

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
August 3, 2021 Eleventh day of the July term

Now at this the 3rd day of August 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner
Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

In the absence of the clerk, minutes were taken by Deputy Clerk Lisa Dowdy.

IN THE MATTER OF
INVENTORY ASSIGNMENT,
SECURETECH SYSTEMS CONTROL PANEL:

During the ongoing audit of the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Fund, federal auditors had seen a piece of equipment (the WAVE Control Panel) priced at \$7,900.00 accompanied by 32 single button duress alarms for a total of \$4,000.00, purchased in January 2020 from SecureTech Systems, Inc. of Irving Texas, lacked inventory assignment. Local resident Chester Kojro and Sheriff Mike Kirn were also present. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said this should be recorded in the Commission inventory.

IN THE MATTER OF
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REMODELING:

Framing work in the Assessor's office having begun, an observation was made that more thorough vetting should have been sought on the project from the Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF
CHIP AND SEAL:

Preparation for chip and seal consisting of peeling shoulders continuing, it was felt that chip and seal should already be underway.

IN THE MATTER OF
SALE OF PCSD VEHICLE:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the sale of a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria by the Sheriff's Department was approved and Presiding Commissioner Verkamp signed the title.

IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

The Commissioners reviewed, approved and signed personal property court orders numbered 2063, 2064 and 2065. These were add-on's for June 2021 for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 (respectively) increasing total taxes by \$77.81; \$3604.29; \$16,711.84.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Sheriff Kirn reported that 18 inmates in the jail are receiving Sars-Co-V2 inoculations today, given by the Health Department.

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IN THE MATTER OF
EVERBRIDGE MASS NOTIFICATION:

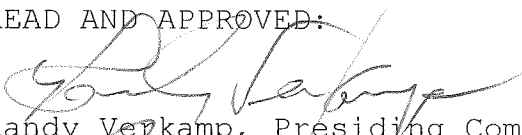
The Commission engaged the Sheriff in a discussion of the use of the Everbridge system; who pays for it; who uses it.

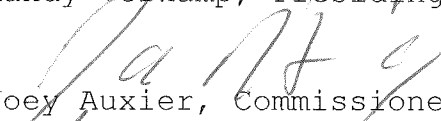
IN THE MATTER OF
ATV/UTV PERMITS:


Kojro offered additional input on ATV use in the county.

The Commissioners and Dowdy then undertook a tour of selected county roads in the 8,000's, between 1005 and 1200.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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August 5, 2021 Twelfth day of the July term

Now at this the 5th day of August 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY PROPERTY IN NEWBURG:

Phelps County Surveyor and Land Commissioner Terris Cates presented packets with invitation to bid and he reviewed the responsibilities of the bidder. He emphasized how important it was for bidders to understand that they would have to pay for the transaction deeds and recording fees. He went through the other documents. Bidders would get everything but the legal sheet bid tab. The process was reviewed and a few comments were taken. Local resident Ray Schweikhardt, Collector Faith Barnes, Assessor Bill Stoltz and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present.

IN THE MATTER OF
CORNER REMONUMENTATION:

Cates reported that, due to concerns regarding COVID-19, that the state Department of Agriculture limited him to the remonumentation of 10, not 16, corners. For the upcoming year he would like to address the 6 corners that he did not finish. His plan would be to remonument 6 corners on the western boundary of Phelps County. Cates supplied a map and as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier the proposed 6 corners were approved. The letter regarding approval of 6 corners for remonumentation will be sent to Missouri Department of Ag. Cates left at 0915.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR AND JAY WHITE FILES:

Collector Faith Barnes, seeking storage space for tax books in the third floor storage area, would like to know if the Jay White Estate files would need to be kept in their entirety. The Commission was of the opinion that they did not need to be kept, consistent with what she had heard from the Records Division of the Secretary of State's office; she had yet to obtain the opinion of the prosecuting attorney.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

The Commission offered their observations and remarks of the recent survey of the roads in the 8000's. Barnes lives on one of these roads and asked about the shaving of the shoulders and this was explained as preparatory to surface maintenance.

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IN THE MATTER OF
TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARINGS:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks the notices of public hearing were approved.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 26, 2021 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 2021 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 2021	PRIOR TAX YEAR 2020
Real Estate	\$ 524,368,460	\$ 484,220,190
Personal Property	132,341,376	122,821,317
Railroad & Utility – State	28,214,443	24,075,170
Railroad & Utility – Local	1,808,980	2,201,174
Less Tax Increment Financing	-7,243,010	-7,601,380
TOTAL	\$ 679,490,249	\$ 625,716,471

FUND	AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX	TAX RATE CEILING	PROPOSED TAX FOR 2021
Phelps County Board For the Developmentally Disabled	\$ 465,451	\$0.0685	\$0.0685

Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

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TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARINGS, Continued:

General Revenue	\$	664,239	\$0.2663	\$0.0978
Road & Bridge	\$	675,719	\$0.1902	\$0.0994

Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

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IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT (RAY SCHWEIKHARDT):

Schweikhardt reported that an acquaintance was told that cattails could not be cut from right-of-way, despite these hampering line-of-sight. This may be true. Sheeley left at 0950.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR'S TAX SALE:

Barnes reported a bit about the current state of this process. Stoltz then left at 0955.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY:

Director of Support Services, Building & Grounds Sissy Korich entered at 1000; Schweikhardt left at 1005. Korich said that the locking of the interior stairwell doors in the NW stairwell, preventing exit into the first-floor breakroom and the third-floor hallway, was done by a bailiff in response to an exterior door being found unlocked. Korich said that this particular door needs maintenance; she does not necessarily disagree with locking the doors from this stairwell into the interior hallways or spaces. Barnes said her personnel used the stairs for exercise breaks from prolonged sitting, and that this would be something they would miss; she left about 1005.

OM THE MATTER OF
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REMODELING:

The remodeling in the Assessor's office did not raise too many issues for Korich. Local resident Don Green entered at 1020.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT (DON GREEN):

Green reiterated his earlier pleas for work on Road 8280, and left at 1030.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT LEAK:

Korich reported on the outcome of an inspection of the issue by RMU. Water in an underground conduit was not felt to be unusual but leaking into the basement electrical room was not felt to be

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COURTHOUSE BASEMENT LEAK, Continued:

expected or a "given". Korich said there was no sign of water entry from the transformer box in the back parking lot.

IN THE MATTER OF
HVAC CONTROLS:

This project, long incomplete, may have a solution depending if a local contractor able to work on the Johnson Controls can propose some type of staged completion. This contact will be speaking with Korich in several days.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHONES:

Korich reported on the scheduled update plans for the phone system. Phones may have to be down for one or two days, but the courthouse has dealt with that previously so it is nothing new.

IN THE MATTER OF
PARKING LOT:

Requests for proposals for the courthouse parking lot were discussed. Korich will delegate this to the Commission.


READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Now at this the 10th day of August 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
FMLA AND NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
COVID-19:

The county is encountering employees who have been told to quarantine, and some employees resist being told to use their sick or leave time. Theresa Lasher Administrative Assistant for the Sheriff's Department, as well as Deputy County Clerks Cindy Ruth and Lisa Dowdy were also present. Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0905 followed by Assessor Bill Stoltz at 0910. Lasher said there are multiple employees in the Sheriff's Department who have tested positive. Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Campbell came in at 0912; Campbell reported that she had an employee without any more leave who is on quarantine. People might decide to "report to work" instead of quarantine; she said that people who are critical infrastructure who can return to work are allowed by the guidelines to do so, with precautions. The quarantine period remains 14 days; if still asymptomatic and test is negative at 10 days may return to work with a mask for days 11-14. Dowdy points out that employees have to be actively at work or on FMLA to maintain eligibility for benefits. Commissioner Hicks asked if Campbell's department was tracing contacts; she said very little at this point. Lasher said that her department has tried to get supporting documentation from the HD that an employee has had exposure; Campbell's comment was that this was sometimes hard to provide. Campbell said that household contacts' quarantines start with day 11 of the index subject and then run for 14 days. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said that with taxpayer funds, it was incumbent to document the need for quarantine and FMLA. Local resident Chester Kojro entered at 0925; Stoltz left at 0925 to take a call and returned at 0928. Dowdy said she would like to see the policy that leave time cannot be used in the first 6 months be modified; recent hires may be encountering hardship when told to quarantine. The Commission seemed agreeable to this, though no action was taken. A lengthy discussion ensued.

IN THE MATTER OF
HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANT:

Crisis Cooperative Agreement (COVID response) grant was presented by Campbell; it was \$85,000 "surprise" that was forecast at first March 2020 and did not materialize until just recently. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier the grant was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
BREAKROOM MICROWAVE:

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BREAKROOM MICROWAVE, Continued:

Barnes said that an employee suffered 2nd degree burns (blisters) when removing very hot food from the microwave which is over the heads of some of the shorter employees; she requested the microwave be lowered. The Commission was agreeable.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY:

Barnes and the clerk raised their objections to the locking of the interior stairwell doors. The Commission made it clear that the decision had been made.

IN THE MATTER OF
CENTRAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Amy Sublett, Executive Director of the Central Workforce Development Board, entered at 1000 followed a few minutes later by local resident Chester Crider. She reported on the structure and administration of the CWDB, made up of 19 counties. Funds come from US Department of Labor and then come to state of Missouri. The state is to retain approximately 30% of the federal money for their own programming, and then the remainder goes to the regions, based on formulas based on unemployment, workforce reductions and poverty esp. sometimes child poverty rates. Dr. Mardy Leathers is the state director; this was Amy's job before she retired from the state and went to work at the local level. Ultimately the goal is "to find people jobs." Crider left at 1010. In the central region there are 4 job centers: Columbia, Jefferson City, Rolla, Lebanon. Jobs.mo.gov is the website for the state jobs matching system, the alternative to visiting the physical sites. Sublett said that since ARRA money in '08 and '09 was exhausted, the federal money has declined and hasn't picked up. She made mention of the intersection of public and private job placement entities and said that with the COVID situation, modifications of many of their processes had been necessary. The CDWB had been on "corrective action" due to deficiencies with internal control, more than any overt fraud, since 2018 and with the 2019 and 2020 audits near completion, she believes that the CDWB will be able to regain good standing. After more discussion covering topics such as the lack of job-seekers; the success of the Lebanon center which she attributed to its being in the same location for many years; the negative effect on willingness to work by drug misuse generally and opioid abuse specifically, Sublett provided a list of board members and a budget outline. Kojro left at 1035. Sublett left at 1050.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE WATER PIPES:

Director of Support Services, Building & Grounds Sissy Korich and Mike Barnett of the Building & Grounds Department entered at 1050. Korich said that there are "black iron" pipes in the building; byproducts of their deterioration is plugging up the heat pumps; she said that first the system will have to be cleaned (in sections, so all the water won't be off at once), flushing and then the pipes will be coated. She estimated it would cost approximately \$1500 for one treatment; this would

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COURTHOUSE WATER PIPES, Continued:

need to be repeated annually. Mike will need to figure out the capacity of the system by looking at the plans. There is glycol in the system and this may come at an additional cost for disposal.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

The work on 8200 was discussed. There was an extensive stretch of paving done.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY:

Head Bailiff Chris Reeder entered at 1115 and discussed various aspects of courthouse security for about 30 minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT (DENNIS GRAY):

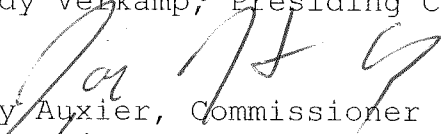
Dennis Gray came to share his observation with the Commission that the worse his road deteriorates, the more the definitive repair would cost the county. He lives in Quarry I Subdivision.

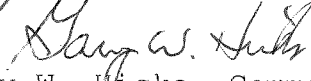
IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of 20 and 30 invoices in the amounts of \$77,305.05 and \$161,489.72, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Venkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll for 8/13/2021 representing work dates of 7/16-31/21 in the amounts of \$200,901.15 (net wages); \$62,726.31 (federal withholding); \$8,389.50 (state withholding). Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF
BROADBAND:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp reported that he spoke with Cole Smith of Aptitude Internet, LLC regarding a recent Federal Communication Commission "reverse auction" which his company won; Aptitude will realize as much as \$24 million in assigned support over 10 years, in part to provide broadband internet to underserved areas of Phelps County. A concern has been raised regarding whether a county awarding or forwarding a contract for broadband to one company might result in competition between one federal dollar and another. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp suggested a scenario in which a company could work with Intercounty to "rent" their overhead line infrastructure; he believes his next call is to the management at Intercounty. Observing that Smith is meeting with numerous entities in Missouri, Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said he believed him to be working with someone technical at Intercounty. Aptitude Internet is still awaiting some final FCC approval; the topic will be of some interest during the Meramec Regional Planning Commission meeting tonight. Verkamp has asked Smith to "move Phelps County up" on his meeting list and left a voice mail with Intercounty CEO Doug Lane for discussion with him.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROLLA CITY EMPLOYEES
AND NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

Sheeley said that the city has denoted all their employees as essential, so even if they are COVID-positive they may come to work with masks if needed. Sheeley left at 0925.

IN THE MATTER OF
LIABILITY FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES:

The Commissioners reviewed a bulletin from MoPERM relating to an 8th Circuit Court of Appeals decision recently holding that "...sovereign immunity for state-law tort claims is waived when a county or city or other political subdivision of the state is named as an additional insured on a liability insurance policy

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LIABILITY FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES, Continued:

by a third party." In Davis v. Buchanan County, Missouri the allegation was made by plaintiffs that their son died after he was denied medication while incarcerated for three days in the county jail. Buchanan County contracted with Advanced Correctional Healthcare for inmate medical services; their contract required naming the county as an additional insured. The clerk will contact the MAC Trust prepaid legal services attorney about this.

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY PROPERTY IN NEWBURG:

The clerk reported on efforts to capture all the costs of publicizing the invitation to bid of the 10 Newburg properties. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, after inquiring of the Recorder's Office, thought that \$27 would be the minimum for recording a deed.

IN THE MATTER OF
STATE POLICY, COVID
QUARANTINE, FMLA AND LEAVE:

Ashley Campbell entered at 1010 and reported that other counties were "all across the board" with respect to their quarantine policies for employees; they are not all using FMLA. She is not sure she will obtain an opinion from anyone at the state regarding how they are handling quarantining of employees and FMLA. Deputy Clerk Cindy Ruth entered to join the discussion of FMLA paperwork; some employees do not turn it in. This was felt to show that the county has done its due diligence. Department heads should note on the time sheets when people are quarantined (whether test + or not) and people out of leave may need to be put on administrative leave; Ruth will be careful to protect personally identifiable health information.

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

Final documents for the project were received and reviewed and after moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier, Presiding Commissioner Verkamp signed where indicated. These will be picked up on Monday August 16 by a representative from Great Rivers Engineering.

IN THE MATTER OF
ASSESSOR'S QUARTERLY:

State Representative Bruce Sassmann (R-62) entered at 1050 and listened to the deliberations about the Assessor's April-June quarterly. As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the quarterly was approved. Commissioner Hicks provided Sassmann with some figures relating to the growth of the reserve balance in the Assessor's Fund, all the while being contributed to by the General Fund with a \$75,000 annual transfer.

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IN THE MATTER OF
TRANSPORTATION:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp mentioned the Highway 63 expansion effort and wondered if Sassmann would be amenable to plying any influence he had with MoDOT to seek infrastructure money for the expansion of 63 from the Phelps/Maries county line to Cole County. After discussion, Sassmann left at 1110.

IN THE MATTER OF
ATV/UTV PERMIT RESOLUTION, AMENDED:

Already approved as to form by Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox, the amended ATV resolution was signed by the Commission and attested to by the clerk. The Resolution follows in its entirety:

RESOLUTION

**Approving Phelps County Special Use ATV/UTV Permits
As Amended 7-29-2021**

Be it hereby resolved that the County Commission of the County of Phelps authorizes the issuance of annual special use permits to licensed drivers, pursuant to Section 304.013 RSMo., that allow the use and operation of all terrain vehicles (ATV) and utility task vehicles (UTV), as defined by Section 301.010(1) RSMo., upon and over the roads maintained by the County of Phelps. Said permits are to be issued by the Phelps County Sheriff, upon application by a person wishing to gain said permit, and upon payment of a \$15.00 issuance fee to the Phelps County Sheriff for said permit. The annual permits shall expire on December 31 of each year, and may be renewed upon completion of a current application and payment of the fee of \$15.00.

A licensed driver possessing a special use permit issued by the Phelps County Sheriff shall be entitled to operate and use an ATV or UTV over and upon the unpaved roads of Phelps County to the extent that such use is consistent with the laws of the State of Missouri.

In addition to the permit issued to a licensed driver, identification stickers for the individual ATV or UTV shall be

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ATV/UTV PERMIT RESOLUTION, AMENDED, Continued:

obtained and affixed to each ATV or UTV owned or operated by the permit holder. Each identification sticker shall be issued upon completion of a registration form provided by the Phelps County Sheriff. Information required on the registration form shall include proof of the following: ownership, name of owner, make, model, serial number and color of the ATV or UTV to which it will be affixed and proof of financial responsibility.

The permit issued pursuant to the Resolution shall not be considered a substitute for a U.S. Forest Service Permit or registration with the Department of Revenue, if required.

The fee revenue collected from the issuance of said permits shall be deposited into the Law Enforcement Fund of the County of Phelps, and any expenses generated to provide for and issue said permits shall be paid from the Law Enforcement Fund of the County of Phelps.

The effective date of said permits shall be November 1, 2010 for the 2011 permits.

SO RESOLVED, THIS 27th DAY OF JULY, 2021.

Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner
Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1
Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

Attest:
s/s Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

Approved as to Form:
Brendon Fox, Prosecuting Attorney

IN THE MATTER OF
RIDGE CREEK SUBDIVISION:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called developer Lyle Cox to suggest that his subdivision restrictions might need amendment and re-recording and encouraged him to continue to consult with his attorney, as he has been doing to-date on his plan to have the plat modified.

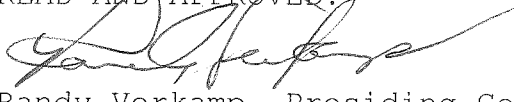
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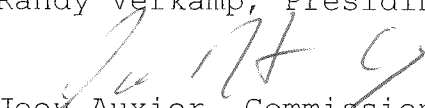
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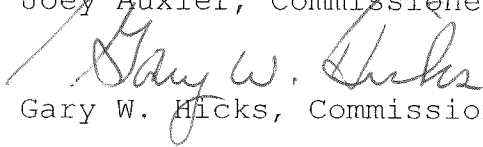
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, Continued:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 61 and 36 invoices in the amounts of \$17,872.89 and \$24,019.68, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Now at this the 17th day of August 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

Ongoing repair of roads in the 8000's by the Road & Bridge Department was reviewed. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp reported driving Road 6040; many sections of the road are excellent but some spots appear to need being dug out and patched, and a drag-box as used by MoDOT might address such needs. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Kaitlin Brothers was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF
SALES TAXES:

Treasurer Carol Green provided the August sales taxes in the amounts of \$285,616.79 for the 0.5% county sales tax, and \$214,212.68 for 0.375% law enforcement sales tax (LEST). These sums are up 9.23% in the rolling twelve month, 8.90% in the YTD, and up 14.51% in the month-to-month comparisons. Brothers left at 0920.

IN THE MATTER OF
MAC MEETING:

Green supplied a comprehensive report on her recent attendance at the MAC meeting. Local resident Chester Kojro entered at 0932. The MAC lobbyist, Trent Watson, provided a report on the legislative outcome of the recently-concluded session of the Missouri General Assembly. Assurances were made that the outstanding criminal costs due to counties from the state were going to be paid. Per-parcel reimbursements were increased for the first time in 15 years. The legal challenge to the gas tax may have been dropped. PDMP passage received mention. WayFair passage does not place a notification requirement on Phelps County, since the county doesn't have a use tax. Green says that the county "just needs to put it on" the ballot. The "Use Tax Return" \$2,000 reporting threshold has been removed, per Green. Revenue loss calculation for ARPA was complicated and described by Green as "painful." There was a pointed "no comment" when Watson was asked about the sheriff's salary increase. Green then presented information on setting the worker's compensation rates. The premiums were broken out by class of employee. She had the bid comparisons supplied by Gallagher, the broker. Since MAC Trust profit "stays within the trust", they can always be favorably compared. Green supplied a projection suggesting the rates for Phelps County would be going down because of a favorable recent experience, then left at 1010.

IN THE MATTER OF
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA):

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA), Continued:

MRPC will lead an ARPA Funding Meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 19 either in person at their offices or by "Zoom"

IN THE MATTER OF
FUNDING OF ROAD MAINTENANCE:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp led a discussion of various methods for residents to pay for road upgrades, with differential percentages for different types of roads such as no outlet versus connector roads.

IN THE MATTER OF
ASSESSOR'S REMODELING:

Assessor Bill Stoltz entered at 1020 and discussed his office remodeling project which is approaching completion.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR
JOB DESCRIPTION:

Commissioner Hicks presented a draft job description for the Superintendent of Roads.

IN THE MATTER OF
JUVENILE VEHICLE:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier, the trade-in of a 2007 Ford Taurus in the inventory of the Juvenile Department was approved. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp signed the title.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved for payment 32 and 48 invoices in the amounts of \$34,710.60 and \$55,933.23, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved personal property court orders numbers 2066 through 2069, representing add-on's for 2017 through 2020, respectively, for the month of July 2021. These increased the total tax by \$101.73; \$386.83; \$2,730.87 and \$14,623.05.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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August 19, 2021 Sixteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 19th day of August 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
OPTIMIST CLUB:

Rolla 2nd Ward City Council Representative Megan Johnson was present to award Commissioner Auxier a token of recognition for participating in the Optimist Club's Summerfest activity. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:

The Commission will begin considering concerning the renewal for health insurance. Johnson joined in to provide some information about Rolla City employees and their reinsurance costs.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS 7520 AND 6110:

Commissioner Hicks reported that he received a complaint that a concrete truck had spilled concrete, but it was that of a different company than originally reported, and Commissioner Hicks will contact them about the matter.

IN THE MATTER OF
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA):

MRPC Executive Director Bonnie Prigge entered at 0928, followed by Kelly Sink, MRPC Project Development Manager. Treasurer Carol Green entered at 0931. Green reported on adjusting some of the roles on the reporting interface with U.S. Treasury; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp will be administrative head and Sink will be point of contact (POC) for reporting. Opening the discussion, Prigge said that ARPA differs from CARES, lacking a 9-month time-frame. Sink proceeded to list activities eligible for funding: 1) supporting public health expenditures including mitigation efforts versus COVID, 2) addressing negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, etc., 3) replacement of lost public sector revenue, 4) providing premium pay for essential workers, 5) investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Referring to Sink's template, Prigge said that #2 could be used for nonprofits. Regarding #3, when lost revenue could be shown, replacement funds would be unencumbered, that is, unrestricted. Premium pay elicited mention of a stipend, perhaps, for essential workers; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said the problem would be the prohibition on bonus pay. Number 5 has to comply with Clean Water Act. Prigge said the time frame for the funds were "obligated by the end of 2024 and, if a construction project, completed by 2026. Consideration was given to Edgar Springs PWSD and Doolittle City

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA), Continued:

Sewer, both of which need upgrades. Commissioner Hicks asks how the information that grants may be available can "get out to the eligible people" and Kelly said potential applicants can pass through MRPC. Prigge emphasized pages 6 and 7 with respect to expenditure categories. The state is "getting its own money" for broadband but Prigge said that in addition, the state is going to go for federal Telecommunications Act fund. There was reflection over the expenditure categories outlined by Sink; Prigge said the Lion's Club is trying to figure out how to replace some of the park equipment; as a non-profit—and in light of the heavy use of park spaces during the lockdowns and school closures—this would certainly be something to consider. A prolonged discourse on broadband projects in general and "Last Mile" projects more specifically ensued; the cost of the last mile of connection is often cost-prohibitive for private companies. Prigge also said that federal funds require environmental studies and there are entities still awaiting an "environmental release." So, with the 6-year build-out period, the end of three years is the point where a progress report has to be made. Prigge reported that the state received about 3x more funds than they have identified projects for. ARPA legislation comments were due July 16 but haven't been published yet, so the "final rule" is pending that. Commissioner Hicks remarked that it was a harrowing task to try to spend the money within guidelines solely expressed as FAQ's; the county could start by prioritizing the needs identified in the three enumerated uses originally focused on: sewer, water and broadband. Since the tendency has been for the federal government to count an entire census block as "served" when one residence within it has service, Presiding Commissioner Verkamp suggested the questionnaires encouraged by DESE and in use by Rolla-31 and St. James R-1 districts may yield much better data. Andrew Sheeley left at 1050. Subsidies based on sparse occupancy was mentioned. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asked Sink to be in contact with the water districts. Green left at 1100; Prigge and Sink left at 1110.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS/MARIES HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AND SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID MITIGATION:

Director Ashley Campbell entered to report that the Rolla 31 District superintendent announced that the school district's opening plans for this school year were published in multiple formats and stated that she had given her approval; she had not, though she had agreed to review the district's plans.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS/MARIES HEALTH
DEPARTMENT STAFFING:

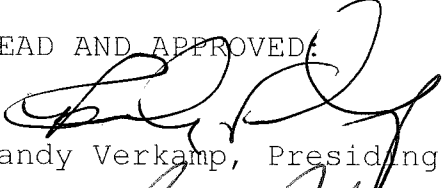
Campbell had 2 employees turn in resignations today, which are COVID positions; one is an RN and one is an EPHS. She has one out on maternity leave and another out, totaling four COVID positions. Premium Pay was discussed and she will seek input on this from Kelly Sink at MRPC.

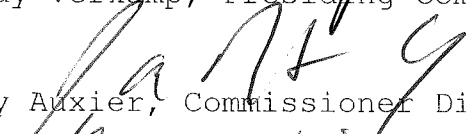
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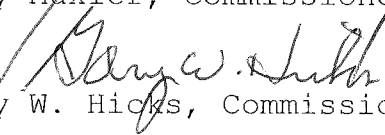
IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 35 and 21 invoices in the amounts of \$148,549.56 and \$13,868.62, respectively; \$24,506.00 for a used 2019 vehicle for the Juvenile Department; \$4,897.31 in TIF EATS (Economic Activity Taxes) for RollaWest to go to UM Bank.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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August 24, 2021 Seventeenth day of the July term

Now at this the 24th day of August 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
AND FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE:

Sheriff Mike Kirn came to visit with the Commission about a request for information by the Federal government. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR'S TAX SALE:

Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0900 and reported 18 properties were on the tax sale; 11 properties sold. Two Gasconade properties were sold. Two properties that were "truly not real estate" but were merely the sign locations above real estate or "air", did not sell. One of them has no sign any longer and Barnes wondered if it should be just ablated from the tax rolls. A post-third property on Lakeside Estates which appears to be a right-of-way or driveway easement, and perhaps should be incorporated into the land surrounding it on all sides was discussed at length with regards to waiving the taxes, county taking possession, etc. Barnes will offer it in September at the post-third sale (sealed bids, minimum \$40) and in October may revisit the county taking possession; she then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

After a cursory discussion of Highway 63, Sheeley left.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT (LINDA HANCE)
AND ROAD 8260:

Local resident Linda Hance entered at 0945 as did Chester Kojro. Local road improvements were discussed; Hance said Road 8260 was improved markedly and she was pleased about the work.

IN THE MATTER OF
INCREASED GAS TAX:

Kojro asked, and was told, that the gas tax increase would go into effect October 1, 2021. A discussion of payment strategies for infrastructure was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
REAL ESTATE COURT ORDERS:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner

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REAL ESTATE COURT ORDERS, Continued:

Hicks, the court orders for a parcel on W. 5th Street, Newburg, Account Number 5641 were approved. Taxes from 2008 through 2020, in the amount of \$837.93, were abated. This parcel had sold at the post-third sale for the minimum bid of \$40.00.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD CHIPPING EQUIPMENT:

Commissioner Hicks reported that the chipper has crystallized diesel exhaust fluid, of DEF, in it; this broke a sensor. The part needed is three days out. DEF is required in diesel engines' exhaust systems by the EPA.

IN THE MATTER OF
EXTENSION:

Rachel Buenemann of University of Missouri Extension entered at 1005. She reported on the 4-H Day Camp at the end of June; 14 campers aged from 8-13 spent the day at Lion's Club for STEAM-based learning activities. This activity attracted some children new to 4-H. She also briefed the Commissioners on Veterans Law Clinic, provided by the UM-Columbia School of Law. Early reports show high rates of success in court cases. Also, there will be a Missouri Farmer Lease Program, upcoming September 2 in the Multipurpose Room. This program is led by Rachel Hopkins, of Extension's Ag Business Services. Buenemann also asked that consideration be given at budget time to increasing the hourly pay rate of the single county employee there to \$14/hr. Kojro left at 1030; Buenemann left shortly after.

IN THE MATTER OF
MARIES COUNTY:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp reported a call from his counterpart in Maries County, Vic Stratman, who had inquired about the feasibility of building a jail to house (at least in part) federal prisoners on some of the Vichy Airport property. Considerable doubts were expressed regarding the acceptance of such a proposal.

IN THE MATTER OF
LION'S CLUB AND ARPA:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said he was asked to speak on September 2 about plans for ARPA funds, expressing doubt about how much would be spent on broadband. Commissioner Hicks said the county should support water treatment, considering Edgar Springs and Doolittle are willing to devote 100% of their allotment to this purpose, reflective of their degree of need. Mask purchases were discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:

Deputy Clerk for HR Lisa Dowdy entered at 1050 and asked about bidding the medical insurance this year; many employers have

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EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE, Continued:

open enrollment in October. Commissioner Hicks said competitive bids were important, and Commissioner Auxier believed one-year or starter bids could be a very real problem.

IN THE MATTER OF
BRIDGE SCHOOL ROAD:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp mentioned that the hot deck between the two new bridges, those on Roads 7050 and 7100, followed by chip and seal past the conservation area, are beautiful and should be experienced by the two Associate Commissioners. Commissioner Hicks interjected that proper surface preparation is what is key. Commissioner Auxier said the county lacked the funds "...to hot deck everything," and his statement was not contradicted.


IN THE MATTER OF
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA):

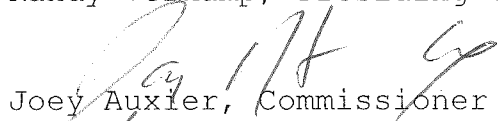
Kelly Sink of MRPC had asked Presiding Commissioner Verkamp if there should be a deadline or timeframe for ARPA funding applications from sewer and water districts; 90 days was entertained. Verkamp wondered if the projects wouldn't have to be engineered; Commissioner Hicks thought not. A letter of interest with an approximate dollar amount was suggested, with a deadline of November 30, 2021. This will be forwarded to Sink by the clerk.

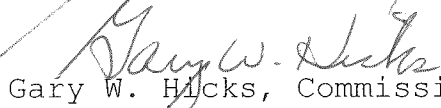
IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT:

Commissioner Hicks brought up the renovation of the courthouse parking lot. The clerk will prepare a draft request for proposal for the next meeting.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
August 26, 2021 Eighteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 26th day of August 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
 TAX LEVY HEARING NOTICES:**

The following notices published on Thursday, August 12, 2021 are entered into the record:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 26, 2021 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 2021 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 2021	PRIOR TAX YEAR 2020
Real Estate	\$ 524,368,460	\$ 484,220,190
Personal Property	132,341,376	122,821,317
Railroad & Utility - State	28,214,443	24,075,170
Railroad & Utility - Local	1,808,980	2,201,174
Less Tax Increment Financing	-7,243,010	-7,601,380
TOTAL	\$ 679,490,249	\$ 625,716,471

FUND	AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX	TAX RATE CEILING	PROPOSED TAX FOR 2021
Phelps County Board For the Developmentally Disabled	\$ 465,451	\$0.0685	\$0.0685

 Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

PUBLISH: Phelps County Focus - Thursday, August 12, 2021

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TAX LEVY HEARING NOTICES, Continued:

TOTAL	\$ 679,490,249		\$ 625,716,471
FUND	AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX	TAX RATE CEILING	PROPOSED TAX FOR 2021
General Revenue	\$ 664,239	\$0.2663	\$0.0978
Road & Bridge	\$ 675,719	\$0.1902	\$0.0994

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:

Board Members Donna Adam, Jeanne Cavender, Connie Chrisco and Executive Director Brenda Rocoberto appeared for the hearing. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present. Local resident Joe Neidert entered and spoke with Commissioner Auxier briefly only about the county's entry into the state Bicentennial Parade float and then left at 0905. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp convened the hearing at 0910. He asked if there were any comments and the SB-40 members opened a discussion of future planning. Adam gave information on the funding of 8 agencies; the board receives the requests from these agencies and must approve them; she reported on a recent urgent request for PCIS (Sheltered Workshop) due to a roof leak. Adam also emphasized that SB40 is "totally separate" from tax levy revenues for Developmentally Disabled, is funded by Targeted Case Management (TCM) and currently does maintain a large balance of approximately \$4 million. PCSD Deputy Shawn Hedge and Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0920. This year Adams reported that the agencies did not get their checks until March rather than February. They propose to eliminate the county so that the money can be released to the agencies more quickly. Commissioner Hicks asked if bonding of the board members would be necessary, and the board will consider this; their goal will be to address a potential change in the means of disbursing the funds. Rocoberto recounted that they took over TCM 12 years ago and there are no persons awaiting services in Phelps or Texas Counties. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asks what the "end game" is for the \$4 million that is in reserve. Rocoberto thinks that the input into TCM has plateaued. Local residents Lyle Cox entered at 0920 and Roger Wagoner entered at 0930. Commissioner Hicks said, "So that 4 million has been generated by TCM?" Rocoberto says the state pays 20% of match, they pay 20% and federal pays other 60%; 7.5 hours of every 8 hour day is paid by Medicaid. Rocoberto reported that they paid \$103/hour for TCM, but that has to pay their entire staff, benefits, and meet the needs of all their clients which includes employee mileage. She said everyone that works for her has to have a degree; she has 19 employees plus 13 support coordinators. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp observed that the service provided by the agency was certainly valuable, and that the people of the county had passed the tax levy; it appears

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TAX LEVY HEARING, PCBDD, Continued:

they appreciate the need for, and the benefits of, the services. The clerk said she was open to changes if they were legal. The board members left at 0940.

IN THE MATTER
OF THE AWARD AGREEMENT
FOR STATE CYBERCRIME GRANT:

PCSD Deputy Shawn Hedge entered with final documents to be signed. He reported that the proactive investigations have gone to a standstill. The award covers project period starting 6/1/2021 and ending 5/31/2022, though with award date of 7/30/2021. The sum is \$83,858.16 and Hedge said it will more than cover his salary and benefits. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier the documents were approved. After confirming to the clerk that this was 100% state money, Hedge left.

IN THE MATTER OF
ARLINGTON PIT BERM AND FLOODPLAIN:

Wagoner wanted to report on work being done to remove the "overburden" of the berm which was last addressed by the Commission in their February 10, 2015 meeting. As a landowner along the Gasconade River in Phelps County, he has concerns to any alteration which would change flooding characteristics.

IN THE MATTER OF
JEROME PROPERTIES:

Wagoner briefly spoke of property in Jerome which he recently acquired.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 8280 AND CITIZEN INPUT (DON GREEN):

Local resident Don Green entered at 0950 to once again exhort the Commission to continue to make progress toward work on his road. Commissioner Auxier let him know he was mindful of his concerns.

IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION
OF 2021 TAX LEVIES FOR PHELPS COUNTY
GENERAL REVENUE AND ROAD AND BRIDGE:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp opened hearing at 0950 and after very brief discussion both levies were approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier. Barnes and Sheeley then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
RIDGE CREEK SUBDIVISION:

Lyle Cox was asking the Commissioners to vacate the previous plat and accept the new plat; posting was discussed. Cox said that he posted on August 11, 2021. Commissioner Hicks moved and

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RIDGE CREEK SUBDIVISION, Continued:

Commissioner Auxier seconded to approve the petition to vacate portions of Alexandria, Camden, and Foxwood Courts and to accept the new plat.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS/MARIES HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Campbell presented an amended Emergency Preparedness contract which was approved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier. The requirement of spending the Maternal Child Health grant balance in a short time-frame, and proposed uses such as baskets of supplies for prenatal and postpartum patients, pediatrician's offices and pregnancy resource centers, was presented.

IN THE MATTER OF
COVID-19 INNOCULATION AND INCENTIVES:

Campbell reported on the sequence of events surrounding Local Public Health Authorities (LPHA's) being charged with the distribution of \$25 gift cards to Covid-19 inoculation recipients. This distribution, offered by the governor, was denied by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as well as an additional \$10 payment to LPHA's. The plan was aborted and then was resubmitted without the \$10 incentive; it was denied again by CDC who said it should be a \$100 gift, and the state said it should be \$50 x 2. There were additional rules saying that the gifts should be a single vendor and VISA was banned because they have a fee. Neither Campbell nor her staff want any involvement; a contract is required because they are going to have to be reimbursed for the outlay for the gift cards. Campbell then discussed the logistics of acquiring and preserving the Covid-19 inoculations, and reviewed with the Commission the storage requirements such as ultracold freezers. Campbell left at 1100.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROLLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Commissioner Hicks provided news from his recent attendance at the Rolla Chamber meeting: hotel/motel tax is up 45% over last year and they have a good amount of operating capital in the tourism account as well as the operating account; Rolla Street is almost definitely going to a two-way street and there is apparently significant consideration of doing the same for Pine Street; Rolla City Administrator John Butz delivered information about ARPA funds which are expected; S&T enrollment was believed reassuring with a small increase in freshman enrollment. Phelps Health reported that they aren't testing and they are no longer giving inoculations for Covid-19; rather, local pharmacies had stepped up to that role.

IN THE MATTER OF
CART FUNDS:

Commissioner Hicks left at 1135 for a meeting, just as Treasurer Carol Green entered to report on the large criminal costs

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CART FUNDS, Continued:

Reimbursement she recently received. CART Fund revenues were reported; gas tax revenue was 9.07% above one year ago at \$56,596.28.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR'S TAX SALE:

Collector Faith Barnes re-entered to supply information.

IN THE MATTER OF
JAY WHITE FILES:

Barnes wanted the Commission to help her reach out to Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox about the four cabinets of Jay White file documents; Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called him and he will meet with Barnes later in the day. The clerk provided a memorandum from then-Associate Circuit Judge Ralph Haslag dated September 8, 1997, stating that the actual files were the property of the Commission and, save for will documents, could be destroyed. Barnes took a copy of this communication to show the prosecutor.

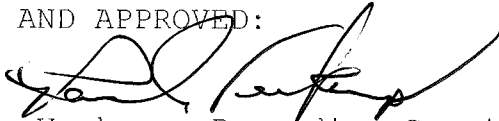
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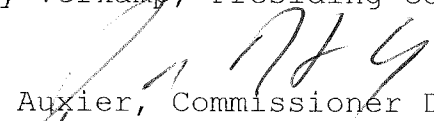
The Commissioners reviewed and approved the payment of 40 and 39 invoices in the amounts of \$238,416.70 and \$40,104.08, respectively; grand jurors and petit jurors in the amounts of \$3,769.02 and \$547.71, respectively; and Group Benefit Services invoice for employee medical coverage (September) in the amount of \$129,699.91.


IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved county payroll for the 8/31/21 pay date, in the amount of \$193,892.10 (net wages), \$59,115.45 (federal withholding) and \$7,922.50 (state withholding).

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

August 31, 2021 Nineteenth day of the July term

Now at this the 31st day of August 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
LAGERS DELEGATE:

The Clerk discussed the selection of member and officer delegates to the annual LAGERS meeting. Ballots are going out in the paystubs today, as the ballots need to be returned before September 14, 2021; this is before the next pay date. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was present; Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0915.

IN THE MATTER OF
BICENTENNIAL PARADE:

Barnes reviewed some details of the Bicentennial parade to occur Saturday, September 18, 2021 in Jefferson City. Each county may have an entry.

IN THE MATTER OF
NAP APPLICATION FOR
PHELPS CONNECTIONS FOR SENIORS:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, this application was approved which had been supplied to the Commission by Treasurer Carol Green as a member of the board/planning committee. Local resident Chester Kojro entered at 0945.

IN THE MATTER OF
STORM DAMAGE AT
PHELPS COUNTY PROPERTY IN JEROME:

A resident of property adjacent to a Phelps County parcel in Jerome had notified Commissioner Hicks that a tree had blown over onto his yard, without damage to any structures. This resident said that it was going to cost him "\$3,000" to have it removed, as it was a very tall tree falling into several of his mature trees. The landowner told Commissioner Hicks he would be satisfied if the cost of clean-up was shared evenly between him and the county. The MoPERM insurance adjuster was informed of the situation and will advise.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved Phelps County criminal cost district of the State's reimbursement to Dent, Pulaski, Texas and Ozark Counties.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT (CHESTER KOJRO):

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CITIZEN INPUT (CHESTER KOJRO), Continued:

Kojro gave some information about the extent of his contact with an internet provider who called with sparse information about rate, speed and nearly all other details of the service they were offering, and then left at 1040.

IN THE MATTER OF
THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA):

The clerk informed the Commission and Treasurer Carol Green, who entered about 1045, that with counterfactual revenue from the last pre-pandemic year being calculated as 1.041 times the base year revenue, or \$11,408,940, the actual revenue for the fiscal year 2020 was 11,734,255. The implication is that no loss of revenue for the first year of the public health emergency can be demonstrated. The clerk mentioned that the ARPA Interim Final Rule specified that spending for water, sewer and broadband seemed to indicate that expenditures for infrastructure related to stormwater would be permissible; input is definitely needed from MRPC about whether investments in low-water crossings, culverts and other water conveyances would be permissible. Green left at 1110.

IN THE MATTER OF
E911 ADDRESSING:

Assessor Bill Stoltz entered at 1125 to report on a citizen's concern about addressing; his office had needed to correct a mal-assigned address from decades ago and the citizen was angry; he left at 1140.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS COUNTY BOARD FOR THE
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED (PCBDD):

By law, the PCBDD is to have a full complement of 9 commission-appointed board members. Also, Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox will be consulted regarding whether or not the tax levy money for PCBDD can be disbursed, legally, directly to them in the way that political subdivisions with elected boards receive their funds.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

Michelle Bock of the Road Department entered at 1150 and several road concerns and ongoing projects were discussed. Differential costs of chip & seal versus hotdeck (asphalt) in various thicknesses on the roads were examined.

IN THE MATTER OF
MERAMEC REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

GWH reported on the approval of three SBA loans totaling \$1.5 million; these were for three businesses with 2 being "very local" this increases the loan portfolio of MRDC by this sum. There are eight more applicants, said Commissioner Hicks.

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READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



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