

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
September 1, 2020 Nineteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 1st day of September 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
ROAD DEPARTMENT BUILDING:

Michelle Bock of the Road & Bridge Department came to report that during the violent thunderstorm the previous day, accompanied by 60 mph winds, part of the road building roof was peeled off. Local resident Kristina Leininger and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present. Water ran in through cracks in the exterior walls. The damages will be submitted to MoPERM, the County's property coverage company.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

Bock provided updates on multiple road projects. Sheeley left, and local resident Chester Kojro entered.

IN THE MATTER OF
TIMBER RIDGE SUBDIVISION:

Commissioner Stratman reported that the homeowner's association for Timber Ridge Subdivision along Private Drive 1122, was to have a meeting on September 3rd, chiefly to discuss a width variance for the road to 18 feet rather than 24. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp observed that it was more feasible once all building is completed, but that the residents would still need an engineer's certificate and would have to make application for said variance. Also, the cul-de-sac at the end of Pvt. Dr. 1122 needed work.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE TELEPHONES:

Director of Support Services Mark Brookshire and Sissy Korich of Building & Grounds Department came to speak about needed upgrades for the phone system. Korich reported that upgrade with current phones will not be possible and over 200 phones will need to be replaced. The process of competitive bidding and the needs of the County were discussed at some length. Analogue server units will be particularly required for the fax lines and the call center in the Health Department. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp wanted to see a second opinion regarding the Mitel equipment thought not likely to survive an upgrade.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE HVAC PROJECT:

Brookshire reported on the HVAC Project completion and the question of bidding as prevailing wage or not.

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IN THE MATTER OF
DEFERRAL OF SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES:

New IRS rules are allowing employees, with the employer's consent, to defer the employee 6.2% FICA contribution until 2021. This is thought to be a means to help employees who are financially impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak. However, it is only a deferral; employees will have to pay back these amounts between January 1, 2021 and April 15, 2021, meaning that they will see 12.4% withholding rather than 6.2%; employers will have to repay the amounts on any employees who terminate before they repay on their own. For these reasons the Commission stated they were flatly opposed to this and would not be approving this change in payroll.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann entered and reported on her communication with Missouri S&T. There are no hospitalizations currently of Phelps Countians; of the 227 cases to date, 63 are active and approximately 1/3 of those are S&T students.

IN THE MATTER OF
CREDIT APPLICATION:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved completion of a credit application for the vendor Hercules Sealing Products as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN
STATE CYBER CRIME GRANT (SCCG):

Detective Shawn Hedge presented a subaward agreement in the amount of \$83,858.16, dated 8/31/20, between the Missouri Department of Public Safety and the Phelps County Cyber Task Force. This was approved as moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Hedge then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS COUNTY PROPERTY, JEROME:

AS moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the property consisting of Lots 33 & 34 of Block 28 in Jerome will have a quiet claim deed prepared by Dick Elgin, P.E., County Land Commissioner.

IN THE MATTER OF
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:

The Commission will endeavor to have the third-party administrator, Group Benefit Services of Springfield, present the insurance renewal for 2021 such that open enrollment can take place for two weeks starting November 1, 2020.

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IN THE MATTER OF SPEED LIMIT
ON PART OF COUNTY ROAD 8170:

The Commission passed a speed limit of 25 mph on the section of County Road 8170 between the north outer road of Interstate 44 and its the point of intersection with County Road 8180:

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION ORDER

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Missouri did, through the enactment of Section 304.010 RSMo., authorize the County Commission of third class counties to set speed limits on county roads; and

WHEREAS, the Phelps County Commission believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the county and the residents along County Road 8170 between the North Outer Road of Interstate 44 and County Road 8180 to limit the speed of vehicles traveling along said road to a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS THE ORDER OF THE PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION that there is hereby established a maximum speed limit for vehicles traveling upon County Road 8170 between the North Outer Road of Interstate 44 and County Road 8180 of 25 miles per hour; further that a copy of this Order be sent to Chief Engineer of the Missouri Highways & Transportation Department, the Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol, and to any township or road district maintaining roads in the county; further, that said road be posted with signs indicating said maximum speed limit and that said signs conform to the standards of the State Department of Highways and Transportation.

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

ATTEST:

s/s Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

DATED: May 26, 2020

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved the payment of 11 contract pay invoices in the amount of \$15,909.01; the GBS premium for September of \$127,035.72; Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) payments to Phelps Health in the amounts of \$1,751,858.80 and \$323,673.74.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

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READ AND APPROVED, Continued:


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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September 3, 2020 Twentieth day of the July term

Now at this the 3rd day of September 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
CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting entered closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (14) - records protected from disclosure by law, with Treasurer Carol Green, at 9:00 a.m. as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks. No actions having been taken, the meeting returned to open session at 9:40 a.m. as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

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

In order to attend an announcement off-site at the Your Community Health Center with U.S. Senator Roy Blunt and Missouri Governor Mike Parson, the meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m. The Commissioners returned at 11:00 a.m. Collector Faith Barnes joined the meeting to discuss the presentation of the mobile van to be used in delivery of health care services to the region.

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

Progress Invoice #10 for this bridge project was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF
CORONER:

Coroner Andy Davis arrived. The recent suspicious death of a 36-year-old woman in Rolla could not be discussed due to a gag order.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of 48 and 54 invoices in the amounts of \$54,656.58 and \$111,360.18, respectively, and \$600 for the Family Justice Court Coordinator.

READ AND APPROVED



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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September 8, 2020 Twenty-first day of the July term

Now at this the 8th day of September 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
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19
AND MASK POLICY:

Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was present as were Assessor Bill Stoltz and Collector Faith Barnes. Stoltz said that he would begin requiring visitors to his office to wear masks; there are multiple other ways to conduct business with his office such as email, fax and phone. This was discussed as a legitimate use of CARES Act funding. Currently with the Missouri Supreme Court rules, visitors to the second floor of the courthouse are required to wear masks but not until they arrive there. Barnes expressed her belief that uniformity was important, and she wished to demonstrate her concern for the health of her office employees. Commissioner Stratman said he would "just as soon leave it up to" the elected official or office holder. Stoltz wanted a post on the front door notifying the public of the policy. Local resident Chester Kojro and Sheriff Rick Lisenbe entered at 9:25 a.m. and Lisenbe discussed the use of masks in the jail and within the PCSD at large. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp urged office holders requiring masks to make a supply available to visitors.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 8170:

Kojro inquired about the extent of the recently-imposed 25 mph speed limit on County Road 8170.

IN THE MATTER OF
WOOD PELLET MANUFACTURING:

Tammy Smith with Smith Sawmill of Doolittle came to report that the company is applying for a grant for wood pellet manufacturing, a major expansion of their current operation. This bears significance for waste management as well as energy diversification. There might be as many as 100 construction jobs for approximately a year, then as many as 22 full-time equivalents once the plant is running. They are working with Missouri Enterprise. There are few wood pellet manufacturers in the state and her company wanted a letter of support for their grant application from the Commission. Lisenbe then left; Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann entered. Smith then transitioned to a discussion of Road 8190, which suffers a great deal of wear and tear from a waste hauler using a site near the sawmill entrance. For the application for funding, the Certification of County Health Ordinances was needed; this was a component of the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority (MASBDA) loan application,

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WOOD PELLET MANUFACTURING, Continued:

reflective of a concern regarding the impact county health ordinances may have on the financial stability of animal agriculture and related value-added enterprises. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, completion of this certification was approved. It reflected that Phelps County currently is not designated as an Agri-Ready County, as there has been no commitment to refrain from passing county-level ordinances impacting animal agriculture which are more strict than state or federal law; however, the County may still consider seeking designation as an Agri-Ready County. After more discussion regarding potential grant funding, during which Commissioner Hicks mentioned Meramec Regional Development Corporation if SBA loans might be of interest, Smith left.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONTACT TRACING AND THE
SARA ALERT SYSTEM:

Wann provided follow-up on the discussions underway with Missouri S&T regarding her department's access to, and use of, the SARA Alert system for contact tracing. Personnel from the IT Department at S&T have let her know that the system would, indeed, have the capacity for use by the health department. A discussion of diverse aspects of contact tracing and contact numbers in various county settings ensued.

IN THE MATTER OF
PROPERTY PURCHASE:


Property adjacent to that owned by the county across from the courthouse, that owned by B&B, LLC at 405 W. 2nd Street, had been offered to the county. Combined, the two parcels could be used to increase the available parking across from the courthouse and/or jail. Sheriff Lisenbe was agreeable to this purchase, using his civil fund, when contacted by phone by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the contract for purchase at the price of \$65,000.00 was approved for execution.

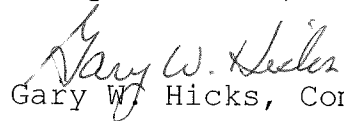
IN THE MATTER OF
PRIVATE DRIVE 1122:

Commissioner Stratman reported on a neighborhood association meeting along Private Drive 1122, now completely developed, and said the residents were investigating applying to the county to have the road adopted as a county road.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

September 10, 2020 Twenty-second day of the July term

Now at this the 10th day of September 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:

County Land Commissioner Dick Elgin will prepare a Quiet Claim Deed for the property consisting of Lots 33 and 34, Block 28, Jerome. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF
SALES TAXES:

Treasurer Carol Green presented the monthly sales tax receipts, showing County Revenue 0.5% sales tax raised \$350,533.46 for the county. This was up 4.41% in the month-to-month comparison, 3.18% in the year to date, and up 3.74% in the rolling twelve-month comparisons.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUND APPLICATION:

The Commission reviewed the Great Circle application in the amount of \$62,726.26, representing payroll and significant overtime, in great measure due to an outbreak of COVID positivity there. Commissioner Stratman asked if there was proof of payment. Sheeley then left. AS moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the application was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Commissioner Stratman recounted the September 8, 2020 meeting held virtually with S&T Chancellor Dheghani and other university officials as well as Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann. The number of active cases in the county, the positives on campus, the two reported fatalities to date and other epidemiological matters were discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR:

Public Administrator Kathy Oliver and Assessor Bill Stoltz then entered. Oliver detailed a complex story of a woman with an appointed guardian from St. Louis County who has refused to facilitate her removal back to that location from Phelps Health, where she has assaulted a staff member. Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox has been consulted by Oliver.

IN THE MATTER OF
OFFICE OF PHARMACY AFFAIRS
HOSPITAL CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP:

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OFFICE OF PHARAMACY AFFAIRS CERTIFICATION, Continued:

As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the certification was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
MERAMEC COMMUNITY
ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION:

Commissioner Hicks provided a report on a quarterly conference call meeting. Local resident Chester Crider entered the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF
MISSOURI S&T AND ROAD RECONFIGURATION:

Potential realignment of the University Drive approach from the west side of U.S. Highway 63 was discussed. Crider then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann arrived and supplied information about new cases, some at the university, 6 among residents between 85 and 94 years of age at the St. James Veteran's home.

IN THE MATTER OF
HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS:

Wann presented a continuation of a substance abuse contract which was approved as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks. AS moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, a new grant for increasing adult influenza vaccination rates was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
PROPERTY PURCHASE:

Local resident and property owner Ed Tenes entered at 11:20 and received a copy of the executed contract for the purchase of the property of B&B, LLC at 405 W. 2nd Street, Rolla.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE HVAC PROJECT:

Director of Support Services Mark Brookshire entered and relayed that he had spoken with the county's Prepaid Legal Services attorney, Travis Elliot, regarding prevailing wage for the balance of the HVAC controls project. Brookshire said all parts needed are at the courthouse; perhaps the "cleanest" way to approach the situation would be for companies to bid and complete under the original terms.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE LOBBY MONITOR:

Brookshire provided an update on this project.

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IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE PHONE SYSTEM:

Sissy Korich of the Building and Grounds, Support Services Department provided information on replacement of the phones.

IN THE MATTER OF
QUARRY SUBDIVISION:

Developer and local resident Tom Sowers entered at 11:50 and spoke about road upkeep in the Quarry.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment for 58 and 80 invoices in the amounts of \$74,990.95 and \$191,177.62, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of payroll for 9/15/2020 in the amount of \$187,033.46 net salaries with federal and state withholdings of \$58,219.49 and \$7,569.50, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

The Commission reviewed and approved Personal Property Court Orders #2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 as 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 add-on's for August of 2020.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

September 15, 2020 Twenty-third day of the July term

Now at this the 15th day of September 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 HEALTH AUDIT OF
CERTIFIED MAMMOGRAPHY FACILITIES:

Phelps Health desired the Commission to supply a letter on their letterhead stating that the hospital was a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, operating a not-for-profit, county-owned hospital in Phelps County; that day-to-day operational decisions are made by staff and leadership employed by Phelps County Regional Medical Center d/b/a Phelps Health and salaries of all on-site employed personnel are paid directly by Phelps Health; furthermore, that all mammography equipment is owned, operated, rented by, or leased by Phelps Health. Facilities with Governmental Entity status such as described are exempt from paying Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) inspection fees. As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the letter was approved and was signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp. Kaitlin Brothers of the Phelps County Focus and local resident Ray Schweikhardt were also present.

IN THE MATTER OF
THE DEATH OF
THOMAS EDWIN "TED" DAY:

The Commission observed the passing of this community member, whose loss is being greatly mourned.

IN THE MATTER OF
OAK CREEK RANCH:

Oak Creek Ranch, LLC was in the process of applying for financial assistance from the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority (MASBDA), and a Certification of County Health Ordinances was signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp after approval was moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman.

IN THE MATTER OF
REAL ESTATE COURT ORDER:

Real Estate Certificate 2019000027, Parcel # 2019-10803 adding an omitted neighborhood improvement district (NID) fee of \$527.77 was approved as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
OAK TREE APARTMENTS:

Housing Residential Management Services, of Washington, MO is to

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OAK TREE APARTMENTS, Continued:

apply for Missouri Housing Development Corporation (MHDC) housing tax credits for the rehabilitation of the Oak Tree Apartments at 2005 Forum Drive, Rolla. The construction expenditures are budgeted at approximately \$60,000 per unit. A letter of support signed by the Commission was requested and this was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman. Local resident Chester Kojro entered and a few moments later Kaitlin Brothers of the Focus left.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUND APPLICATIONS:

The Commission approved the second application from St. James R-1 School District for Cares Act funds in the amount of \$30,469.54. Also approved was the first payment for Grant Administration of the Cares Act funds by MRPC in the amount of \$7,090.04, as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman. These were invoices #20953 and 20959.

IN THE MATTER OF
PCSD:

Sheriff Rick Lisenbe entered at 10:45 and discussed a range of topics including his current personnel; purchase of property at 405 W. 2nd Street; Bureau of Prisons audits which are required after any report of assault or injury in the jail; plans to reopen the 1972 jail with \$30,200 starting salary for jailers, an increase from \$23,000 or \$24,000 when he started as sheriff.


IN THE MATTER OF
LAGERS MEETING DELEGATES:

The choice of delegates to the LAGERS meeting was discussed.

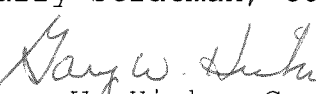
IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Forty-six general invoices totaling \$5,720.66 were reviewed and approved for payment.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

September 17, 2020 Twenty-fourth day of the July term

Now at this the 17th day of September 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
DOOLITTLE WOOD PRODUCTS:

Tammy Smith, a representative of Doolittle Wood Products, LLC, came to discuss the planned expansion of the business into the manufacture of wood pellets. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present. This will utilize waste material from not only their own, but surrounding sawmills. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the letter was approved and signed by the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUNDING AND
FEDERAL REPORTING:

The State of Missouri had hired BKD, a national auditing/accounting firm with an office in Springfield, Missouri to handle, state-wide, the administration of the Cares Act funds. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp contacted MRPC Executive Director Bonnie J. Prigge by phone to discuss the BKD reporting. The Commission also discussed opening up applications to private businesses for personal protective equipment (PPE) expenses only. Kelly Sink with MRPC will supply draft applications within a few days.

IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDER:

As moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, personal property court order Certificate # 2019003181 with Account 2018-65284 was approved. This removed \$25.90 in tax for a vehicle mistakenly on an assessment list.

IN THE MATTER OF
REAL ESTATE COURT ORDER:

Also as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, real estate court order Certificate # 2019000029, Parcel #2019-5395 was approved as \$1,068.84 in sewer fees had been paid.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the meeting entered an unannounced closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) - personnel matter at 11:50 a.m. No actions having been taken, the meeting returned to open session at 12:08 p.m. as moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

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IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 51 and 36 invoices in the amounts of \$53,698.77 and \$51,317.11, respectively, as well as CARES Act fund request #2 for St. James R-1 School District in the amount of \$30,469.54. Payment for Great Circle CARES Act funds in the amount of \$60,726.26 was approved as was an invoice for CARES Act fund administration for \$7,090.04 for MRPC. Also approved was payment of three invoices for 50% economic activity taxes (EATS) to United Missouri Bank (UMB) for the Rolla West TIF in the amount of \$38,655.58.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

September 22, 2020 Twenty-fifth day of the July term

Now at this the 22nd day of September 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 REGIONAL ECONOMIC
COMMISSION (RREC):

Commissioner Hicks provided a report of his recent RREC meeting. Kaitlin Brothers, Staff Writer with the Phelps County Focus and Jeff Banderet, P.E., Bridge Team Leader with Great Rivers Engineering were also present.

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

Banderet facilitated the bid opening when the clerk was called away, it being the first day for absentee voting for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Bids were opened as scheduled at 10:00 a.m. Construction bids were received from the following Missouri firms:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hartman & Company, Inc. Springfield	\$642,750.00
Mera Excavating, LLC, Bonnots Mill	\$708,199.46
Boone Construction Co., Columbia	\$673,479.30
Gene Haile Excavating, Inc., California	\$563,981.60
Don Schnieders Excavating Co., Inc. Jefferson City	\$635,791.16
West Plains Bridge & Grading, LLC West Plains	\$650,300.00

After discussion the bids were recommended to Great Rivers Engineering for their review. Banderet and the company representatives then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 119 petit juror invoices in the amount of \$922.04.

READ AND APPROVED:



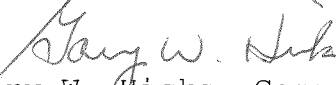
Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner

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READ AND APPROVED, Continued:


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

September 24, 2020 Twenty-sixth day of the July term

Now at this the 24th day of September 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:

Rolla Rural Fire Department Chief Roger Hayes, Rolla City Fire Department Assistant Chief Jeff Breen and Lt. Mike Kirn of the PCSD attended to discuss a CARES Act fund request for personal protective equipment (PPE) and radios for first responders. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present. Breen said that Rolla City Fire and Rescue had served somewhat as a stockpiler for of PPE for other local agencies, as competition between other states and the federal government was at times a problem. Commissioner Stratman asked if someone "...could draw the line between radios and COVID-19." Kirn said bigger agencies, down to smaller ones, would receive between three radios and one radio. Breen said mobile radios would be for vehicles. Hayes spoke about dispatch knowing where the COVID positive cases (positive tests) were; they cannot always be in radio contact en route to a positive case. Replacing all portable and mobile radios for the city of Rolla would cost approximately \$1.2 million. Further discussion ensued about dual band radios being both digital and analogue; portable radios more commonly thought of as "walkie-talkies" being more expensive and mobile radios being compatible with the MoSWIN system, with their function boosted by repeaters on the vehicles. Kirn, Breen, and Hayes left shortly thereafter.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 1050 RIGHT OF WAY:

Because Phelps County in 1997 caused the driving surface of County Road 1050 to be moved westerly approximately 30 feet, in connection with the realignment of the road across Robinson Creek, a landowner there wanted reassurance that the right of access of the driveway was preserved. The property description was provided by County Land Commissioner Dick Elgin, and as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stratman, the affidavit was signed by the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF
SALES PRESENTATION:

Bridget Young with S&H Farm Supply, the areas new Tiger Mower dealer, came to speak about the products offered by her employer with the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

There was a brief discussion of case and death numbers in the county.

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September 24, 2020 Twenty-sixth day of the July term

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of 9 and 21 invoices in the amounts of \$3,410.03 and \$53,543.51, respectively. They also approved a return of overpayment to OCEDTF in the amount of \$2,070.56 and payment of Progress Invoice #10 for BRO-B081(13) in the amount of \$1,925.11 to Great Rivers Engineering.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

September 29, 2020 Twenty-seventh day of the July term

Now at this the 29th day of September 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
TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT (TDD):

Local resident Ray Schweikhardt asked who was paying for the new turn ramps on the southwest corner of the Highway 72 and US 63 intersection. Also present were local resident and businessman Bob Desai and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley. Schweikhardt was informed that TDD monies would pay for this work.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUNDS:

Desai wanted to inquire about distribution of CARES Act funds. He stated friends who were business owners in Pulaski with fewer than 10 employees had received \$7,000 each. He asked if the funds in Phelps County would be opened up to businesses anytime soon. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp addressed this first by saying that some of the federal guidance had been somewhat vague, and there would be the probability that funds would need to be refunded by the county. Desai asked if Pulaski County was "making an error?" and Verkamp replied that we were "not ready to say that yet." Commissioner Stratman said that without a university or a hospital Pulaski County was different; he also estimated that \$7,000 for every business in Phelps County with fewer than 10 employees would add up to \$2 million; then Commissioner Hicks said that they would explore funding PPE expenses on the part of small businesses. Desai's second point involved property taxes. He asked if there would be any chance that stressed businesses would have allowances made for property tax payments, and that consideration would be given to extension of the time to pay. In response to Commissioner Stratman's point that schools would have to do with less, and Presiding Commissioner Verkamp's point that property taxes were set by the voters, Desai asked about reduced penalties.

IN THE MATTER OF
CENTURY FARMS:

Patty Reynolds of the Extension Council entered to report on three new Century Farm designations: The Kibbler farm on County Road 7490; the Kline farm on State Route W; the Humphrey farm on County Road 9060 will all be recognized. She said that the Farm Bureau officials and RD Hohenfeldt will be present, and then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT FUND APPLICATIONS:

The Commission then reviewed three applications for Cares Act

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CARES ACT FUND APPLICATIONS, Continued:

funding from the University of Missouri Extension in the amount of \$444.86 and Phelps County Building and Grounds Department for \$7,605.75. Both of these were for PPE primarily. As moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, these were approved. The application from Phelps Health in the amount of \$162,138.07 was the third one from the hospital; this application was held. Local resident Chester Kojro then arrived.

IN THE MATTER OF
DELINQUENT TAX PENALTIES:

Collector Faith Barnes then entered and was asked, on behalf of Bob Desai, if penalties on taxes could be modified, and she said they could not. She said that state law established the interest rate charged. Desai asked her if the state could modify penalties, and she suggested perhaps the governor could by executive order.

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

The engineering firm, Great Rivers Engineering, had provided a draft letter to submit to MoDOT regarding the bids opened on the project. This Concurrence for Award letter was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stratman, and signed by the Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS HEALTH AND OFFICE
OF PHARMACY AFFAIRS (OPA):

A required form from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Healthcare Systems Bureau, Office of Pharmacy Affairs, certifying a contract between a private, non-profit hospital and state/local government to provide health care services to low income individuals, was signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp as moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann arrived to report the county's total of 13 deaths, 10 of which were at the St. James Veteran's Home. Commissioner Hicks reported a parent from Newburg R-2 saying that an employee, perhaps of the Health Department, said the district would lose federal funding if quarantine measures were not followed.

IN THE MATTER OF
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, RANSOMWARE:

As Wann left, Director of Support Services/Building and Grounds Mark Brookshire and Sissy Korich of Support Services arrived. Brookshire reported a ransomware attack on the financial software in use by the county. Brookshire believed measures had

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TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, Continued:

been taken to mitigate and perhaps prevent any sequelae for Phelps County.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE HVAC PROJECT:

Brookshire gave an update, stating that a recent water leak on the third floor was detected by the sensors but did not show in the monitoring system; he has spoken with the contractors about completion of the project and is awaiting their reply.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE PHONES:

The inevitable replacement of the courthouse desk phones was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

As moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the meeting entered closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) - personnel, at 11:32 a.m. with Brookshire and Korich also present. No actions having been taken, the meeting returned to open session at 11:52 a.m. as moved by Commissioner Stratman, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
NARCAN FOR COMMUNITY:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Wann called the Commission and was put on speaker phone. She asked about potentially becoming the distribution point for distribution of Narcan © to the members of the community, not just first responders. She has educational packets to provide, but has not determined how to decide who should receive it. As moved by Commissioner Stratman and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, she was allowed to use her judgement.

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll for 9/30/2020, representing work dates 9/1-15/2020, in the amount of \$190,348.69 net salaries; \$59,924.53 and \$7,891.50 federal and state withholdings, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Larry Stratman, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2