

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2020

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:40 AM

District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Media – HB Dodds

Front Desk Clerk – Heather Gyorkos

Present for all or part of the meeting:

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Glavin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken. Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes."

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Griffin said I see we will have a public hearing Tuesday September 8th, 2020 9:00 am with the county commission administration. The hearing is about the tax set by the county.

-Commissioner Griffin said this weekend is the library grand opening.

-Commissioner Griffin said we have an email from the President of State Tech Dr. Shawn Strong. He's wanting us to consider increasing or eliminate this funding ceiling. State Tech has spent nearly \$1,000,000 preparing for the fall opening classes. Expecting considerable expenditures for fall and spring in order to stay open. Given the physical impact of State Tech they have Osage County's best interest in mind. Want to have the resources to continue on campus education. Something to think about. Commissioner Kliethermes said it's at \$75,000.00 now and can take off later on. Commissioner Glavin said just take that million off will take down to \$300,000.00 for everyone else. Kliethermes said I wonder what these expenses are they need it so bad. Everyone is in need but what makes the expenses special. Griffin said possibly hiring more staff. Kliethermes said it would be interesting to know. Glavin said they said already spent \$1,000,000.00 for the fall and spring. That million off will leave \$300,000.00 for everyone else. We need to consider these public schools as well. That's the reason we put the cap on, I don't mind moving it up. Kliethermes said the public schools and the parochial schools need some too. Glavin said the parochial schools are suffering from this virus too. Kliethermes said if they chose to close them and put them in public school it increases the cost on the public school. We're helping them out for the ones that send them in. Glavin said we put the cap on so one entity doesn't get the big share of it. Griffin said we can relook at raising or lifting further down the road. Not out of the question. Kliethermes said supposed to be in by late December. Glavin said I think the agreement was put a ceiling there for a month, then take off. Worried last week about getting rid of this money. That is not an issue. Griffin said who was worried about the money? Kliethermes said haven't had too many requests. Glavin said you have a big player can clear it out at one time. \$300,000.00 left. \$1,000,000.00 in one sweep is not a lot for everyone else. Kliethermes said have to keep enough back for the audit. Glavin said with their total nobody will get nothing and be wiped out. Kliethermes said \$278,000.00 a county paid for an audit. Need to nail that down before we open it too wide. Glavin said I respect Linn Tech and they do a lot for the county. But the public schools, parochial schools and small business do also. Kliethermes said for the county small businesses need to get their request sent in

Meetings:

-August 18th, 2020 Aaron McVicker from McClure for preconstruction for CR274A

-August 20th, 2020 GVEZ meeting with MRPC 1:30pm

Road and Bridge:

-Commissioner Griffin said does anyone have any comments on the road and bridge presentation for road maintenance yesterday? Very well presented and a very knowledgeable person with the program. I enjoyed learning several different things. Commissioner Kliethermes said I feel the same way. Thought it was a good meeting. Quite a bit of interaction from the group. Griffin said a lot of good comments and questions. Looking forward to see them using the techniques with the motor grader next Wednesday on CR621.

-Commissioner Griffin said is there anything to bring up for road and bridge? Commissioner Kliethermes said want to address the tree on the bridge. Griffin said have they said anything about that or what they are going to do? Kliethermes said yesterday he said they were still evaluating. Don't know if they can do it themselves or get someone to come in. Griffin said don't want to get anybody hurt. Kliethermes said it is a big tree.

911:

-Commissioner Griffin said we have a letter here I have to get to Andi. It's from the MO Emergency Management Agency. I don't think we have to do this. It's for \$750,000.00 and requires an audit. She would fill this form out.

Building and Grounds:

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-Commissioner Griffin said looking at the front of the building we need to get the numbers since they replaced the front window portion and the address back on the building. The numbers need to be like the rest of the building. Emergency response to have address so people know they are in the right place. I will talk to John Kennedy to find out who to contact.

Health Department:

-Commissioner Kliethermes said did you talk to the health department on their scale of doing raises? Commissioner Griffin said no I didn't see Susan. Commissioner Glavin said the thing is when they set that up for nurses Andi did that. They are contract employees. But if nurses fill that for clerical, they will make \$1,000.00 more. Kliethermes said I wondered what they are going by and what they're doing. Glavin said those types are more preparation before employment, specialized field. Kliethermes said Cole County putting more jobs in their health department. Griffin said hire 2 more at \$25.00 per hour part time. Kliethermes said figured this would come up pretty quick.

Old Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said we might get answers on the auditor from the other commissioners. Addressing that at the meeting today. Commissioner Kliethermes said have the notice of meeting on the 20th. Thought it would be in Osage County at the college. MRPC annual board meeting is next Wednesday 12:00pm-2:00pm same as our grader training.

New Business:

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 9:00 am. Commissioner Glavin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes."



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Presiding Commissioner