

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
October 4, 2022, first day of the October Term

Now at this the 1st day of October 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
ROAD VACATION HEARING, ROAD 6010:

Local residents Ted and Krista Miller, Toni Cahill, and members of the Phelps County Baptist Association Connie Simmons and Bob and Diane Davis, as well as attorney Jamie Crump were present. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp opened the hearing to vacate, which was followed by a brief recital of the matter by Crump. The affidavit of Richard Skyles, who had posted the notice in four places within Spring Creek Township, was provided to the clerk. Crump recounted the initial reading of the petition on July 5, 2022. Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox and Assistant Prosecutor Kara Breshears entered at 0902, followed by Michelle Bock of the Road Department. Crump reported that only informal, non-written remonstrances had been heard. The Focus reporter entered at 0905. Cahill spoke about what her family considered as the safest route out of their land, which was Road 6010, but she had spoken with Miller and was satisfied that ingress and egress would be permitted. Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0905. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asked if there were any objections. Miller said, speaking to Cahill, "There will be no keys or codes given out," but he said he "verbally stated he would permit emergency access" for ingoing or outgoing and will supply Cahill a means of contact. Commissioner Hicks moved to vacate the road in its entirety; this was seconded by Commissioner Auxier. Crump will provide documents for completion by the Commission. The Millers, the Baptists, Cahill and Crump left at 0910.

IN THE MATTER OF
ENDO PHARMACEUTICAL BANKRUPTCY:

The clerk notified the Commission that the county was named among thousands of plaintiffs in the documents received as part of the multidistrict litigation over opioid abuse. Fox briefly reviewed them and said there was no action required.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS, JEROME-AREA:

The work in the area was discussed by Commissioner Hicks. A recent pratfall when a Road Department employee breached a completely unknown water connection from one home's well, across the county roadway, to another residence was discussed.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 9030:

Commissioner Hicks reported the "very rough" condition of this road, near a newly-designated Century Farm. Barnes left at 0920.

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IN THE MATTER OF
LETTER OF SUPPORT, LEONARD WOOD INSTITUTE (LWI)
AND SUSTAINABLE OZARKS PARTNERSHIP'S (SOP) APPLICATION,
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP):

This was approved as moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded
by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
JAIL EXPANSION:

In an unannounced agenda item, Sheriff Kirn, Jail Lt. Joe Taylor, and Gabe Rodriguez of River City Construction, LLC came to review some of the concerns about the contract recently presented to the Commission. Rodriguez said the contract was only for the pre-construction services, which total \$23,100. He said once the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) is developed, a full price break-down will be provided. There was some back-and-forth between Rodriguez and Breshears about the contract's contents, but the prosecutor's office will be consulted and Taylor, Sheriff Kirn, Rodriguez and the attorneys left between 0940 and 0950. After a few questions, the reporter left at 1000.

IN THE MATTER OF
VENDOR LICENSE REVOCATION:

Barnes returned just after 1000 to ask what the response should be if a major vendor of the county was in arrears in taxes such that a DOR revocation notice had been received. The Road Department obtains a great deal of its material from this company. Since it has several divisions, it was not immediately clear whether this was a matter of confusion between one or the other. Bock made some calls to her contacts there, and the Department will cease purchases until this matter is better clarified.

IN THE MATTER OF
REAL PROPERTY COURT ORDERS:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the court orders numbered 2021000046 through 2021000050 were approved. These removed taxes for 5 years, 2017 through 2021, totaling \$707.36 on a post-third offering property which was sold by the collector per statute.

Commissioner Auxier left at 1100 for a funeral.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE ELEVATORS AND HVAC:

Director of Support Services, Building and Grounds Sissy Korich entered at 1105 to discuss elevator repair and upgrade as well as more work on the HVAC system.

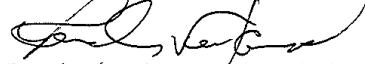
IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, Continued:

The Commissioner reviewed and approved payment of 9 invoices for contract pay totaling \$18,752.34.

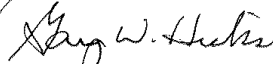
READ AND APPROVED:



Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner



Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1



Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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October 6, 2022, second day of the October Term

Now at this the 6th day of October the Commission met pursuant to adjournment and a quorum was present of the following members:

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

Commissioner Hicks was at a meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF
ANIMAL COMPLAINT:

Commissioner Auxier reported on a local resident's complaint of a loose dog, repeatedly on the complainant's property, who was not neither vicious, threatening nor destructive by the report received. The Focus reporter was present. This resident will be notified that the situation does not appear to violate Ordinance No. 2018-12-13(1).

Commissioner Hicks entered at 0910.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS FOR THE FORT:

Commissioner Hicks recounted multiple initiatives underway aimed at fostering expanded community relations between Rolla and the military personnel working at the fort.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD VACATION, ROAD 6010:

The Commissioners received the completed document from Attorney James Crump for the following road vacation.

ORDER VACATING COUNTY ROAD

NOW ON, October 4, 2022, Theodore L. Miller and Krista N. Miller, et al.'s Petition to Vacate County Road ("Petition") comes before the County Commission of Phelps County, Missouri ("Commission"). Petitioners Theodore L. Miller, Krista N. Miller, Bortts, LLC and Phelps County Baptist Association appear in person or by representatives and by counsel. All other Petitioners appear by counsel. Also appearing at the hearing Toni Cahill, a member of Rathcullen, LLC, and Michelle Bock from Phelps County Highway Department. WHEREUPON, the matter is submitted to the Commission, and the Commission finds as follows:

1. That Petitioners are requesting the Commission to vacate Phelps County Road 6010.
2. That Phelps County Road 6010 is wholly contained within the East Half of Section 5, Township 36 North, Range 8 West of the 5th P.M., in Phelps County, Missouri, and wholly within the Spring Creek East Township.
3. That said Phelps County Road 6010 is situated outside the limits of any incorporated town, village or city.
4. That the only landowners who use Phelps County Road 6010 to access their property are Petitioners Theodore L. Miller, Jr. and Krista N. Miller, husband and wife, and Petitioner Bortts, LLC and Petitioner Phelps County Baptist Association.

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ROAD VACATION ORDER, ROAD 6010, Continued:

5. That no written remonstrance to the Petition has been made, signed by at least twelve residents of said Spring Creek East Township.

6. That none of the parties who appeared this date have objected or showed cause why the Commission should not vacate Phelps County Road 6010.

7. That Phelps County Road 6010 should be vacated.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ordered, adjudged and decreed that Phelps County Road 6010, in its entirety, is hereby vacated.

DATED: October 4, 2022

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION

BY: Randy Verkamp
Presiding Commissioner

BY: Joey Auxier
Commissioner - District 1

BY: Gary W. Hicks
Commissioner - District 2

ATTEST:

Pamela K. Grow
Phelps County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF
SCHOOL GROUP TOUR:

Collector Faith Barnes entered at 0923 and provided some detail on the roughly 20 students from an 8th grade civics class in St. James who will be touring the courthouse, starting with the Commission meeting in session on October 25. From there they will visit Judge Clayton's courtroom, the collector's, recorder's and assessor's offices, and one-on-one with Judge Clayton. The clerk said they could look at election equipment under her supervision or that of her election deputy.

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY EMPLOYEE MEDICAL
COVERAGE BIDS:

Barnes advocated for competition. Commissioner Hicks said the county was in a difficult position seven years earlier. After some back-and-forth, Barnes left.

IN THE MATTER OF
BENEFIT MANAGEMENT REPORT:

The Commission received and reviewed the Benefit Management Report from Group Benefit Services, showing an 81% loss ratio through September and just over \$712,000 in the claims account.

IN THE MATTER OF
TREASURER:

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TREASURER, Continued:

Treasurer Carol Green visited with the Commission briefly.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE HVAC:

Director of Support Services, Building and Grounds Sissy Korich entered at 1100 with three proposals from Integrated Facility Services, the vendor who has just recently completed the HVAC project in the courthouse. The first was for the Energy Recovery Unit on the roof of the courthouse; its maintenance was overdue and the price for work on the fan motor, desiccant wheel motor and hot water valve and actuator; the price was \$9,567.00. The other two were actually contracts; one a service agreement for the controls in the building automation system for \$3,500 annually (\$1,750.00 semi-annually); the other was a planned (preventative) maintenance service agreement for water source heat pumps, energy recovery unit, cooling tower and boiler totaling \$18,232 per year, payable semiannually at \$9,116. As moved by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Auxier, these three were approved.

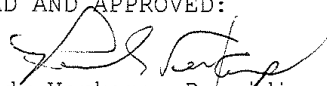
IN THE MATTER OF
JACKSON ORCHARDS AND ROAD 5140:

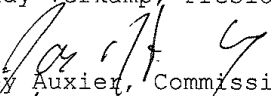
Local resident and orchardist Steve Jackson entered at 1105 followed shortly afterward by Michelle Bock of the Road Department. Jackson wanted to mention an upcoming event, "Christmas at the Orchard", and also to revisit his concerns about the road leading to his orchard, Road 5140. He mentioned the possibility that visitors to the orchard during December might have an alternate approach, Road 5180; this would require creation of a parking area in one of his fields. Jackson left at 1132.

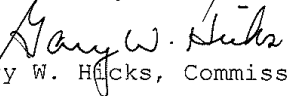
IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of 41 and 52 invoices in the amounts of \$97,965.02 and \$78,835.45, respectively. Also approved was payment of \$1,100 to the Missouri Coroner's and Medical Examiner's Association for annual training for the coroner and deputy coroner.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
October 11, 2022, third day of the October Term

Now at this the 11th day of October 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
UTILITY WORK BY APTITUDE INTERNET:

Bill Denkler of Aptitude Internet made an unannounced visit to the Commission. Also present were Collector Faith Barnes, Assessor Tim Kean and the Focus reporter. Denkler provided maps of the Phase I RDOF (Rural Development Opportunity Fund) installation work along 12.3 miles of the roughly 260 miles of the company's entire project. The company has a depth of experience in Ste. Genevieve County (pop. ca. 18,000) and has developed processes through that work. As Denkler said that only 5% would be buried, with the rest aerial on existing poles, Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said his interest would be "in safeguarding the county," specifically its infrastructure and rights-of-way. Denkler assured him that all their permitting is shared with MoDOT and a certificate of liability insurance (COLI) will be maintained. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp said he would share the maps with Superintendent of Roads Mark Case. Restricting work to the back slope of ditches, timelines, marking of trucks as required by state law were discussed. Denkler was directed to the county website for the Phelps County Utility Regulations. Denkler left at 0925.

IN THE MATTER OF
COLLECTOR:

Barnes informed the attendees of her plans to notify residents of the timeline for tax bills, and that her office would not be open on Saturday, December 31, 2022. Local resident Chester Kojro entered at 0930.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT (CHESTER KOJRO):

Kojro suggested MoDOT could place a traffic camera at the new roundabout at the intersection of Tim Bradley Way and Highway 63.

IN THE MATTER
OF ROAD VACATION, ROAD 6010:

Kean and the Commission discussed access to the parcels along Road 6010, now vacated. He will visit the area. Kean and Barnes left at 0952, followed in 5 minutes by the reporter.

IN THE MATTER
OF CITIZEN INPUT (RICHARD HASHAGEN):

Richard Hashagen entered at 1000 to praise the work of the Road Department on Road 1250, where he lives. He left at 1010.

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IN THE MATTER OF
JAIL EXPANSION:

Sheriff Kirn entered at 1025 to ask about the jail expansion contract; he said the River City Construction, LLC personnel were working with the office of Prosecuting Attorney Brendon Fox on some details.

IN THE MATTER OF
LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY:

Kirn said he had approval for his new law enforcement academy; all instructors will have to attend an instructor development course; the two collaborating educational institutions will need to approve also. Class scheduling and credit hours mentioned.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY AND
METAL DETECTORS:

Director of Building and Grounds, Support Services Sissy Korich, Head Bailiff Chris Reeder and Brian Brethauer of Stanley Doors entered at 1035. The reconfiguration of exterior doors including applicable ADA guidelines were discussed. Commissioner Hicks asked about the approximate cost, in light of the existence of a bid threshold. Brethauer will supply schematics, and left at 1055 followed by Reeder. Staffing was discussed again with the sheriff; Barnes returned just before Korich and Kirn left.

IN THE MATTER OF
SCHOOL GROUP TOUR:

Barnes gave an update on this undertaking.

IN THE MATTER OF
PHELPS HEALTH:

Hospital CEO Jason Shenefield made an unscheduled visit, entering at 1110; he discussed multiple matters. Legal counsel for the hospital wondered if the hospital should drop the use of "Phelps County Regional Medical Center" as its formal name; he asked the Commissioners to consider this, as it may be helpful in billing. Commissioner Hicks asked Shenefield to have the attorney provide draft language for a resolution; the Commission provided some verbal assurance that they would be in favor of this. Then his discourse turned to turnover with staff pediatricians, needed to care for pediatric inpatients and to cover labor and delivery. There are apparently issues with practitioners wanting only outpatient work, not wanting to cover the newborn nursery or inpatient pediatric patients. With the recent change in abortion laws, recruiting obstetrician & gynecologists has been affected. He said that in the early 2000's, there was an RHS graduating class with 15 members who are practicing physicians, though none are in the area. The possibility of a VA clinic in Rolla has developed; he favors securing the VA as a long-term tenant of the top floor of the Delbert Day Cancer Institute—the Medical Office Building is full. Responding to a question from Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, he said that Dr. Dick Elgin, the newest Hospital Board

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PHELPS HEALTH, Continued:

member, has been a good addition. The renamed Four-Rivers Health Care (previously Your Community Health Center) is targeting Medicaid care as fully as possible. Shenefield left at 1130.

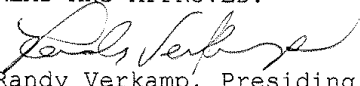
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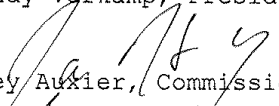
The Commission reviewed and approved payment of a \$22,898.70 invoice for Senior Companion Stipends and 3 general invoices totaling \$54,146.88.

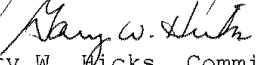
IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 10/14/2022 payroll totaling \$229,458.89 net wages, \$71,682.10 federal and \$9,897.50 state withholdings, respectively.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Wicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
October 13, 2022, Fourth day of the October Term

Now at this the 13th day of October 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
BRO BRIDGE PROJECT FUNDING:**

Jeff Banderet, P.E. of Great Rivers Engineering in Springfield was present as was Crawford County Presiding Commissioner-elect Steve Black and the Focus reporter. After relating information about the numerous companies hiring civil engineers (150) and the relative dearth of civil engineering graduates interviewing at Missouri S&T's job fair (80-90), Banderet said his firm plans to take a candidate to the bridge on Road 7100, recently completed. Several Crawford County bridges were discussed with input from Black. Then the Road 3620 bridge was discussed. Banderet said one of two strategies can be utilized: a consultant for planning and construction engineering can be hired from the MoDOT on-call list if the cost is believed less than \$100,000; if the cost exceeds that amount RFQ's can be solicited. Once the bridge was displayed on the wall monitor, length and constructions methods were discussed. Banderet additionally forecasts large numbers of projects being initiated, with the federal funds made available, and there will be competition for services. Recently the method by which MoDOT awards projects has changed to one of regional competition between counties. Banderet also explained three ways of providing the match, usually 20%, for these projects: 1) a county can merely provide cash match; 2) a county provides the match through in-kind forces—a paperwork hurdle, according to Banderet; and 3) a county can repair a bridge using its own funds and (usually) 80% of the cost incurred will be credited to its soft match funds. As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, GRE was approved for engineering on the Road 3620 bridge.

**IN THE MATTER OF
BRIDGE ENGINEERING
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BEAP):**

Subsequently, BEAP was discussed as a means, perhaps, to pay for low water crossings (LWC). Presiding Commissioner Verkamp asked if there were "cookie cutter plans" and Banderet said that some did exist. Often 5 LWC's were done together; Road 8050 with three in a very short span of 300-400 yards, plus two more just a short distance away, were discussed. Banderet left at 0951.

**IN THE MATTER OF
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM USE:**

Treasurer Carol Green entered at 0952, followed by local resident Dan Sutterfield. Referring to his prior public showing of the movie, "2000 Mules", Sutterfield inquired about showing the film, "Rigged." Since the multipurpose room would be unavailable while used for the November 8, 2022 election, he

told the Commission that he would check on using the Eugene Northern Community Hall through the city of Rolla, and then perhaps look to the multipurpose room if needed, later in November. Sutterfield then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
CART FUNDS:

Green presented CART funds for September, showing gas tax of \$72,064.57; motor vehicle fees of \$9,738.60; motor vehicle sales tax of \$22,988.22. These were all up between 15% and 33% from one year earlier. Green left at 1010 followed by the reporter at 1012.

IN THE MATTER OF
COMMISSION MEETINGS:

The Commission discussed various procedures for, and the content of, their meetings with Black.

IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR:

Public Administrator Dana Sooter entered at 1050 to ask the Commission about acquiring a safe for valuables which she occasionally has to hold for her wards. She received approval for this and left at 1058.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY, METAL DETECTORS:

Director of Building and Grounds, Support Services Sissy Korich and Amy Asberry of the Building and Grounds Department entered at 1100 and discussed the estimated cost of alterations to the front doors, for the purpose of directing the entrance/exit once metal detectors are in place. They left at 1105.


IN THE MATTER OF
MERAMEC REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (MRDC):

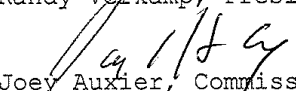
Commissioner Hicks provided a brief report of a recent meeting.

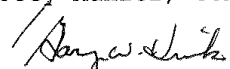
IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
TAXES (EATS), ROLLA WEST:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of 44 and 52 invoices in the amounts of \$296,611.49 and \$61,882.77; respectively. Also approved was payment of \$25,266.64 in EATS to UMB for the Rolla West TIF.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

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October 18, 2022, Fifth day of the October Term

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

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

Pursuant to RSMo 49.070 the clerk designated Commissioner Hicks as presiding in the absence of Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROUNDAABOUT ON HIGHWAY 63:

Local resident Ray Schweikhardt wanted to express his disappointment in the oblivious and dangerous behavior of pedestrians using the crosswalk across the two-lane roundabout on US Highway 63. Collector Faith Barnes and Assessor Tim Kean were also present. Commissioner Hicks reminded hm of the statute that requires vehicles to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk, and a discussion of what was/was not the crosswalk followed.

IN THE MATTER OF
DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION:

Having far exceeded their statutory retention period, accounts payable records from 1994 were approved for destruction as moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

IN THE MATTER OF
VEHICLE SALE, PCSD:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the sale of a 2010 Crown Victoria by the Sheriff's Department was approved. Commissioner Hicks signed the title as Acting Presiding Commissioner.

IN THE MATTER OF
COUNTY HOLIDAYS AND PAYROLL DATES:

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed 2023 payroll dates and the list of holidays. Commissioner Hicks wanted to go on record as being in opposition to the observance of Juneteenth by closing the courthouse. Commissioner Auxier moved to accept the dates, which motion was not sustained for lack of a second.

IN THE MATTER OF
SOUTH CENTRAL COMMISSIONER'S ASSOCIATION:

Commissioner Auxier discussed most of the counties in the district which had metal detectors at the entrance to the courthouse.

IN THE MATTER OF
DOOLITTLE ROADS:

The Commission received a call from Doolittle Mayor Doug Smith, who was placed on speaker phone. He reported some deterioration of the side of one of the city's roadways and asked for some

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DOOLITTLE ROADS, Continued:

help from the County. After some calls back and forth between Commissioner Hicks and Superintendent of Roads Mark Case, who looked at the area and said it was not a problem with the driving surface, Case said he would contact Smith about some assistance the County might provide.

IN THE MATTER OF
COURTHOUSE SECURITY:

Kean asked if there were definite plans for modifications to be made in the front lobby. Barnes asked if the state would be contributing any funds, since this was for the courts.

IN THE MATTER OF
GAS TAX REBATE PROCESS:

Barnes and Kean both said that application for the rebate of the additional gas taxes was a very labor-intensive process. Local resident Chester Kojro entered and asked why taxes paid on lawnmower gas couldn't be rebated. Kean and Barnes left at 0935.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD WORK, JEROME:

The Commission engaged in a discussion of a strip of Pearl Street in front of the Apostolic Faith Church in Jerome. This intersection is somewhat complicated.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 2110:

Commissioner Hicks received a call from local resident Lynn Maxwell, who inquired about plans for Road 2110. She said she "thought she had heard" there would be work done, but when she read about Road 3110 in the newspaper, she was concerned she was mistaken. She was put on speaker phone. Commissioner Hicks assured her that there were plans to address this road and that a bid from NB West had been approved. After the call ended, Commissioner Hicks spoke with NB West Project Manager Dave Laramore who updated him.

IN THE MATTER OF
HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS:

Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Campbell entered at 0950 with two contracts, which approved as moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

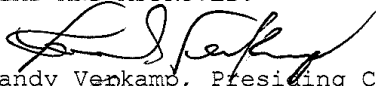
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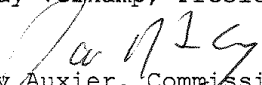
Deputy Clerk Cindy Ruth, HR, entered and discussed use of sick versus vacation time after 12 weeks of FMLA had expired. This will be taken up at a future meeting.

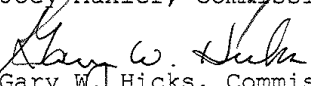
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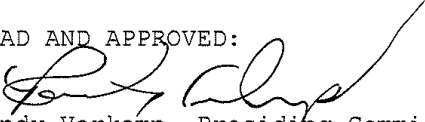

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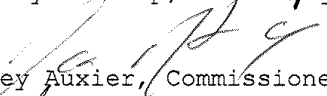
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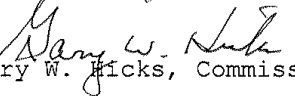
October 20, 2022, Sixth day of the October Term

Now at this the 20th day of October the Commission did not meet because all Commissioners were out-of-town traveling separately.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2

PHELPS COUNTY COMMISSION RECORD
October 25, 2022, Seventh day of the October Term

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

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

Commissioner Hicks was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF
SCHOOL GROUP TOUR:

Collector Faith Barnes and St. James Junior High staff members Vince Perona and Jillian Doddema entered at 0900 with 15 students from Perona's 8th grade citizenship class. The Focus reporter was also present. Presiding Commissioner Verkamp welcomed them to the courthouse and discussed the responsibilities of the County Commission; the distinction between the County governance and the 5 incorporated cities' governance; the difference between cities with general legislative authority and the county's special legislative authority. Questions were fielded; Michelle Bock of the Road Department entered at 0920 followed by Superintendent of Roads Mark Case and local residents Chester Kojro and Josh Brown. The students left with Barnes, Perona and Doddema for multiple different offices and facilities on their day-long tour.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD EQUIPMENT:

Case reported that a grader was down; this is leased from Caterpillar and the agreement is that, once inoperable for more than 3 days, a loaner must be provided. This piece of equipment has been down for nearly 4 weeks; Case plans to escalate his complaint with Fabick Caterpillar.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS:

The roads in Jerome are complete; traffic count results from Road 4160 were presented. Case said that the project manager at NB West, Dave Laramore, reported that Road 2110 work was to begin soon and Case will have to divert a grader to shoulder preparation there.

IN THE MATTER OF
CART FUNDS:

Treasurer Carol Green entered at 0950 for five minutes and presented CART funds; gas tax was \$82,138.85, an increase of 54.53% from one year earlier. Road and Bridge staff left at 1010 followed by the reporter.

IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commissioners reviewed and approved payment of 58 and 44 invoices in the amounts of \$72,110.35 and \$72,306.92,

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, Continued:

respectively. They also approved payment of the November GBS bill for employee health coverages in the amount of \$118,914.29.

IN THE MATTER OF
STOP SIGN, ROAD 8200 AND 8170:

After Chester Kojro left at 1020, local resident Linda Hance entered just as Chester Crider also arrived. She recounted a fatal accident a few years ago at the "T" intersection between the western terminus of Road 8200 and the north-south Road 8170; the previous weekend there had been a serious accident between a motorcycle and a vehicle which failed to yield. The motorcycle driver was airlifted to Columbia and his juvenile son was hospitalized locally. This will be taken up at the next meeting. Hance then left.

IN THE MATTER OF
PAYROLL AND HOLIDAY DATES:

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, the payroll dates and holidays as submitted by HR personnel in the clerk's office were approved. Juneteenth will be observed as a paid holiday.

IN THE MATTER OF
CORONER:

Coroner Ernie Coverdell entered with the Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property (MOSASP) authorization; this was approved as moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp. Since the \$1 death certificate fee sent to the Missouri State Coroner's Training Fund seems to be inaccessible, the Commission asked the clerk to invoice the Missouri Coroner's and Medical Examiner's Association for the recent \$1100 training fee for Coverdell and his deputy.


IN THE MATTER OF
PINE HILL CEMETERY VANDALISM:


Crider provided an update on reparations being made by the juveniles who desecrated the cemetery, and then left.

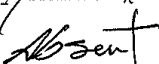
IN THE MATTER OF
FEDERAL FUNDING:

Treasurer Carol Green came to sketch out some new funding which seems to originate with ARPA which the county can access.

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 27th day of October 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
BRO-B081(14), ROAD 3620:

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) had submitted documents for electronic signature (DocuSign) to Presiding Commissioner Verkamp, for the bridge project on Road 3620 under the Bridge Replacement Offsystem (BRO) program. The Focus reporter was also present. As moved by Commissioner Hicks and approved by Commissioner Auxier, these were approved. Collector Faith Barnes and Phelps/Maries Health Department Director Ashley Campbell entered at 0905. Campbell said she was not "a fan of DocuSign."

IN THE MATTER OF
ROAD 8170:

Local resident Scott Falkenrath of Road 8170 called Presiding Commissioner Verkamp about surface deterioration at the junction of the road and the north outer road of I-44; he was informed that this may fall in MoDOT's jurisdiction but the Road Department was contacted and will be asked to coordinate repairs with MoDOT.

IN THE MATTER OF
ROADS 8170 AND 8200 STOP SIGN:

Pursuant to the discussion held 10/25/2022, Commissioner Hicks moved to have a stop sign placed for westbound traffic on Road 8200 at its terminus with Road 8170. This was seconded by Commissioner Auxier.

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

As moved by Commissioner Auxier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks, the Courthouse will officially be closed on Friday, November 25, 2022. Presiding Judge Beger has already issued notice that the 25th Judicial Circuit offices will be closed that day.

IN THE MATTER OF
APTITUDE INTERNET:

Operations Manager Bill Denkler, with Aptitude Internet Solutions, called and was placed on speaker phone by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp. He was notified that the unexpired certificate of liability insurance (COLI) for his company had been received that morning; also, a current COLI for their cable contractor (Ervin Cable) had been received as well. Denkler asked what was needed from his company before they buried cable in the County right-of-way; he was urged by Commissioner Hicks to maintain compliance with the County's Utility Regulations, available on the website. He was also told by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp to contact the Road Department each Monday with a description of their upcoming work locations within the County. The reporter left at 0945.

IN THE MATTER OF
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:

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EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE, Continued:

As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier, authorization for GBS to generate a renewal proposal were approved and then signed by Presiding Commissioner Verkamp. Barnes and Campbell left at 0951; local resident Chester Crider entered at 0950.

IN THE MATTER OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Tony Floyd and Kirstin Sullins of Intercounty Electric Cooperative and Ronald Reed, Economic Developer for the city of Cabool, entered at 0955. This was on short notice. Their interest is in a certified site, known as a "super site" of roughly 1,000 acres, suitable for industrial use. Preliminary information shared was that a large agricultural property, with I-44 frontage, could form the majority of the acreage for a project. Archer-Elgin Engineering was performing preliminary work; Missouri S&T could, perhaps acquire the property and the state could reimburse them. RREC is not eligible for the grant under consideration, but the County may be. There is a 60 day window for some portion of the application, to run from November 18, 2022 through January 18, 2023. Discussion included aspects such as asking price versus appraised price; transportation infrastructure to such a site; utilities including natural gas and electric; those owners likely to contribute the balance of the 1,00 acres. As the group left at 1030, the Commissioners said they would not provide any resistance.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN INPUT (BOB WILLIS):

Local resident Bob Willis entered at 1035 and expressed his deep appreciation for the work of Presiding Commissioner Verkamp.

IN THE MATTER OF
CITIZEN CONCERN, COUNTRY CLUB TERRACE:

Presiding Commissioner Verkamp returned a call to local resident Trey Burns about his neighborhood; the homeowner's association is defunct. He was referred to a real estate attorney.


IN THE MATTER OF
CLOSED SESSION:

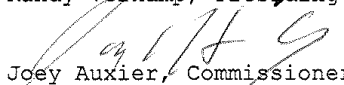
As moved by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Auxier, the meeting entered closed session at 1100 pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (14) - records protected from disclosure by law. No actions having been taken, the meeting returned to open session as moved by Commissioner Auxier, seconded by Commissioner Hicks, at 1132.

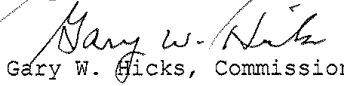
IN THE MATTER OF
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

The Commission reviewed and approved payment of 23 invoices in the amount of \$72,354.85.

READ AND APPROVED:


Randy Verkamp, Presiding Commissioner


Joey Auxier, Commissioner District 1


Gary W. Hicks, Commissioner District 2