

**ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 30, 2019
TUESDAY**

CALL TO ORDER:

The County Commission met in regular session. Those being present were, Presiding Commissioner, Harold Gallaher, Commissioner First District, Gay Wilkinson, and Commissioner Second District, Patrick Mullins. Also, present was County Clerk, Kevin Engler and Linda Balentine from the County Clerk's office

Others present: Mark Marberry, Louie Seiberlich, Betty Medley, Kerry Glore, Dan Duncan, John Gross, Pamela Williams, Jay Graf, Kim Schrum, Alan Kim Rawson, Amber Menjoulet, Cindy Johnson, Cory Platten, Vonne Karraker, Dana Jenkins, Gary Matheny, and Sheriff Dan.

Commission opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

AGENDA:

Posted agenda attached to minutes.
(Document also found in Open Meeting Agenda folder.)

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mullins to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. All commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes, July 23, 2019
2. Monthly Report-Public Administrator

GENERAL BUSINESS:

**WAIVE PENALTY AND
INTEREST/J. LANDAU**

Mr. Landau called the Collector's office on July 24, 2019 He found out his Goose Creek lot was on the 2019 tax sale. Mr. Landau stated he had not received a bill since he purchased lot. Mr. Landau paid the Goose Creek assessments and thought his taxes were included in that fee. The Assessor's office had wrong mailing address. Taxes are five years delinquent so posting fees of \$90.00, publishing fees of \$120.00, certified letters in the amount of \$21.00 & base taxes of \$51.92 totaling \$340.70. It is the recommendation of the Collector to waive the late fees & penalties in the amount of \$78.78 due to the fact that all the extra fees were incurred. Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to waive \$78.78 for Mr. Landau. Commissioner Mullins seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**WAIVE PENALTY AND
INTEREST/J. PERKINS**

Ms. Perkins called the County Clerk's office on July 23, 2019 after talking to the Collector's office. Ms. Perkins moved here from Texas and was not aware we had personal property taxes. She has moved several times and says she did not receive a tax bill. Ms. Perkins lives out of St. Francois County now and was wanting the County Clerk to present on her behalf. The total penalty and interest for Ms. Perkins is in the amount of \$75.10. Discussion with the Commission was that an individual has to take a certain responsibility for themselves to find out the procedures of taxing etc. Commissioner Mullins made a motion to waive the penalty & interest in the amount of \$75.10 for Ms. Perkins. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Commissioner Gallaher, No, Commissioner Wilkinson, No, Commissioner Mullins, No. All voted and the motion failed. The penalties & interest will NOT be waived for Ms. Perkins. Discussion involving Vonne Karraker, "Why would you waive one customer and not the other?" The Collector explained when there is negligence on the County then waving the penalty & interest is done, when there is no error on behalf of the county it becomes the customers burden and the fee is not waived.

**CELL PHONE
STIPEND POLICY
AUDITOR**

Amber Menjoulet, Audit Manager, addressed the Commission on behalf of the Auditor's office. After reviewing the cellular contracts for SFC a determination was made that the County would save money and the liability factor for each cell phone contract we currently have. Currently the county does not have a policy in place in regards to cell phone usage and the rules that should apply. The stipend would have to be applied for by the office holder and then determined by the County Commission. The allowance would be either \$20 for minimal business or \$40 for extensive use. Mrs. Menjoulet also requested that no changes be made to ANY of our current contracts effective immediately. The Auditor would like to act on this action on August 13, 2019. This gives the office holders the opportunity to discuss with the Auditor's office and give feedback for said policy. Ms. Menjoulet would like any correspondence in this matter on or before Friday the 9th. Commissioner Mullins made a motion to freeze all current cell phone accounts and to address this policy on August 13, 2019 in open session.

**CELL PHONE
STIPEND POLICY**

Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the County Commission will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Wilkinson read a letter from a constituent regarding road work done on Oak Ridge Drive back in February. The letter commended the road & bridge department on a job well done and their professionalism.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Vonne Karraker addressed the Commission and Road & Bridge department on the matter of a drainage problem in Libertyville. Ms. Karraker stated that a trench was dug and blocked a drain pipe and the water is standing with no run off and is causing a mosquito infestation. Both Clay Copeland and John Gross from Road & Bridge addressed Ms. Karraker and informed her no one has contacted them to complain. Ms. Karraker stated there is a communication problem with the public and the Commission and Road & Bridge department.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

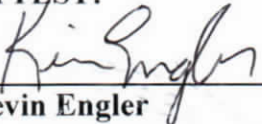
County Clerk, Kevin Engler informed the Commission the Board of Equalization will close on Wednesday July 31, 2019. Mr. Engler spoke about the hundreds of appointments scheduled, reschedule & cancelled as well as the amount of actual hearings that were held.

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ADJOURNMENT:


With there being no further business the County Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mullins seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



Kevin Engler
County Clerk
St. Francois County, Missouri

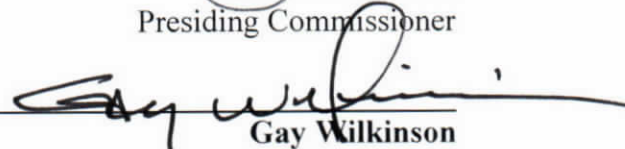
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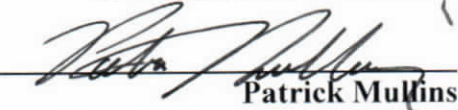
Linda Balentine
Deputy Clerk
St. Francois County, Missouri



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Presiding Commissioner



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Patrick Mullins
Commissioner Second District