

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD

May 4, 2021 Tenth day of the April term

Now at this the 4th day of May 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
Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF CIRCUIT CLERK APPOINTMENT:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp left a message with Kyle Aubuchon in the office of Governor Parson to ascertain when an announcement might be made; Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF MDC CART FOR 2022:

Roads 3630 and 3620 have been returned to the CART Road eligibility by MDC. Michelle Bock of the Roads Department entered at 0910. New paperwork will be completed.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD 3110:

The fading of the stopping white line at the intersection of Road 3110 and Highway BB was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF BID AWARD, CONTRACT HAULING:

Commissioner Auxier moved, and Presiding Commissioner Verkamp seconded that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Daniels Construction, with a rate of \$85 per hour.

IN THE MATTER OF AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS:

The possibility of use of ARPA funds to contract for hot deck of roads was discussed. There is currently little guidance available.

IN THE MATTER OF PCSD PROPERTY ON 2ND STREET, ROLLA:

Bock reported that the two houses at 405 and 407 W. 2nd Street had been demolished and the next stage would be seeding the properties. Local resident Chester Kojro entered at 0940. Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0942.

IN THE MATTER OF ROADS:

Numerous road concerns and issues were discussed. Heavy truck traffic from hauling of clay in Dawson Township was mentioned.

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IN THE MATTER OF
AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN
ACT (ARPA) FUNDS:

Collector Faith Barnes returned to share her belief that upgrade of the county's website, if allowed, would be worthwhile. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asked Barnes to start a list of items needed for the county website.

IN THE MATTER OF
MDC CART FUNDING:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called Annie Kittrell, CART Program Coordinator at MDC about what would be required to add roads into the inventory. She will have to send a letter for the Commission to use to amend the CART agreement. Kojro left at 10:10.

IN THE MATTER OF
SHERIFF RECORDS:

Previous sheriff's names and dates of service are being sought by Capt. Rick Hope of the PCSD. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp was able to provide this to him.

IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

The Commission reviewed and approved orders numbered 2051 through 2054, representing add-on's for March 2021 for the years 2017 through 2020, respectively. These increased, respectively, the taxes in the amounts of \$342.61; \$723.69; \$6,164.53; \$63,541.35.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of \$19,651.23 in general invoices; \$19,476.63 for election judge stipends and other election expenses for April 6, 2021 election; \$16,920.00 for Dixon Ambulance CARES Act fund request.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Now at this the 6th day of May 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
DONATION OF LAND EASEMENT:

Phelps County Surveyor and Ex-officio Land Commissioner Terris Cates was present; the matter of a segment of non-county road including an ingress/egress easement was described. Cates said the owner, living out of state, wants to give it to the county and he explained the warranty deed was prepared by him and he had it approved by Prosecutor Brendon Fox. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said that if the county took the warranty deed the rights of ingress/egress could not be eliminated; nor could they be under the ownership of anyone else as long as this property accessed land owned by others. It is just about 1/8 of a mile long. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley was also present; local resident Don Riley entered at 0915. The owner of the remainder of the roadway and easement, Dennis Matlock, was considered to be a candidate likely interested and Cates will contact him.

IN THE MATTER OF
NEWBURG PROPERTIES:

Cates then reported on 10 properties of varying sizes in the city of Newburg of which the county wished to divest itself. Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0920 and expounded on the various types of sales; Cates left at 0925 after a discussion of various types of property deeds. Barnes left at 0928.

IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved personal property court orders 2055 through 2058 as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Auxier. These were add-on's for April 2021 for the years 2017 through 2020, respectively.

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

Commissioner Hicks presented a change order for the bridge project which was a \$2200 increase for steel-reinforced concrete, approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier. Commissioner Hicks set about communicating this through proper channels.

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

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp reported that there would be a Zoom meeting the following day, at 10:00 a.m., through MRPC

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA), Continued:

about the ARPA funds to be bestowed on the county directly by the federal government.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp led a discussion on County Road 8010.

IN THE MATTER OF
DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION,
APRIL 2019 ELECTION:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier, the following documents pertaining to the April 2019 General Municipal Election, having exhausted the period for document retention, were approved for destruction:

- Absentee application received after deadline
- Precinct and supplemental rosters, and affidavits- All
- Ballot tub and Optical scan seal verification sheet, voted, unvoted, and spoiled ballots- Dawson/St James
Sample ballots- All precincts
- Ballot tub and Optical scan seal verification sheet, voted and spoiled ballots- Dillon North, Rolla Ward 1, Rolla Ward 3, Rolla Ward 5, Jerome, Cold Spring East
Unvoted ballots- Dillon North, Rolla Ward 1
Spoiled ballots- Rolla Ward 2
- Ballot tub and optical scan seal verification sheet, voted, unvoted, rejected, and spoiled ballots, absentee envelopes, list of walk-in absentees, election oaths, E19 Report- Absentee
Election judge's oath and training sign in sheets
Seal verification sheet- Dillon central
Precinct book- All
Machine and Manual Recount Results
- Seal verification sheet- Dillon North
- Ballot tub and optical scan seal verification sheet, voted, unvoted, and spoiled ballots- Meramec/St James
Spoiled ballots- BT 21, BT 22
- Pre- & Post-test, verification sheet, Test desk, Optiscan tapes, rejected absentee and provisional ballots, A-Z lists.
- Ballot tub and optical scan seal verification sheet, voted and spoiled ballots- Doolittle, Newburg, Dillon Central, Dillon South, Rolla Ward 2, Rolla Ward 4, Rolla Ward 5, Rolla Ward 6, Edgar Springs, Miller/ Rolla Outside South, Cold Spring West
Tally sheet- Newburg
Unvoted Ballots- Doolittle, Edgar Springs
- Unvoted Ballots- Dillon South, Rolla Ward 4, Rolla Ward 6
- Unvoted Ballots- Miller/ Rolla outside North
- Unvoted Ballots- Dillon Central, Rolla Ward 2

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DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION, APRIL 2019 ELECTION, Continued:

- Unvoted Ballots- Dillon North, Rolla Outside South
- Unvoted Ballots- Cold Spring East, Newburg, Jerome, Rolla Ward 1
- Unvoted Ballots- Cold Spring West, Rolla Ward 3, Rolla Ward 5
- Unvoted Ballots- Cold Spring West, Absentee
- Unvoted Ballots- Absentee

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of 52 and 68 invoices in the amounts of \$68,784.34 and \$52,322.72, respectively.

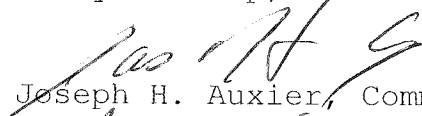
IN THE MATTER OF
SHERIFF'S SALARY AND
PENDING LEGISLATION:

The Commissioners received a call from Dent County Presiding Commissioner Darrell Skiles about various legislative initiatives working their way through the General Assembly, most particularly the legislation increasing the salary of sheriffs to amounts Skiles did not believe could be supported by many smaller counties.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
May 11, 2021 Twelfth day of the April term

Now at this the 11th day of May 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
SALES TAXES:

Local resident Ray Schweikhardt was present; Treasurer Carol Green entered to report on the sales tax receipts for May, 2021. The 0.5% county sales tax revenue was \$249,668.07, an increase of 9.78% in the month-to-month comparison and up 5.46% in the rolling 12-month view.

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

Green reported that she encountered a process on the U.S. Treasury's website which required her to supply a copy of her passport and driver's license as she tried to register the county as an ARPA recipient. She contacted MRPC to ask them why this was necessary. The Zoom meeting discussing the use of these funds, with MRPC leadership, is rescheduled. Commissioner Auxier mentioned infrastructure improvements that may not be funded when the stimulus funds disappear. Green left at 0912 and returned a few moments later to report that she had a roughly 150-page Treasury Interim Rule pertaining to ARPA, with highlighting of the segments applicable to counties.

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

The Commission reviewed Progress Invoice #18 for this federal bridge project, consisting of \$121,149.60 in construction costs due to Gene Haile Construction. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier this was approved for payment as well as reimbursement submission to MoDOT. A forthcoming change order Number 2 will pertain to the bridge's east end where an additional 8 feet of pavement work will be needed to accommodate proper expansion joints being installed.

IN THE MATTER OF
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
(MDC) CART FUND AMENDMENT:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved an amended CART agreement which will permit reimbursement for the county's placement of rock not only on County Road 2170 but also County Roads 3630 and 3620. The total amounts for rock will be \$2,625.00; \$4,025.00 and \$1,753.60. Sheeley left at 0940.

IN THE MATTER OF
OZARKS RIVERS SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (ORSWMD):

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OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (ORSWMD), Cont'd:

County Commission appointments to the board were discussed. This board, under the oversight of MRPC, is charged with a reduction of waste generated in the district. The board is made up from two officers from each county and one from each city with a population of 500 or more. An additional board member will be sought. Senior Companions Director Yvonne Leuthauser entered at 0945.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 8010, OLD HWY 63:

Commissioner Hicks turned to Old 63 roadway segments and cooperative agreements between the County and MoDOT for maintenance of same. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp believes there is a superseding agreement such that if MoDOT abandons sections of Old 63, then the county must maintain those sections since the county benefits from added roadway. Doolittle's mayor told Commissioner Hicks that the city just could not maintain Old 66 through Doolittle; the feeling is that MoDOT may need to take over the portion of 7100 when the bridge is finished, as it is an emergency bypass route, and perhaps take in the segment in Doolittle as well. Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0950.

IN THE MATTER OF
SENIOR COMPANIONS 45TH
ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION:

Leuthauser said she would have 54 recognition certificates for her Senior Companions and spoke about the gift certificates and recognition she and her staff planned for the companions.

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll for 5/14/2021 representing work dates of 4/16-30/21, in the amount of net salaries of \$209,291.52, federal and state withholdings of \$65,880.94 and \$8,979.50, respectively.

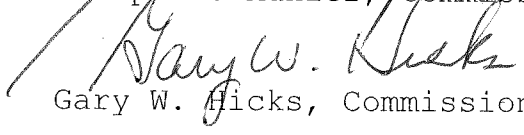
IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

Road 4220 and Road 7520, costs maintenance per mile of gravel road versus chip and seal, and CART fund contribution to that maintenance cost were elaborated on.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Now at this the 13th day of May 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
DEATH OF SENATOR
DAN BROWN DVM:

The Commission noted the passing of longtime local resident and veterinarian Dr. Dan Brown, who also served the county in the State House and most recently as State Senator. All agreed that this was a significant loss to the community. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp had looked into flying the flags at half-staff, but he reported this could be ordered only by the President, the Governor, and the mayor of Washington, DC.

IN THE MATTER OF
GAS TAX LEGISLATION:

Passage of the gas tax legislation was discussed. The county's percentage will be the same but of a larger base amount, of course, with 12.5% added to the current 17% tax on gasoline by the time five years elapse and the entire increase is in effect.

IN THE MATTER OF
INFRASTRUCTURE BILL AND
HIGHWAY 63 IMPROVEMENT:

Federal legislation is currently in process for infrastructure funding. The Commissioners discussed whether or not any improvements to Highway 63 would be included. Cole County had "bailed" on being involved, and Commissioner Auxier was planning on attending a meeting on the Highway 63 issue and said he would focus on listening to everyone's opinions and input.

IN THE MATTER OF
THE MISSION:

Commissioner Verkamp said that the director of The Mission made inquiry about funds dedicated to the homeless in the ARPA; he would prefer that she present her case to the Commission as a whole. Local resident Chester Crider entered at 0920 and visited briefly, then left about 0930.

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

The progress on the bridge was discussed. Construction may need an extension until June 10; the Great Race comes through on June 12.

IN THE MATTER OF
LEGISLATION:

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LEGISLATION, Continued:

Treasurer Carol Green entered and reported on recent legislation. She had been to Jefferson City for the MAC board meeting. The "Wayfair" bill addressing internet sales taxes, increased payments for both Assessor's per-parcel and prisoner per diem rates, and the gas tax were all subjects covered.

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

Green relayed concerns about the process of becoming authorized, and certified, to apply for ARPA funds for the county. The mechanism set up by the U.S. Treasury requires an authorized representative who must submit two primary forms of ID and two secondary forms of ID; certification will require an individual to have a webcam on their work computer and facial recognition will be employed. Additionally, a conflict-of-interest policy meeting federal guidelines, not just state guidelines such as the policy already in effect for Phelps County, will be needed. Commissioner Hicks asked if there was a deadline for submittal of this information; the answer is unclear.

IN THE MATTER OF
BID OPENING AND AWARD,
FRESH-AIRE UV PURIFIERS
AND REPLACEMENT LAMPS:

Bids were opened as scheduled at 1000. The bids were as followed:

Johnstone Supply, Rolla	\$42,633.25
Fisher Mechanical, Rolla	\$53,300.00

Sissy Korich and Amy Asberry were present. Korich recommended Johnstone Supply and as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier, the bid was awarded to Johnstone Supply.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE PHONES:

Progress on the installation of the new phones was reviewed.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROOF LEAK:

The roof repair was done during the day on May 7; a heavy rain that night did not result in any leaking. As it may be premature to declare the problem solved, the situation will be observed for more time to ascertain if the repair was effective.

IN THE MATTER OF
CARES ACT APPLICATION:

The Phelps/Maries Health Department application for CARES Act funds for COVID-19 related expenses in April (both payroll and accounts payable) in the amount of \$32,848.75 was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Auxier.

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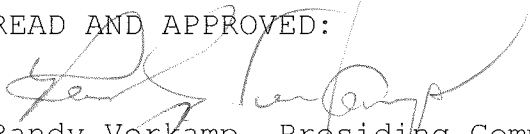
IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

The Commission entered closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (17) - Auditor Work Product, as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier at 1100. No actions having been taken, the meeting returned to open session at 1146 as moved by Commissioner Auxier, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

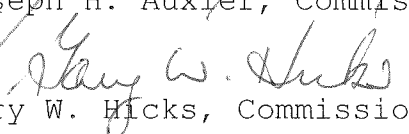
IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of a mileage reimbursement for a witness from the Prosecutor's Department in the amount of \$100.62; payment of 36 and 65 invoices in the amounts of \$73,504.77 and \$62,269.82, respectively; and payment of BRO-B081(13) Progress Invoice #18 in the amount of \$121,149.60.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Now at this the 18th day of May 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
CENTURYLINK:

Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson, Michelle Bock of the Road Department and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were present for a discussion of the prospect of utility work along Road 3410. There is little shoulder allowance for any buried line according to Snelson, and in his opinion the contractor(s) should be bonded against the risk of damage to county roadways. Snelson said, "Everybody's fences are right on the road" and that left little or no room for proper ditches. Chris Mueller with CenturyLink entered at 0915; he began by saying the company wanted to bury internet cable along Roads 3410 and 1050 [Republican Road]. Mueller said they previously laid fiber in the St. James area to meet CAF (Connect America Fund) requirements. The company assessed the number of living units potentially to be served for Roads 3410, 1050 and State Routes F and NN. Mueller said the CAF program was a 5-year program and is ending as it one year over. Responding to a query by Commissioner Hicks, Mueller gave some information on delivery of fiberoptic to the end-user and gave some particulars of how this is done. Topography forces CenturyLink to be "copper the last mile" as wireless will not work. Commissioner Hicks asked if CenturyLink planned to approach Phelps County for ARPA funding for their project; Mueller did not believe so. Local resident Chester Kojro entered at 0925. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp thanked Mueller for the information; subsequently a discussion ensued of many details of the company's potential work in the county; Commissioner Hicks mentioned that the County had experienced significant concerns in the past with work that compromised road integrity. Commissioner Auxier suggested that a bond would be advisable and that if Snelson said that damage repair would cost a certain amount, the contractor would be liable for that much. This was followed by mentions of the complaint process; specifications for line depth and placement; the anticipated location of the lines to be set with plans for aerial line along the John Smallwood property on Road 3410 due to impenetrable rock there, with lines buried again south of the Dry Fork nearly to Highway F, line probably crossing to a pedestal just north of the junction of Road 3520 with 3410. Mueller said he could be contacted with any and all concerns and he provided his contact information; he would obtain the bond number from Schatz Underground for the County. Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0930. There have been numerous requests for high-speed internet along Roads 3410 and 1050. Mueller additionally acknowledged that tree removal, even in the County right-of-way, was often a very sensitive issue. Barnes left at 1000. Snelson said that Road 2340 [Craig Road] was a "total disaster" for a year after Schatz or perhaps one of their subcontractors did some trench work. When asked by Commissioner Auxier, Mueller said he would

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CENTURYLINK, Continued:

make sure all trucks, equipment and worksites would be marked with company names in compliance with RSMo 290.290.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

The Commissioners discussed the extremely large culvert put in along road 3610 and some other road matters. Sheeley left at 1020.

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

Treasurer Carol Green entered at 1020 reporting that she may have successfully negotiated the registration/certification for ARPA. She is in a review status of some kind. She and Kojro left at 1050.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 7050 BRIDGE:

Commissioner Hicks reported an incident days before wherein a truckdriver northbound from the dogfood plant on Road 7000 realized the road was closed ahead for the construction of the bridge at 7000 and 7100; he attempted to back his truck onto the bridge. Both the truck and the load were lost over the bridge but the damage to the curb on the bridge is not structural, according to MoDOT. Commissioner Hicks said a sign warning against tractor-trailer traffic past the dogfood plant is going to be installed. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp voiced his disappointment that there will be no left turn of such vehicles from northbound Road 7000 to westbound Road 7100 when the federal bridge project is completed.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR:

Collector Faith Barnes returned at 1100 to discuss a range of subjects including speeding on Road 8010, an Elected Official/Department Heads meeting and whether there is a 5-year or a 10-year plan for the county. Commissioner Hicks mentioned the proactive nature of the agreement on the Westside TIF and the TDD; now with the unexpected stimulus money being provided in spite of massive amounts of federal debt, which could not have been planned for, long-range forecasts are not stable. Barnes mentioned as she left that there was a five-year plan for the city of Rolla.

IN THE MATTER OF
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE
BENEFIT MANAGEMENT REPORT:


The Commission reviewed the April 2021 BMR from GBS in Springfield which showed the claims account to hold over \$670,000.


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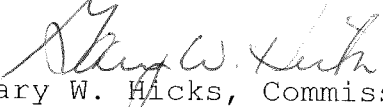
IN THE MATTER OF
MERAMEC REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION (MRPC):

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp reported on a recent MRPC meeting where the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Director of the Section for Medical Marijuana Regulation Lyndall Fraker, spoke about Missouri dispensaries. Nominations for volunteer of the year and the lifetime achievement award, for both 2020 and 2021, are open.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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May 20, 2021 Fifteenth day of the April term

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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
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident Gary Klossner entered the meeting. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley and Brett Hoffman of U.S. Representative Jason Smith's office were also present. Klossner hoped to get his road chip and sealed, Road 8050. This was 0.25 mile, said to be a segment of gravel in between segments of paved surface. Management of drainage in the area with payment to the County Treasurer were briefly discussed; Klossner left at 0910.

IN THE MATTER OF
PCSD:

Sheriff Mike Kirn entered at 0910. Numerous topics were discussed including demolition of properties purchased on W. 2nd Street; the new shooting range on Road 3410 which Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said should be included in the expansion of fiber by CenturyLink; use of the 1972 Jail; CCW classes; voluntary immunization of approximately 50 members of the jail population against COVID-19 being started; a recent man in his 30's found dead in Mill Creek from overdose, intoxication, drowning or some combination; Rainbow People using the area but largely being peaceful and following the rules; medical cannabis issues; hiring jailers; federal prisoner census; chip shortage impeding the installation of HomeWAV kiosks for phone and mail in the new jail. Kirn left at 0940.

IN THE MATTER OF
BRO-B081(13):

Commissioner Hicks presented change order #2 which was a no-cost change order extending the date of the completion to June 10; he believes this will be easily met. Commissioner Hicks moved and Commissioner Auxier seconded approval of Change Order #2. The Merchant's Bonding form was also completed.

IN THE MATTER OF
CENTURYLINK:

In the judgement of the Road Department, a \$500,000 bond would be required for the work of CenturyLink and any subcontractors as they installed fiber along Roads 3410 and 1050. Commissioner Auxier wondered if twice that much wouldn't be advisable; the Commission briefly considered an average of the two but settled on \$500,000. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp notified the Road Department by phone. Sheeley left at 1000.

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

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA), Continued:

Treasurer Carol Green entered at 1020. She and Commissioner Auxier had attended the informational meeting held at MRPC the previous day. Green reported that \$4,328,891.50 had been direct deposited in the Phelps County General Fund that morning, representing the first half of the known ARPA funds to be bestowed.

IN THE MATTER OF
MDC CART FUNDS:

An invoice for \$5,778.60 in rock for Roads 3620 and 3630, at Woodson K. Woods Memorial Conservation Area, to be sent to Missouri Department of Conservation was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier.

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY CLERK TURNOVER:

Pursuant to RSMo 50.370 the clerk presented fee information and her receipts for same from the Treasurer for April 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF
FORM 40:

The Commission reviewed Form 40 reporting Locally Assessed Railroad and Utility Property, excluding non-operating property, to be sent to the State Tax Commission.


IN THE MATTER OF
NO PLANNING AND ZONING:

The Commissioners signed a letter of no planning and zoning.

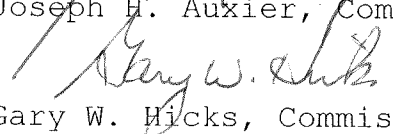
IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of 45 and 71 invoices in the amounts of \$25,468.15 and \$119,423.74, respectively. Also approved was payment of GBS June premium of \$127,123.85 and Phelps/Maries Health Department CARES Act request #10 in the amount of \$32,848.75.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
May 25, 2021 Sixteenth day of the April term

Now at this the 25th day of May 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

District 1 Commissioner Joseph H. Auxier was absent.
Deputy Clerk Lisa Dowdy took minutes in the clerk's absence.

IN THE MATTER OF
DOOLITTLE RURAL
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Captain Bryan Stevenson and Fire Chief Brandon Williams of the district attended. Local residents Ray Schweikhardt and Chester Kojro as well as Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley and Collector Faith Barnes were also present. Williams reported that the district responds to 20-25 cardiac arrests annually and would like to request American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase automated external chest compression equipment; their total annual budget is approximately \$65,000. Stryker Medical sales representative Christina Elias provided a demonstration of the equipment, showing how the device is said to limit aerosol exposure, move with the patient and is supplied with a 45-minute battery. This would cost \$18,991.80 including a service agreement, reduced to \$18,600.80 should DRFPD elect to purchase only one external power supply attachment. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp recommended first applying for CARES Act funds; ARPA could be used if the former were exhausted.

IN THE MATTER OF
SALE OF PCSD BOAT:

Doolittle Rural Fire Protection District Board President Paul Smith presented some documents for the Commission to sign to permit transfer of the boat from PCSD to the district. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, the documents were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
SALES PRESENTATION:

Kevin Anthony of Scotwood Industries presented information about a product for dust control on the roads. He offered a ¾ mile demo if several other counties could be included. Anthony maintains that the silica dust from limestone roads can be controlled for about \$1.00 per foot with their product, delivered by tanker from St. Louis. Currently Boone and Lincoln counties are using the product. Commissioner Hicks pointed out that the County did not have a means of storage for the product; Anthony said they usually both deliver and apply with a tanker.

IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR:

Public Administrator Dana Sooter entered to inquire about payment of an invoice for updating her page on the county website. She also reported that she had billed one ISL for

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approximately \$32,000.00 in fees. Between 2014 and 2018, Missouri's state budget 22% to accommodate 5,194 ISL clients, who between late 2017 and 2018 cost, on average, over \$103,000 per year.

IN THE MATTER OF
UNIVERSITY OF
MISSOURI EXTENSION:

University of Missouri Extension Community Engagement Specialist Rachel Buenemann and Extension Council Chair Maretta Diestlekamp entered with the request that the sole County employee in their office have the same accrued leave policy as the other general employees of the County. They were assured that this had already been instituted. Buenemann also was able to report that the Extension Council had received a Health Options Grant that was to be used to provide Food Safety certification in one of the Rolla City parks.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved lessening a recent A/P batch recently paid from \$119,423.74 to \$119,324.65 for sales tax of \$99.09 that was not paid on an item.

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll for May 28, 2021 representing work dates of 5/1-15/21.

IN THE MATTER OF
RIGHT-OF-WAY WORK AND
BONDING REQUIREMENTS:

Schatz Underground, Inc. of Villa Ridge, MO is to be a subcontractor for CenturyLink in their installation of more service lines in the Phelps County right-of-way. Pursuant to an earlier discussion about bonding requirements, the Commissioners recommended a bond amount of \$50,000 as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Now at this the 27th day of May 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

District 1 Commissioner Joseph H. Auxier was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF
HOSPITAL PROPERTY:

Hospital property in Cuba was to be sold; though the listing had been amended from over \$100,000 to just over \$90,000, the hospital had been offered \$30,000. After speaking with the broker, it was learned that broken pipes in the structure had caused damage so the value was greatly lessened. Local resident Ray Schweikhardt and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present. Sheriff Mike Kirn entered at 0920.

IN THE MATTER OF
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Sheriff Kirn reported there was an in-custody death overnight at the jail; an autopsy is pending. The state will be handling the investigation. This was a federal inmate who had been in custody for 90 days. Kirn thinks drug overdose must be ruled out; extensive modification to processes and procedures have been necessary to combat the inmates who at first concealed drugs in body cavities. Once body scans were done and cavitation of contraband was no longer feasible, inmates began to employ paper mail which was soaked with drug solutions, dried, and chewed by inmates resulting in intoxication. Most mail is scanned and presented to inmates virtually; an exception was made for legal mail from inmate counsel on the advice of federal law enforcement. With this incident, however, Kirn said they will copy legal mail and shred the originals. Michelle Bock of the Road Department entered at 0940. Paper can be soaked with methamphetamine, fentanyl or heroin. Kirn said the networking of payments to inmate accounts, or "books" for commissary is quite elaborate and there may be considerable numbers of inmates receiving money from the same individual. Commissioner Hicks asked about the position of the Sheriff's Association and wondered if the amount of money on an inmates account perhaps could be capped. Sheriff Kirn left at 0950.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said he "has every confidence that SRB will be able to fix" the weakened area on Road 8050, where a landowner has paid for chip and seal. Several culvert installations were discussed. Bock asked for guidance on what residents should understand about right-of-way widths. Local resident Bob Wilson on Road 6130 at the intersection with Highway T has had some issues with semi-trucks turning around because his driveway makes a loop with the road; he may look into building a fence but wanted to observe County regulations. Bonding requirement for Schatz Underground was discussed; Bock

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had reservations at the reduction to \$50,000. Water on Old 63 was mentioned. Sheeley left at 1000 and Schweikhardt left at 1010. Bock expressed the hope that there would be a return to a rotating schedule of roads maintenance, such as the 1000's one year, and so on. Priorities, frequencies and reasonable expectations were discussed, with reference to MoDOT's approach.

IN THE MATTER OF
CART FUNDS:

Treasurer Carol Green entered at 1035 and reported CART Gas Tax revenue was \$53,354.36 for April, 2021. This was an increase of 8.09% in the month-to-month comparison. Motor Vehicle Sales Tax was \$26,0007.59, 54% of the annual budgeted amount. Motor Vehicle Fees were \$10,800.82, 40% of the budgeted yearly total. The surge in gas tax was noted but also a very large increase for the second month in a row for MV Sales Tax and MV Fees. She left at 1055.

IN THE MATTER OF
CORONER:

Coroner Ernie Coverdell entered at 1100 to report that he logged 110 hours in about 9 days; he is 9 reports under and awoke at 5 a.m. to catch up but was called in to PCSD for the death in the jail. Pending legislation making the coroner's position FT and coroner pay was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

Commissioner Hicks moved and Presiding Commissioner Verkamp seconded entering closed session at 1125 pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (17) - auditor work product. Collector Faith Barnes was also present. No actions having been taken, the meeting returned to open session as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp at 1133.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of 56 and 44 invoices in the amounts of \$79,975.84 and \$71,991.71, respectively, and \$3,158.74 for grand juror pay.

READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Joseph H. Auxier, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2