access the updates being posted every 2-3 weeks and emphasized keeping good records, including the justification for capital expenditures. Kowalski said to be mindful of anything that is substantially dedicated to novel Coronavirus COVID-19; the government wants to "reimburse for the delta [meaning change]." Frontline, budgeted costs are not to be covered with CRF. When asked about nonprofits, Kowalski said the federal government would not provide a lot of additional guidance on what is a small business; he thought counties should "steer clear" of any Fortune 500 companies. He thought it would be "ok" for local governments to create their own version of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). When asked by Fitzpatrick about higher education, Kowalski said that the federal government would prefer to see that CRF be used to support distance learning platform, which would be substantially justified by COVID-19. With respect to supplies, preparation without stockpiling is being recommended. Single Audit expenses can be included for reimbursement if it is a change from the county's normal operation. Interest tracking and use only for COVID-19 expenses is definitely needed. Fitzpatrick asked if there would be restrictions on reimbursement for the cost of hiring a third party to administer CRF; Kowalski said this would be "no problem." He did not believe there could be any reimbursement for lost small business revenue; payroll, rent, and personal protective equipment (PPE) were certainly legitimate. Payment for administrative leave was not permitted. Dixon recommended that CRF could be used at the county level for: 1) Broadband or internet accessibility and affordability for distance learning and telehealth; 2) Targeted programs for people furloughed or unemployed; 3) Planning for economic recovery, which DED stands ready to help with; 4) Use in local hospitals and 5) Recovery assistance programs for local small businesses.

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READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

(Absent)

Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
June 23, 2020 Twenty-fifth day of April term

Now at this the 23rd day of June 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUNDING:

As part of the ongoing process of delineating the proper use of the \$5.2 million in CARES Act funding also known as Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) provided to Phelps County, business interruption for private businesses was believed prohibited under the CARES Act. Also present were local residents Ray Schweikhardt, Elizabeth White and Kristina Leininger, Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley and Treasurer Carol Green. Local resident Sarah Oerther arrived several minutes in. White spoke to the needs of local students who were unable to make their rent payments with loss of work; Commissioner Hicks was unsure if the CRF was intended to cover these types of losses. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp referred to the discussions underway with Missouri Association of County's prepaid legal services attorney, Travis Elliot.

IN THE MATTER OF
CART FUNDS:

Green presented CART funds revenues for gas tax, motor vehicle sales taxes and motor vehicle fees for June, 2020. They were \$39,3001.12; \$8,484.54; and \$6,029.68, respectively. These figures were down from one year earlier between 27 and 40%. Commissioner Stratman noted that the license office had been closed for quite a lengthy period.

IN THE MATTER OF
BIDS ON CERTIFICATES
OF DEPOSIT:

Green presented the cross-fund report showing general fund cash and funds invested in certificates of deposit for seven funds. The funds and their CD balances were Phelps County Unemployment/\$100,000; Law Enforcement Sales Tax/\$3,000,000; Law Enforcement Debt Service/\$200,000; Prosecuting Attorney Drug Enforcement/\$150,000; Public Facilities Authority/\$500,000; Jay White Estate/\$200,000. Green planned to inquire of Sheriff Rick Lisenbe and Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox regarding the balances they wished to invest in CD. The Commission discussed the funds under their more direct control and they elected to leave the Unemployment, Public Facilities and Jay White funds the same. The latter two are restricted to expenditures for the courthouse facility itself. Lower interest rates were felt to be likely. The bids are to be opened on July 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

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CARES ACT FUNDING:

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CARES ACT FUNDING, Continued:

Further discussion ensued. White spoke to immigrants with "green cards", not yet citizens, whose spouses were disqualified for CRF. Schweikhardt inquired if there was any estimate at all of the financial losses experienced locally, and Commissioner Stratman said there was not. Oerther wanted to know if there was any chance CRF could be applied to infrastructure; Commissioner Hicks responded that definitely internet access for both distance learning and telehealth was of great interest, state-wide. Sheeley then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp reported on a local resident's concern about his road in Quarry Plat #4, and called the individual. Oerther and Schweikhardt left.

IN THE MATTER OF
MERAMEC REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Commissioner Hicks provided some information on MRDC, which oversees small business loans in the area. White and Leininger then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann arrived and reported cases 8, 9 and 10 for Phelps County who had complained of only a "tickly throat" and some postnasal drainage; now she had received positive reports for cases 11 and 12. Locations in the county performing testing are the Phelps Health tent, YCHC mobile unit, and the CVS drive-through. Approximately 5% of the county's population has undergone PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests and are negative; 12 of these are now positive. Of 338 antibody tests, at most one has been positive.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
June 25, 2020 Twenty-sixth day of April term

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 3330:

Local resident Russell Schmidt came to report that, again, a semi-truck had attempted to use this road as a short-cut between Route BB (Tenth Street) and Highway F; the truck had tried to back down the road when realizing there was no through connection and had torn out the power to a local resident's house. Also present were Local residents Ray Schweikhardt, Joey Auxier, Elizabeth White, Kristina Leininger, Aaron Loker, Tara Anura, Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley, Rolla Ward 6 Councilwoman Deanne Lyons, University of Missouri Extension Engagement Specialist Rachel Buennemann and Collector Faith Barnes. Schmidt suggested that some truck drivers may not be English-proficient, and perhaps in addition to a hieroglyphic sign a prominent red flag might be needed. With the closing of a bridge over the Dry Fork, this route has not been a through connection between those roads for some time. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called the Road Department and requested signage.

IN THE MATTER OF
FUEL BIDS OPENING,
ROAD AND BRIDGE:

The bid opening scheduled for 0900 did not take place until 0915. The sole bid for fuel, Premium 91 octane ethanol free, Regular 87 octane, diesel and dyed diesel, was received from MFA for the Road & Bridge Department and was five (5) cents under the posted self-service price. This bid was taken under advisement as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
FUEL BIDS OPENING,
AND AWARD, PCSD:

Two bids were received for the Phelps County Sheriff's Department and were opened as scheduled at 0915. Sheriff Rick Lisenbe and Lorri Thurman of the PCSD arrived just as they were opened. The MFA bid was for five (5) cents below posted price; Exxon Mobile (Wallis Oil) offered five (5) cents rebate per gallon on retail fuel, as well as an additional seven (7) cents per gallon off retail fuel purchases made with the ExxonMobil Fleet Card. A free car wash to any Sheriff's deputy in uniform at the time of visit was included. The Sheriff said he needed the MFA bid for diesel fuel for his generator, and recommended joint award, which was approved as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

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IN THE MATTER OF
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION:

University of Missouri Extension Community Engagement Specialist Rachel Buenemann confirmed with the Commission that she would be able to use a grassy area outside the Courthouse for a safe food preparation demonstration.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann requested an emergency closed session, pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) - personnel matter. This was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, at 0920. The meeting returned to open session at 0925, no actions having been taken, on a motion by Commissioner Hicks which was seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident Tara Anura said she and others had come to learn about the workings of the county commission processes and to speak to the CRF funds. She petitioned for more aid for community members, citing the example of a pregnant and homeless lady trying to stay in the library as much as possible for shelter recently. As a Rolla Public Library employee, she is involved in the summer reading program. As it had been converted to an all-virtual program due to concerns over novel Coronavirus COVID-19, she said homeless children were unable to access. Deanne Lyons said that the internet service available in the city was not adequate going by her 10 years of experience and a discussion followed addressing Lyons' inquiry of "...what have local governments done to address these failures?" Commissioner Hicks said the major difficulty with rural areas in particular was the "final mile" of the service provided, which is cost-prohibitive for some companies to provide. Wann then left the meeting. Further discussion of the cost of internet service ensued. Michelle Bock with the Road Department arrived at 0945. Lyons asked about CRF for the Federally Qualified Health Center (YCHC) which, on her appraisal, had increased its sliding scales for services.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 5280:

Bock engaged the Commission in a discussion of parking needs at Fugitive Beach, the county right-of-way, and signage.

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY AUDIT:

Collector Faith Barnes arrived and complained of the tone of a KY-3 internet posting regarding the "Fair" result of the recent 2019 State Auditor's Office audit. Treasurer Carol Green also entered the meeting. No one from this media organization (Springfield's KY-3) had contacted anyone in Phelps County government. The primary reason for the "fair" rating was

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COUNTY AUDIT:

unclear; whether the lack of maintenance of an account book showing collector's charges over the course of the year—a repeat finding—or the fact that the SB40 Board had violated the Missouri Constitution by giving employees bonuses, or some other reason, was unclear. The clerk said the shortcoming regarding the account book was hers and hers alone; it was not something that should at all impugn the operations of the collector's office. She felt that the wording of the finding tended to erode a good working relationship between the two offices and this was highly regrettable. Green said the fault was all the clerk's, not the collector's. The clerk stated that she oversaw the collector's turnovers in minute detail, every month, and had formulated a plan to complete the paperwork required; she also reported that the auditors were, unfortunately, very reticent about offering any suggestions for remedies. They would cite their position as auditors and the conflict such counsel from them would represent. Another audit finding was the clerk's delinquency in completing commission minutes for the first three months of 2020; that failing had been rectified and minutes were being completed weekly.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 7580:

Deputy County Clerk Katie Henson came to ask about this road and the previously vacated section.

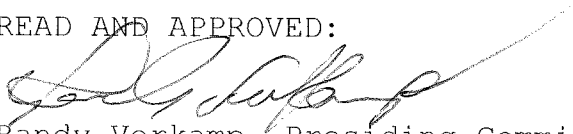
IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS COUNTY BOARD FOR THE
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED:

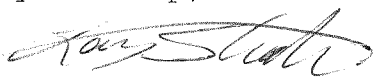
The Commission approved the appointment of Stacey E. Reed to the Phelps County Board for the Developmentally Disabled (PCBDD).


IN THE MATTER OF
MERAMEC REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Commissioner Hicks provided an update of a recent meeting. This entity oversees Disaster Recovery Assistance loans, a newer program added to the already-existing Revolving Loan Fund. MRDC will have to write specifications for the new program. Categorization of the loans, public/private share of the loans in various categories and justification of the loans over the next several years under novel Coronavirus COVID-19 economic disruptions were also discussed.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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June 30, 2020 Twenty-seventh day of April term

Now at this the 30th day of June 2020 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
ST. JAMES CARING
CENTER CDBG:

A hearing in the closing process of the project encompassed by this grant, 2018-PF-11 in the amount of \$344,110, was held at 0900. The grant served to fund needed upgrades to the St. James Caring Center (SJCC) and St. James Senior Center building and parking areas. Present were Kelly Sink, Project Development Director from Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC), the Director of SJCC Nancy Montgomery, board members Pastor Dan Carson, Terry DeLuca and Denny Labantschnig. Also present were local residents Kristina Leininger and Ray Schweikhardt as well as Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley. Sink reminded all that this was the second public hearing held on the project. Montgomery provided a synopsis of the background of the beginning of the SJCC, with its origins as a one-stop shop conceived by the St. James Ministerial Alliance some 20 years ago. Currently there are ten paid employees (some full- and some part-time) and 91 volunteers. The building began as a grocery store. Services provided include the thrift store, utility and rent assistance, transport to medical and dental appointments, and food supplies. The grant allowed remodeling of the parking lot which was hazardous for those with mobility issues and better entry design as well as building upgrades. Attendees spoke to the significant good that the center can do. Sink and the board members left at 0925.

IN THE MATTER OF
CURRENT EVENTS AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Sheriff Rick Lisenbe, followed by Collector Faith Barnes, entered and Lisenbe spoke about the changes in law enforcement which began in 2014 after the Michael Brown shooting and the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri.

IN THE MATTER OF
2020 CENSUS:

As Lisenbe was leaving, Barnes asked about the census in Phelps County and was referred to Rolla's Director of Economic Development, Tom Coots.

IN THE MATTER OF
CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM:

Barnes praised the local CIT, consisting of members of Rolla Police Department and the social work and mental health communities. Homelessness response is a major focus.

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IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
COVID-19:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann arrived and discussed contact tracers. The county is up to 36 total cases of which 29 are active and sources for these are known. A cluster of positive cases came from Great Circle and only a fraction of the test results on subjects from there have been reported to her. Commissioners spoke with her about recruiting contact tracers; she feels her staff is adequate for now but this may change soon.

IN THE MATTER OF
FLAGSTONE CIRCLE:

Local residents Jessica Barron, Catherine Johnson, Terrell Webb and Bill Wiggins came to address drainage problems on Flagstone Circle. Requirements for acceptance into county road maintenance were discussed; Webb asked, "What is it that we need to do?" The group was interested in the drainage plan, or lack thereof, needed prior to county maintenance. Large boulders in the ditch line, likely many if not all on the county right-of-way, have redirected water flows across lots, in some cases. There is eagerness among homeowners to see an upgrade to blacktop but they do not want to proceed until and unless drainage problems are completely addressed, according to Johnson. Barron said the homeowners would "love to do cost-sharing so the road could be asphalted." A lengthy discussion followed over other roads in the area. Plans were made for the homeowners to meet with Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson and District 1 Commissioner Larry Stratman on the site at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

IN THE MATTER OF
25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT:

Circuit Judge Division 2 John Beger came and conferred briefly with Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman at 11:25 the meeting entered closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1) - Legal Actions. After referring the matter to the liability insurer and the prosecuting attorney, the meeting returned to open session at 11:45 as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of an invoice for Senior Companions in the amount of \$900.00.

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Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2