

**THE RALLS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Ralls County Presiding Commissioner, John Lake called the adjourned meeting to order with the following members present, Junior Muehring, Eastern District Commissioner; Brian Hodges, Western District Commissioner; and Brandy Flynn, Ralls County Clerk.**

**Junior Muehring opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made.**

**The Ralls County Clerk read the minutes from the January 26th<sup>th</sup>, meeting. Brian Hodges made a motion to approve the minutes as read. John Lake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The Ralls County Commission discussed Road & Bridge maintenance.**

**The Ralls County Commission signed account payable as listed in the warrant registry.**

**The Ralls County Commission met with Brian Reed with Altorfer Inc. presented the Commission with a couple different maintenance agreement for generator. Maintenance agreement will go into effect 6 months after everything is hooked up & running. Junior Muehring made a motion to accept Quote # 23-MK-20465-N. Brian Hodges 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**John Lake – Yes  
Junior Muehring – Yes  
Brian Hodges – Yes**

**Josh Ketsenburg, Ralls County Assessor stopped by to give update from the Assessor's Office.**

**Scott Boyer a salesman for Viking Cires Midwest dropped off some booklets for the commissioners.**

**Rodney Rodenbaugh stopped by to update Commissioners about upcoming meeting.**

January Term

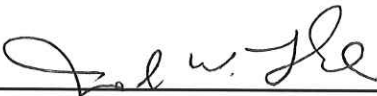
February 2nd, 2023

**Gina Jameson, Circuit Clerk; stopped by to give update on renovation of vault from the grant she rec'd.**

**The Ralls County Commission reviewed and discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).**

**Brian Hodges made a motion to adjourn. John Lake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Commission will meet again on February 6th, 2023, unless convened by court.**

  
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**The Ralls County Clerk read the minutes from the February 6th, meeting. Junior Muehring made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Brian Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The Ralls County Commission spoke with Ed Jackson regarding the Flood Plain Management & Mr. Jackson gave his permission to proceed.**

**Ashley Long from Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments spoke with Commission regarding grant of Siren on EE & Clarence Cannon**

**The Ralls County Commission discussed Road & Bridge maintenance.**

**The Ralls County Commission signed account payable as listed in the warrant registry.**

**Bid opening for Dust Control was opened at 10:00 am. We received one bid from Scotwood Industries, LLC. Junior Muehring made a motion to accept bid from Scotwood Industries, LLC. John Lake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**John Lake – Yes**

**Junior Muehring – Yes**

**Brian Hodges - Yes**

**The Ralls County Commission met Mark Bross & Tyler Stulman with Ralls County Water District #1, regarding the finishing up of Bailey Bridge & Barnard Road. Mr. Bross & Mr. Stulman spoke with Commission about contributing to installing new water lines on Route T. John Lake made a motion to accept the bill of \$58,549.96 for the finishing up of the Bailey Bridge**

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**& Barnard Road. Junior Muehring seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The Ralls County Commission reviewed and discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).**

**Brian Hodges made a motion to adjourn. John Lake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Commission will meet again on February 9th, 2023, unless convened by court.**



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**Presiding Commissioner**



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**Junior Muehring opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made.**

**The Ralls County Clerk read the minutes from the February 6th, meeting. Brian Hodges made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Junior Muehring seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The Ralls County Commission spoke with Charlene Goodpasture, Leticia Hulse (Charlene's Daughter), Christopher Hulse (son in-law), Justin Hopke (son in-law) spoke with commission regarding the closing of Swallow Dr. They presented the commissioners with pictures of the road. Jim Ross was invited by Goodpasture.**

**Samuel Le Mar spoke with the Commission regarding road maintenance.**

**Commission spoke with Darin Roland from Central Stone on the phone. Darin agreed to sell the Commissioners approximately 250 yards of waste lime at \$2.00 a ton & would try to get his guys to load it, for the Springview project.**

**The Ralls County Commission discussed Road & Bridge maintenance.**

**The Ralls County Commission signed account payable & payroll as listed in the warrant registry.**

**Bid opening for Pest Control was opened at 10:00 am. 2 bids were submitted to the Commission from Premier Pest Solutions for \$2400.00 and Big River Pest Control, LLC for \$1482.00. Junior Muehring made a motion to accept bid from Big River Pest Control, LLC. Brian Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**John Lake – Yes**

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**Junior Muehring – Yes**  
**Brian Hodges - Yes**

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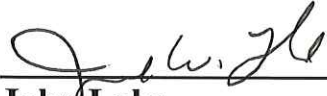
**Brian Hodges made a motion to adjourn for lunch. John Lake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Ralls County Presiding Commissioner, John Lake called the adjourned 1:00 pm meeting to order with the following members present, Junior Muehring, Eastern District Commissioner; Brian Hodges, Western District Commissioner; Rodney Rodenbaugh, Ralls County Prosecuting Attorney; and Brandy Flynn, Ralls County Clerk**

**The Ralls County Commission meet with the Ralls County Good Neighbors' group and their lawyer, Mr. Wasinger regarding the Knox/Central Stone settlement. Mr. Wasinger presented a list of suggestions to the Commission from the Good Neighbors' group (attached). Mr. Wasinger asked if it was okay if a letter was sent to Mr. Hansen regarding the provisions presented to them today saying the commissioners were on board with the provisions.**

**John Lake made a motion to adjourn. Junior Muehring seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Commission will meet again on February 16th, 2023, unless convened by court.**

  
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**John Lake**  
**Presiding Commissioner**





1. Solar powered, flashing red lights stop signs at the intersection of Quarry Lane and New London Gravel Road only on New London Gravel Road. We know Knox County Stone will not be in favor of stop signs positioned on Quarry Lane. I have researched these signs. Cost ranges from \$2000 to \$2800. They are designed to operate up to 100,000 hours (that's 11+ years), so maintenance is not much of an issue.
2. Appropriately placed "Dangerous Intersection Ahead" signs at all four (4) approaches to the intersection.
3. Perpetual dust treatment of Quarry Lane from any site their business is being conducted to where Quarry Lane intersects with Hwy 61.
4. "No Thru Truck" traffic signs on New London Gravel Road, with the exception of County maintenance of New London Gravel Road and any gravel/rock/etc. projects of residents along New London Gravel Road.
5. Any/All signage in points 1,2 and 4 above would be the responsibility of the County or joint agreement of the County and Knox County Stone Company, Inc. to repair/replace damaged signs.

None of the above would be cost prohibitive to Knox County Stone Company, Inc. and/or Ralls County and, in fact, would demonstrate a level of safety consciousness on their part to the neighborhood. At the same time, these actions would alert our community neighbors of an approaching intersection they should slow down for and be cautious of.





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February 10, 2023

**VIA FACSIMILE:** (573) 985-5682

Mr. Rodney J. Rodenbaugh  
Ralls County Prosecuting Attorney  
311 South Main Street  
P.O. Box 427  
New London, MO 63459

Re: Knox County Stone Company/Central Stone Conditional Permit  
Our File No. 22-325

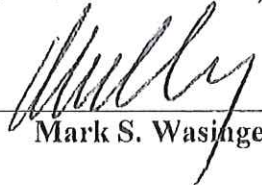
Dear Rodney:

Attached you will find a letter that I am proposing to send to attorney James Hansen. I wanted you to look it over first as I assured you and your clients I would do. Please let me know if I have your permission to send it.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

WASINGER PARHAM, L.C.

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark S. Wasinger

MSW: kh  
Attachments



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**VIA EMAIL:** [jhansen@srm.com](mailto:jhansen@srm.com)

Mr. James A. Hansen  
Schmiedeskamp, Robertson, Neu & Mitchell, LLP  
525 Jersey Street  
Quincy, IL 62301

Re: Knox County Stone Company/Ralls County Commission  
Our File No. 22-325

Dear Jim:

Please be advised that I represent a number of the landowners that have property adjacent to or surrounding property owned by Knox County Stone in Ralls County, Missouri. We were made privy to the original denial of an application by Knox County Stone to seek a conditional use permit to move its scale house across the road. Given that the conditional use permit was denied my group chose not to intervene in the lawsuit as we felt it was unlikely that the Circuit Court would overturn the decision of the County Commission and, even if that should happen, the reversal would not survive appeal. That position was recently validated by a Missouri Supreme Court opinion handed down.

With the foregoing background, we learned after the fact that Knox County Stone and the Ralls County Commission had entered into a settlement agreement granting the conditional use permit. We feel this was in violation of both state law and Ralls County Ordinance. Particularly, none of the neighbors or adjacent landowners was notified that a reversal was being considered and that determination was tantamount to a presentation to the County Commission seeking a conditional use permit. Under Ralls County Ordinance, surrounding neighbors were required to be notified. They were not. In addition, certain monetary relief was being sought against the individual commissioners. By state statute, the commission is prohibited from entering into a transaction that would benefit the public officials directly be it by financial gain or protection from financial loss.

My group has had a number of meetings and the group is prepared to initiate litigation challenging the grant of the conditional use permit. Before starting down that path, the group thought it would be prudent to see if an accommodation could be achieved. To that end, we met with the County Commission on February 9, 2023 and expressed our concerns. The chief concerns are devaluation of the property of my clients and safety. In an attempt to avoid litigation and at least in part address





these concerns we have suggested to the County Commission that Knox County Stone be approached with a proposal to which all could agree. I have the authority of my clients (and the County Commission is in agreement) to suggest the following:

1. That the surrounding neighbors, represented by a legal entity that would be established, would be a party to the agreement. We could quickly set up a limited liability company for this purpose. The neighbors want to have the ability to enforce the settlement agreement should Knox County Stone seek permission to mine before the periods stated in the settlement agreement. If your client truly has the intention of refraining from even seeking the permission to expand its mining authority I do not believe that it should be opposed to this suggestion.
2. To address the safety concerns the provisions set forth on the attachment that I have marked Exhibit "1" would be incorporated in the settlement agreement. Again, the commissioners were not opposed to this suggestion.

If Knox County Stone is in agreement, I would be happy to draw up an addendum to the settlement agreement to reflect these terms. If Knox County Stone will not agree I would like to know the reason why as what we are suggesting is not onerous and would allow your client to move its scale house without fear of injunctive relief being sought by my group.

I would ask that you submit this to your client and thereafter give me your views.

Very truly yours,

**WASINGER PARHAM, L.C.**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mark S. Wasinger**

MSW: kh  
Attachment



Jan Term

Feb 1<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- Wasinger represents group of residents against Knox Co. moving the scale house. Group here today for de-value of home & safety issues.

Proposing Settlement agreement group be party of contract to be present if they try to mine earlier. They would want someone or a representative from group to be present.

Wasinger presented to Commissioners → please see attached paper

- Wasinger going to reach out to Mr. Hansen to set up meeting with Rodenbaugh commissioners, & them regarding settlement.

- County will definitely put up signs

- Letter to Hansen - asking if okay that commission was on board w/ provisions

- Calls to good neighbors group

- Adjourn 1) 2)





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**Junior Muehring opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made.**

**The Ralls County Voter Registration Clerk read the minutes from the February 9th meeting. John Lake made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Junior Muehring seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The Ralls County Commission signed accounts payable as listed in the warrant registry.**

**The Ralls County Commission discussed Road & Bridge maintenance.**

**Bid opening for Culverts were opened at 10:00 am. 2 bids were submitted to the Commission from Metal Culverts, Inc. and Viebrock Sales & Services, LLC. Junior Muehring made a motion to accept the bid from Viebrock Sales & Services,**

**LLC. Brian Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**John Lake – Yes**

**Junior Muehring – Yes**

**Brian Hodges - Yes**

**Matthew Walker met with the Commissioners to give a plaque of Veterans Bridge.**

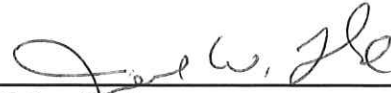
**Ralls County Prosecuting Attorney, Rodney Rodenbaugh, met with the commissioners to discuss legal issues.**

**John Lake made a motion to adjourn. Junior Muehring seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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February Term

February 16th, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dake", written over a horizontal line.

**John Dake**  
**Presiding Commissioner**

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**The Ralls County Clerk read the minutes from the February 16th meeting. Junior Muehring made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Brian Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**The Ralls County Commission signed accounts payable & payroll as listed in the warrant registry.**

**The Ralls County Commission discussed Road & Bridge maintenance.**

**Gina Jameson, Circuit Clerk, updated the Commission on the painting in the vault.**

**Jena Epperson, Treasurer, sent email to commission and clerk (attached) that she shredded the audited Treasurer's files for the year 2015 with exception of Court Orders & Unclaimed Fee Report.**

**Brad Stinson, Ralls County Sheriff, reported he sold 2012 Dodge Charger to Shelby County for \$2,000.00.**

**Maekayla Wiler, Ralls County Health Department, had the Commission sign the Ralls County Health Code.**

**The Ralls County Commission spoke with Darin Roland on the phone about the proposal he presented to the Commissioners regarding selling them 10,000 tons of T5 Base Rock @ \$6.25/ton. The Commission advised Mr. Roland they would be interested in 10,000 to 15,000 tons of T5 Base Rock.**

**Terry Sanders spoke with the Commission regarding Flood Plain Compliance.**

February Term

February 23rd, 2023

**Junior Muehring made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to MO RSMo 610-021.1. Brian Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**John Lake – yes  
Junior Muehring – yes  
Brian Hodges – yes**


**Regular session reconvened.**

**Ralls County Prosecuting Attorney, Rodney Rodenbaugh, met with the commissioners to discuss legal issues.**

**In note: Commissioners went to Jefferson City on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> to meet with Senator Cindy O’Laughlin.**

**Junior Muehring made a motion to adjourn. John Lake seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Commission will meet again on February 27th, 2023, unless convened by court.**



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**John Lake  
Presiding Commissioner**



## Ralls County Clerk

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**From:** Jena Epperson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 2:01 PM  
**To:** Ralls County Clerk  
**Cc:** JUNIOR MUEHRING (JUNIORMUEHRING@GMAIL.COM); JOHN LAKE (lakeauto@att.net); hodgefertilizer@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Treasurer's 2015 Audited Files

Dear Brandy:

Please put in the next Commission meeting minutes, that I have shredded the audited Treasurer's files for the year 2015 with the exception of the Court Orders and the Unclaimed Fees Reports.

Sincerely yours,

Jena L Epperson  
Ralls County Treasurer  
311 S Main St  
PO Box 247  
New London MO 63459-0247  
Office Phone: 573-985-7151



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**The Ralls County Commission signed accounts payable as listed in the warrant registry.**

**The Ralls County Commission discussed Road & Bridge maintenance.**

**Gina Jameson, Circuit Clerk, updated the Commission on the painting in the vault.**

**Bob Williams spoke with Commission about the letter and pricing of Calcium on the road.**

**Jeff Maple spoke with Commission over the phone regarding an incident on Big Creek Lane & off duty officer.**

**The Ralls County Commissioners and Ralls County Clerk joined Zoom meeting with Travis Elliott and other MAC members regarding Amendment 3.**

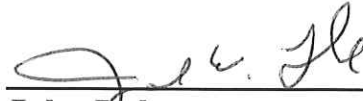
**In note: Commissioners went to Lincoln Days in Hannibal on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Hannibal Nutrition Center. Commissioners will be attending CCAM Conference at Lake of Ozarks March 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at Margaritaville Resort.**

**John Lake made a motion to adjourn. Brian Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

January Term

February 27th, 2023

**Commission will meet again on March 6, 2023, unless convened by court.**



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**John Lake**  
**Presiding Commissioner**