

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
November 2, 2021 Ninth day of the October term

Now at this the 2nd day of November 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
COURTHOUSE SECURITY AND PARKING LOT:

Local resident Ray Schweikhardt and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were present. At 0900 the following entered: 25th Judicial Circuit Presiding Judge John Beger, Assessor Bill Stoltz, Circuit Clerk Sonja Childers, Collector Faith Barnes, Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox, Recorder Robin Kordes, Treasurer Carol Green, Brenda Shivers and Paul Long of the Assessor's office, Gina Doyle of the Collector's office and 12 or more employees from the circuit clerk's office. Childers asked for an update on the parking lot lighting discussion from a month ago; after the end of daylight savings time on 11/07/21 there will be employees, jurors and patrons who will be walking to their cars after dark. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said that lighting modifications were planned by Building and Grounds. Childers asked "what about the alley between the annex and old courthouse...that is so dark;" Commissioner Hicks suggested that the lighting at the southwest corner of the old courthouse will be evaluated. Stoltz said the [irregular] surface of the courthouse parking lot needs to be addressed; Commissioner Hicks said it would be. Childers expressed concern about jury dismissal late in the day; a circuit deputy said 8:30 p.m. was not unusual. Another deputy mentioned her difficulty finding sufficient room to park her truck; she reported having \$3000 in damage done in the parking lot. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said that a remake of the entire parking lot will have to wait until 2022, and then reviewed lighting improvements possible and potentially adjusting the security provided by the courthouse. Childers then asked to speak about the active shooter training; she commended Deputies Chris Finch and Glen Suschanke for providing the training and then the matter of metal detectors was brought up. A circuit deputy spoke of her sense of unease in court. Fox said Phelps and Maries counties are some of the few remaining courthouses that don't have metal detectors; he said he has little issue with criminal defendants but domestic litigants and family court attendees were highly problematic. A senior circuit deputy said the last defendant the previous night required two officers to subdue; there was no one left to "...handle the four family members." Another circuit deputy said once there was a defendant with serious charges (possession, assault) who was angry with her and she needed two or perhaps three bailiffs for escort. Another senior circuit deputy said, "Freedom isn't free; sometimes you have to give up some things..." and it was time for changes. Yet another deputy had worked in the building for years and had always been under the impression that metal detectors were over at the PCSD. One circuit deputy related a court attendee pushing past her, roughly, at the key swipe door at 8:00 a.m. saying, "I have to

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be in court," whereupon she called a bailiff on his cell phone, and the individual was found in the second-floor restroom and later arrested. The clerk said she wanted to make two comments: first, that the individual who completely changed clothes and left them in the public first-floor restroom, with one or more documents identifying her, had not (contrary to conjecture) remained in the courthouse overnight Thursday, October 28 but was seen entering at 0837 and leaving approximately 1630 on the lobby surveillance camera Commissioner Hicks said it brings up the impression that there needs to be a law enforcement presence. Stoltz left at 0940; local resident Chester Kojro entered at 0942. Barnes asked what the next steps were. Judge Beger, Fox, and Childers are willing to participate in a meeting with Sheriff Kirn. The entire group, including Sheeley, left at 1000 leaving Kojro, Schweikhardt and the Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:

The Commissioners received the October 2021 Benefit Management Report which showed a roughly \$35,000 decline in the Claims Account to \$662,748.89. Over \$100,000 in medical claims had been paid during the month.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

Michelle Bock of the Road Department entered at 1025 just as Schweikhardt left. Progress on roads was discussed. Kojro left at 1040.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY:

Sheriff Kirn entered at 1045; he said that the metal detectors purchased 11 years ago are obsolete, have not been programmed and almost certainly do not function. The logistics of additional hours of bailiff coverage were discussed. Head Bailiff Chris Reeder entered at 1100 and provided information about how the operation of the courts has changed from courts starting at 0900 to varying times as early as 0815, depending on the judge; one law day per month to one law day per week; movement of jury trials to Phelps because the court is willing to accept cases and Maries County is unable to hold jury trials; detention dockets which must happen for every detainee within 48 hours and occur at the 500 W. 2nd Street jail; juvenile cases. There are bailiffs in the building at 0730 but they must be staggered so as to not accumulate OT or comp time. Collector Faith Barnes entered at 1105 and asked about road deputies cross trained to serve as bailiffs; Kirn said there is some additional training for court and courthouse security; Deputy Bramer took 3 days of training. Kirn said that one of the road deputies is pulled to work if needed. Kirn said he was willing to pay for more equipment but he was unwilling to pay for more personnel; it "is not my responsibility to hire 3 more people for security on the first floor." Bock asked why it was "...always the

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Sheriff's responsibility" to pay for more security or any of many other things that came up. Reeder provided a mathematical breakdown of the number of days of vacation (10 weeks currently) he must accommodate for the four full-time bailiffs, plus days of training. Kirn said courthouse security officers would not necessarily have to be POST certified, though he could qualify them to carry weapons and they could man a metal detector as well as the parking lot.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD EQUIPMENT:

Bock reported on numerous complications encountered by the repairman for a vendor, sent to address the problems with the road chipper. At least Superintendent of Roads Walter Snelson was able to drive the chipper back to the Road Department building, for further work. The department is determined to use the many hundreds of gallons that were left in the distributor when the chipper broke down. Bock left at 1200.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called Director of Support Services, Building and Grounds Sissy Korich, and spoke to her about the plans for improved lighting of the lot. Some heads will be added to poles with only a single light. When LED bulbs first became available, 400-watt was all that could be used; now that LED bulbs equivalent to the previously-used 1000-watt metal halide bulbs can be obtained, Korich intends to acquire these. An estimate easily below bid threshold has been obtained for the labor; however, the parts are currently on order.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of \$9,810.45 in Surplus Tax to Betty R. Rodgers and payment of \$19,341.95 in contract pay and employee benefits and deductions.

The meeting then recessed until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at which time they will reconvene.

IN THE MATTER OF
CRIMINAL COSTS:

Upon reconvening, Treasurer Carol Green reported that the county was current with Criminal Costs owed by the state, after years of delinquency. Also present were 25th Circuit Presiding Judge John Beger, Sheriff Mike Kirn, Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox, Head Bailiff Chris Reeder, Jail Administrator Lt. Joe Taylor, Theresa Lasher of the PCSD as well as Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley. Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Campbell and Collector Faith Barnes entered at 1305.

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IN THE MATTER OF
JAIL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the following was approved for publication:

Request for Proposal

Office of the Sheriff, Phelps County, Missouri:

The Phelps County, Missouri, Sheriff's Department hereby advertises for proposals for Rehab on Showers, and Polishing Concrete Floors in seven Pods in the Jail.

The County Commission will accept sealed proposals for the above until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at which time they will be opened. Proposals are to be mailed or delivered to the Phelps County Commission, c/o Phelps County Clerk, 200 N. Main St., Suite 102, Rolla, MO 65401; the envelope must be clearly marked on the exterior, "Construction Services RFP." Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

The County Commission of Phelps County, Missouri, reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to accept the best proposal, and to make the award in the best interest of Phelps County.

Information packets are available from Lt. Joe Taylor, Phelps County Jail Administrator, 500 W. 2nd Street, Rolla, MO 65401, or by calling 475-426-3810.

Email: joe.taylor@phelpscountysheriff.org

s/s Pamela K. Grow, Phelps County Clerk

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IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY:

Asked by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp to start the discussion, Judge Beger said it was "time to put metal detectors at the front door," and that was the sum of his comments. Kirn said that only one of the 5 detectors purchased 11 years ago now works. They would have to repurchase them; they run 4500-5000 each. He is unsure of the functionality of the wands purchased at that time. Kirn estimated that \$56,600 x 3, or roughly 170K for three additional bailiffs. Discussion between Beger and Sheriff about the logistics; the "...hard part is going to be getting staff." Beger said Pulaski makes use of part-time people. Beger said this is one of the busiest circuits, and one of the busiest counties in that busy circuit. When 5-6 people means "fully manned", you are going to have that more often than not. Beger said that the judges saved the 4 counties by jettisoning 4 IT people and there was a savings. GWH said he engaged in a discussion about what is "court security" and "courthouse security." Kirn said "the equipment is not the issue" but it's the ongoing personnel costs. GWH says he would like to see a work plan; the mission is to have a safe work environment but the actual placement, manning of the scanning equipment and the budget. GWH: "It's far more complex than

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just have a keycard entrance" but Beger said, "It's time and we need to do it; we should have done it last year." All left but the commission group at 1:30 p.m.


IN THE MATTER OF
GROUP BENEFIT SERVICES
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL:

Group Benefits Services President and CEO Mike Deren entered at 1455; Treasurer Carol Green and Collector Faith Barnes entered at 1500. Deren began by responding to Green's inquiry about capturing COVID expenses from ARPA. He related that one county had an employee who had a six-month hospitalization and survived; the costs were over 1.5 million. More than just costs of health care, costs of goods and services are increased due to COVID. GBS has even seen an increase of personnel costs. He then proceeded to provide a thorough review of Phelps County's position within its plan, from the prepared renewal reports which he distributed. Commissioner Hicks moved, Commissioner Auxier seconded, to approve one small change such that Teladoc services will be paid by the plan, per consult, at \$55.00. Green asks about bonding and insurance of GBS and Deren gave her details. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier, GBS will be allowed to obtain a finalized disclosure to bind the reinsurance for the 2022 year. Commissioner Hicks then moved, and Commissioner Auxier seconded to approve the Phelps County 2022 Budget Report with unchanged rate figures. Deren left just after 5 p.m.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
November 4, 2021 Tenth day of October term

Now at this the 4th day of November 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
COURTHOUSE LIGHTING:

Commissioner Hicks provided an update on Rolla Municipal Utilities (RMU) and their approach to the lighting concerns. Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Kaitlin Brothers entered at 0910.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE CLOSING FOR THE
FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING:

Pursuant to the Governor's executive order closing state offices the day after Thanksgiving, Commissioner Hicks moved and Commissioner Auxier seconded the closure of the courthouse on Friday, November 26, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF
MRPC BOARD APPOINTMENT:

The Commission received a request from current MRPC Board member Jeff Meadows, who wants to have his position assumed by Jake Harlan, another employee at Archer-Elgin. Commissioner Auxier moved and Commissioner Hicks seconded to nominate Jake Harlan for that board position. Michelle Bock of the Road Department entered at 0920. Commissioner Hicks moved and Commissioner Auxier seconded to nominate Casey Burton, Director of Research to the Health Care Industry position, to replace current Phelps Health CEO Jason Shenefield.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD EQUIPMENT:

Bock gave a report on the repair of the chipper machine.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 7240:

Commissioner Hicks mentioned that the newly-acquired forestry head and its potential trial use on vegetation along Road 7240. Brothers left at 0955.

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY CLERK TURNOVER:

Pursuant to RSMo 50.370, the clerk provided her fee turnover for October, 2021 listing fees charged during the month, by whom paid, with the treasurer's receipt for her paying same. The

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COUNTY CLERK TURNOVER, Continued:

county clerk fees totaled \$723.62 and passport application acceptance fees totaled \$1,085.00.

IN THE MATTER OF
HEALTH CARE CONSULTING:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp contacted Dan Arell with USI regarding his services and notified him that the county believed their position with Group Benefit Services was very favorable, and that the county would not be seeking his services at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF
HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Campbell entered at 1110 with the Maternal Child Health contract which is still with DHSS as a pass-through agency; over \$46,000 was approved as moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks. Treasurer Carol Green also briefly entered as did Collector Faith Barnes. Campbell also presented an MOU for first responder Narcan [the antidote for heroin overdose]. The MoHOPE contract had temporarily vanished, but funding was restored; the difference with this contract is that it not only includes first responders but members of the community. YCHC is handing it out; there is no charge to the individual using it and since this is the nasal preparation there is little training required. The supply comes from the state; a CPR mask is included with the nose spray which comes as two doses in a box. As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, this was approved. Purchased directly, this would cost \$100.00.

IN THE MATTER OF
COVID SHOT MANDATE:

Campbell said that the OSHA mandate, or Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS), was issued this morning at 0800. The facilities covered by this regulation have to have a policy by December 5, and submitting to the shot or to weekly tests goes into effect January 4, 2022. Commissioner Hicks said that MOCA Headstart board voted 7 to 6 in favor of requiring the COVID shot and Hicks said he voted against. Sheriff Kirn entered at 1130. Campbell said that if the order stays as it is, she could only avoid it by declining Medicaid and Medicare money. This would also be true of the hospital.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY:


Some aspects of this issue were discussed. Sheriff Kirn and Campbell left at 1150.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT:

Local resident Ray Schweikhardt came in and briefly visited with the Commission.

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Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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November 9, 2021 Eleventh day of October term

Now at this the 9th day of November 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

Commissioner Auxier was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF
JAIL EXPANSION FEASIBILITY STUDY:

Jail Administrator Lt. Joe Taylor came to present the feasibility study outline from the Goldberg Group; some of the PCSD staff will be visiting this business in the state of Kansas. Taylor related some of the considerations for such an expansion project, such as obtaining core samples of the site from USGS. Addition of as many as 130 beds is being considered. Local resident Gene DeLuca and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were present. This study will encompass more than bricks and mortar; capacity and staffing requirements will also be addressed. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, this study at a cost of \$6,000.00, well under the bid threshold, was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF
1972 JAIL:

Taylor provided an update on the 1972 jail, currently with 24 inmates; there are 1.5 FTE's required to staff the remodeled jail at this level of occupancy.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD EQUIPMENT:

The proposed lease agreement for the John Deere mower was discussed. Commissioner Hicks was under the impression that more than 350 hours of use in a calendar year would be needed and Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called the Road Department to ask about this; their concern was the parameters of the state bid. The Commissioners elected to approve as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDER:

The Commissioners received the court order abating some of the personal property at Hartmann US Inc, Chapter 100 Exempt. 75% of the value of the personal property equipment was abated, reducing the valuation by \$1,272,510. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, this was approved. Sheeley left at 0920.

IN THE MATTER OF
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:

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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19, Continued:

DeLuca mentioned that other countries have eradicated a good deal of their COVID problem with liberal use of ivermectin.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

Michelle Bock of the Road Department entered at 0925.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT

Local resident Susan Baldwin entered at 1000 to speak about roads in the Quarry Subdivision. She's on the board for the homeowner's association (HOA) which covers parts I through III. A resident of Quarry I, she said her roads had been very satisfactory but the residents of Quarry II and III have had a great deal of concern. Baldwin said some of the documents the HOA had been given were not official because they had not been recorded; the HOA was advised by their attorney to seek as much information as possible, so she wished to learn what she could from the Commission. She wanted to know if the developer had to file plans with the Commission. Commissioner Hicks the subdivision plat with lot lines drawn in came first, and the plat had been accepted. Bock interjected to say that Quarry II (Flagstone Circle) had been accepted into county road inventory, as well as a short section of Quarry Trail extending to the northeast from the beginning of Flagstone. Commissioner Hicks said none of Quarry III has been accepted; some of Quarry II residents since acceptance have filled in the ditches, including at the terminus of Flagstone. Bock spoke out, saying, "They have a list of everything they need to do," referring to instructions given to them by the Superintendent of Roads. Baldwin asked whose responsibility it was to put in the culverts; Commissioner Hicks and Bock simultaneously said that this rested with the developer. Commissioner Hicks emphasized repeatedly that it was incumbent upon the developer to ensure that proper storm water conveyance is provided, saying that the county was "...not going to make an investment until there is proper storm water accommodation," and cited RSMo 229.150. Bock told Baldwin that the minimum culvert size was 15" and said she would email a copy of what had been given to the homeowners to Baldwin. Commissioner Hicks supplied costs for chip and seal and asphalt. Baldwin, as secretary, delivers new home owners welcome packets with the official covenants. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said new buyers must be in contact with HOA's; realtors would do well to do the same. Baldwin said there is an architecture committee which has had significant burn-out or dropouts. Assessor Bill Stoltz entered at 1030. Commissioner Hicks highlighted the statute telling property owners that they may be charged for bringing the area up to standard. After lengthy discussion, Baldwin left at 1130.

IN THE MATTER OF
REAL ESTATE COURT ORDERS:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp the real estate court orders generated by a split in a parcel, were approved. The Certificate Numbers were

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REAL ESTATE COURT ORDERS, Continued:

2021000001 and 2021000002, Parcel Numbers 2021-5966.01 and 2021-5966.02, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE VERSUS COURT SECURITY:

Commissioner Hicks mentioned that the Dent County Courthouse has metal detectors at the doors to the courtrooms and not at the entrance to the county offices, either in the courthouse building or in another building. DeLuca thought that Crawford County had a similar arrangement, with metal detectors at the courtroom entrance.

IN THE MATTER OF
ASSESSOR'S SOFTWARE:

Bill Stoltz entered at 1150 and wanted to notify the Commissioners that his office was having some software issues with something bought before his taking office; he will have to upgrade and this may cost about \$300 per work station x 8 total. Stoltz then left and DeLuca left a few moments later.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved Senior Companions stipends and WEX Bank invoices totaling \$32,523.08 as well as 34 and 23 invoices in the amounts of \$20,529.53 and \$17,731.39, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL:


The Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll for 11/15/21 in the amount of \$225,617.41 net wages, and \$72,869.32 and \$10,340.50 federal and state withholdings, respectively.

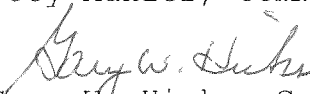
IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

The Commissioners entered closed session at 12:25 pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (5) - personally identifiable health information, as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp. No actions having been taken, the meeting returned to open session as moved by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp and seconded by Commissioner Hicks at 12:30.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
November 16, 2021 Twelfth day of October term

Now at this the 16th day of November 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT (RAY SCHWEIKHARDT):

Local resident Ray Schweikhardt asked if there had been any feedback on the St. Louis County PDMP. Also present was Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley; Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0905. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp called Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Campbell for information; she said the anonymized information would be on the St. Louis County PDMP's site. The annual and up-front fees, which might be due from Phelps County, are both paid by a grant which had been obtained by St. Louis County.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

Barnes reminded all that her office would be open on Friday, January 31 for tax payments; she wanted to know what should be the procedure for retaining a bailiff for coverage. Assessor Bill Stoltz entered at 0918.

IN THE MATTER OF
CHIPS:

Barnes provided an update of the representatives of a plan with Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIPS) who met with employees; it was helpful for some with children who might be eligible for coverage through CHIPS. No one signed up with Healthy Blue, but as a for-profit company, they hope that they and not their competitor will receive consideration, when people sign up on the website.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY:

Stoltz and Barnes reported that there perhaps should be lights in the vestibule as illumination might be helpful.

IN THE MATTER OF
2022 PAYROLL DATES:

Without consideration of the observed holiday dates, Commissioner Hicks moved and Commissioner Auxier seconded approval of 2022 payroll dates.

IN THE MATTER OF
SURPLUS TAX:

Schweikhardt left at 1005. Then Jerrye Conaway, nee Henderson,

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SURPLUS TAX MONEY:

entered to ask for a claim of surplus tax money on property sold at the August 2021 Collector's Surplus Tax Sale. Her property at 10050 County Road 5440 had been sold August 23, 2021 as a post-third offering property with a surplus of \$1,081.01; as a post-third offering the purchaser immediately received a collector's deed and there would be no redemption period pursuant to RSMo 140.250(4). As this enables Conaway to claim the surplus, this was approved as moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE PHONES:

Director of Support Services, Building and Grounds Sissy Korich entered at 1025. The large phone upgrade project is finished.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE PARKING:

Korich gave an update on the light improvements planned; a vendor had an unforeseen delay. Korich also plans to remove some of the obstructing plantings.

IN THE MATTER OF
COMPENSATORY TIME:

Korich wanted to ask if she could have some of her compensatory time paid out; her department was short-handed for a significant part of the year and there is room in her salary line. The Commission was agreeable to this.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY:

Head Bailiff Chris Reeder entered at 1030 and discussed his security assessment of the courthouse.

IN THE MATTER OF
LIQUOR LICENSING:

Having received a query from a local business about liquor sales earlier on Sunday; they intend to observe the laws with any changes enacted.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS FOR THE FORT:

Commissioner Auxier and Hicks were able recently to attend Phelps for the Fort; inclusion of military personnel in holiday activities in the area is being sought.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 32 and 30 invoices in the amounts of \$8,497.01 and \$30,938.29, respectively; Group Benefit Services employee premiums and COBRA

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, Continued:

for December of \$126,879.34 and more general invoices in the amount of \$75,420.66.

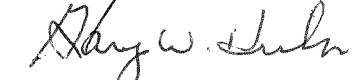
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Now at this the 18th day of November 2021 the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

Doolittle Rural Fire Protection District fire chief Brandon Williams was present as was Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley. Commissioner Hicks said that county associations have been exhorting county members to communicate with federal legislators regarding passage of bills which, if enacted, would permit greater latitude in use of ARPA funds.

IN THE MATTER OF
DOOLITTLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG):

Williams said that the district planned to apply for a CDBG to fund a new station; the amount would be \$500,000. They are working with MRPC. Vacant addresses have been reported and they will be in the process of surveying a selection of random addresses they have been given for household income. CDBG award requires 51% low and moderate income (LMI) and they would intend to be the sub-applicant, with County as applicant. Ray Schweikhardt entered at 0905. The Commission was agreeable to sponsorship; as moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, this was approved. The clerk asked about the district providing services for the city of Newburg; Williams said that the state specifies \$350 monthly from the city for the district to contract for fire protection, but that this number would increase to \$850 after January 1, 2022. Williams said there is no choice in the matter, and that the increase is tied to the increase in their levy. Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0915 followed by Michelle Bock of the Road Department. Williams then left followed by Sheeley.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 4060:

Bock reported that a resident of this road had asked to cut the road to provide electric service to parcel 13086.00. As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, Shane Taylor was granted a variance to cut the road as long as electric conduit was used for the buried line and the cut was patched with asphalt.

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

Bock said a Joshua Thompson was inquiring about funds for residents of several subdivisions.

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IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 6040:

The concern of a resident of the 14000 block of Road 6040, Ivan Crews, was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
THE PCSD SHOOTING RANGE:

Site preparation, gravel etc. for the new range was reviewed.

IN THE MATTER OF
REAL ESTATE COURT ORDER:

Certificate 2021000003, Parcel Number 2021-6161.13, abating taxes from this tract now purchased by South Central Community Health Center was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Auxier. This removed \$42,180 in commercial land value, deducting \$2,111.52 in taxes across all taxing entities.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 4350:

This road is essentially a driveway and a gate has been placed across it, which is prohibited on a county road. The couple most recently owning the land are deceased; the current owners are unknown and an adjacent landowner may get 50% of the land if this road is vacated. Bock then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

Collector Faith Barnes entered, requesting urgent closed session at 1015 pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (5) - personnel matter, which was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier. No actions having been taken, the meeting returned to open session at 1025 as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier.

IN THE MATTER OF
APTITUDE INTERNET:

Cole Smith, Cory Gibson and Bill Dinkler of Aptitude Internet and Tim Shannon of Urban Cable Company entered at 1030. Smith provided an overview of the company's plans subsequent to winning the RDOF reverse auction to provide broadband to some of Phelps County, as well as their interest in ARPA funds for other areas, possibly. Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Campbell entered at 1100. After a lengthy discussion of many aspects of the issue and their eligibility for funding, and informing the Commission of their intent to consult with MRPC, they left at 1140.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS/MARIES HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACT:

Campbell presented a \$433,875, multi-year contract for immunization response which was approved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier.

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IN THE MATTER OF
HOSPITAL MEETINGS:

The clerk said Phelps Health is only sending notices of finance and board committee meetings only, without meeting packets. The Commission advised that packets should be supplied as well.

IN THE MATTER OF
REAL ESTATE COURT ORDER:

Certificate 2021000004, for parcel # 2021-7548, which had had a valuation of \$112,400 (residential) decreased to \$80,000 by the Board of Equalization and which had not been addressed after BOE, was approved as moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 34 and 37 invoices in the amount of \$35,209.49 and \$17,467.69, respectively. Additionally approved was the disbursal of Surplus Tax to Jerry Dawn Henderson Conaway in the amount of \$1,081.01.

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 23rd day of November 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 Joey Auxier was at the MAC Conference.

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

The Commissioners discussed the November 19th meeting where Fred Stone, of Design and Construction Services, spoke of updating the Master Plan for Missouri S&T. An underground parking garage is being planned for the new arrival district. Local resident Ray Schweikhardt and Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley were also present. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp observed that "stacked parking is expensive" because of the load borne but this will have only one subterranean level.

IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR:

Public Administrator Dana Sooter entered at 0915; her clients with few if any resources were eligible for additional coverage through Medicaid which can be used for OTC supplies and hygiene products; she has received gift boxes of supplies from First Line Benefits which she feels are not appropriate for her clients. When questioned by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, Sooter said she was comfortable with diverting these materials. She will be in contact with the company regarding this as well as the prosecuting attorney. Sooter then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
SALES TAXES:

The clerk provided the sales tax report in the absence of Treasurer Carol Green. November 0.5% county sales tax revenue was \$256,258.22, up 1.9% in the month-to-month, 9.65% in the YTD, and 10.01% in the rolling twelve-month comparisons. Sheeley left at 0930.

IN THE MATTER OF
REAL ESTATE COURT ORDERS:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, Court Order 2021000005 for Parcel # 2021-5828 was approved, which reclassified real estate from commercial to residential. Real Estate Court Orders 2021000006 and 2021000007, removing sewer fees paid at sale of parcels 2021-12044 and 2021-12045 were also approved. Local resident Chester Crider entered at 0940.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT (CHESTER CRIDER):

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CITIZEN INPUT (CHESTER CRIDER):

Crider asked what the was going to happen at the Highway V . overpass and I-44 Exit 189. In his opinion it is very congested. He discussed the operation of the Quick Trip convenience store and spoke favorably about the operation of these businesses; he believes the general contractor is from St. Louis. After some discussion of some of the particulars of construction, Crider left at 0950.

IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:

Commissioner Hicks reported on an email he'd received from the head public defender about moving services for Pulaski County. Once these cases are taken in by Laclede County, the share of the rent and utilities paid by the County for the regional Public Defender office will increase by an estimated 37%. The clerk said that would be approximately \$4800.00. Local resident Gene DeLuca entered at 1010.

IN THE MATTER OF
CERF CONTRIBUTION ELECTION:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, the CERF Contribution Benefit by Phelps County will continue at 1% of the total 4% of gross, with the employees contributing 3%.

IN THE MATTER OF
FAMILY BURIAL PLOT:

The request for information from a local resident was discussed.

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

Commissioner Hicks planned to attend the upcoming ORSWMD banquet. DeLuca discussed recycling within the city of St. James; he wonders about the sustainability of recycling at the curbside.

IN THE MATTER OF
COVID-19 HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENTS:

DeLuca asked Ashley Campbell when she entered at 1120 about testing at the time of admission to the hospital and being counted as positive. He said he wanted to know how much the hospital was paid for a positive diagnosis based on a test; Campbell said the positive test would be coded but that she was unsure what that meant as far as reimbursement for the hospital.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS/MARIES HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SALARY:

Campbell said the 88% of her hours are being billed out as contracts, currently. Commissioner Hicks said he thought that salaried officials/employees were not permitted to accrue comp time so Campbell will be paid out for the comp time she has to

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PHELPS/MARIES HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR SALARY, Continued:

the present; in future her time sheets will be for the purpose of tracking her vacation and sick time accruals only. Campbell then left at approximately 1120.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of 27 and 21 invoices in the amount of \$10,107.63 and \$11,289.69, respectively.

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payroll for 11/30/21 in the amount of \$199,122.12 (net wages), \$61,297.80 and \$8,334.50 federal and state withholdings.

IN THE MATTER OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

The Commissioners approved court orders numbered 2074 through 2081, representing add-on's of personal property, for the 2017 through 2020 years, on September 2021; also for the 2018 through 2021 years on October 2021.

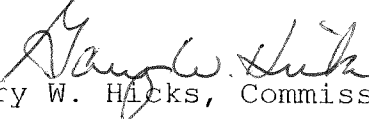
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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Now at this the 30th day of November 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 Peter Cook.

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

County Resident Regina Valente presented her interest on serving on the board of directors for the SB40 board. County residents Patrick Valente and Gene Deluca, Phelps County Focus Staff Writer Andrew Sheeley, and Lieutenant Joe Taylor were also present. Regina, Patrick, and Taylor left at 0907.

IN THE MATTER OF
RECORDER MONTHLY TURNOVER:

Pursuant to RSMo 50.370, the Deputy clerk provided the Recorders turnover for October, 2021 listing fees charged during the month. The Recorders fees totaled \$24,322.84

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY ROADS IN JEROME:

Commissioner Hicks reported that he had been contacted by several residents about the condition of the roads, he reported that he told them they had been working on the storm water on the roads before they would be able to do the roads. County Resident Chester Kojro entered at 0921.

IN THE MATTER OF
CART FUNDS:

Treasurer Carol Green entered at 0945 and presented CART revenues for the month of November, up 9.60% from one year ago but up 5.73% YTD compared with 2020. Gas Tax was \$56,346.07 Collector Faith Barnes and Recorder Robin Kordes entered at 0947.

IN THE MATTER OF
MAC CONFERENCE:

Commissioner Auxier, Collector Barnes, and Treasurer Green gave an update on the conference. Joe Taylor and Bryant Donelson entered and Robin and Faith left at 0958.

IN THE MATTER OF
JAIL REHABILITATION PROPOSALS:

One bid was received from DLT Flooring. Commissioner Hicks moved and Commissioner Auxier second to put under advisement. Andrew and Taylor left at 1007.

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IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY ROADS:

Bryan Donelson of Donelson Construction gave a presentation of what they could provide the county. Bryan and Chester left at 1015.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR OFFICE POLICIES:

Collector Faith Barnes entered and presented her Refunds and Overpayments office policy. Faith left at 1027.

IN THE MATTER OF
PWSO #2:

Josh Thompson of PWSO#2 and Sally of Cochran Engineering entered and gave an overview of the request for ARPA money. Josh and Sally left at 1100

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY:

Bailiff Reeder entered and presented his Courthouse Security Assessment. Reeder left at 1111.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment on two batches of \$17,468.14 and \$6,437.94.

IN THE MATTER OF
AWARD OF JAIL REHABILITATION BID:

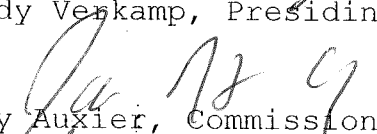
Commissioner Auxier moved and Commissioner Hicks seconded to accept the bid from DLT Flooring.

IN THE MATTER OF
REAL ESTATE COURT ORDERS:

Commissioner Hicks moved and Commissioner Auxier seconded approve the court orders.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2