

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2022

8:30 am

Meeting called to order by: Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin

Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw

Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes

Media – HB Dodds

Commission Clerk – Brooke Dudenhoeffer

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Sheriff Michael Bonham, Ron Hoffman, Pete Herring, Kim Sallin, Sherry Huxol, Sonya Brandt, Tim Neuner, Randy Scott

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for May 12, 2022.

Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve today's agenda and the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.

Meetings:

-May 19, 2022 9:30am Bill Stouffer- Steamboat presentation

-May 30, 2022 CLOSED in observation of Memorial Day

-July 18-22 Missouri State Auditors performing county audit

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioners were told by commissioner's clerk "Per an email from Kelly Sink, we as a county have to request the second half of the ARPA funds. That is why we were unable to update our banking information." Commissioner Griffin will contact Kelly Sink to make sure we have to reapply or how to request the second half of the ARPA funds.

-Tim Neuner, along with Sonya Brandt and Sherry Huxol, approached the commissioners about a contract with Paul Schmankey, Defense Attorney representing for the best interest of the party. Huxol stated that she budgets \$1000 per month for Schmankey's services to Gasconade and Osage county as Osage and Gasconade County are a combined court. Gasconade County and Osage County will split that cost, therefore having each county pay \$500 a month. In order for the state to assist in paying for Schmankey's costs, Osage County would need to be the one paying for the services but reimbursed fully (\$500) by the state. Commissioners asked why the state won't reimburse Huxol, and Huxol said they just won't. She has tried that before and was denied. None the less, Osage County would be acting as a pass through labeled as Treatment Court. Huxol and Brandt are requesting that the commissioners add a line item in the budget until when the clerk does the amendments in October/November. Commissioner Trenshaw requested there be a written agreement that if we choose to opt out at any time we could. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to add a line item in for the Treatment Force Defense Council, upon getting a written agreement, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.

-Plaster and painting repairman should coordinate dates and times to conduct business with Beth Billington.

-Commissioners signed checks.

-Griffin mentioned that the check from Capital Products was returned to sender due to a wrong mailing address. That donation was for the West Central Commission Meeting. Capital Products will be resending it.

-Commissioner Griffin asked about the hill shaving on county road 605 and the concern of a wire under the road. Wires should be adequately placed 2ft down but if shaving of the road effects a wire placement, would it be the county's responsibility to have it properly replaced or the company who placed the wire? Trenshaw said contact the company to see if there could be mutual grounds for replacing the wire and safely fixing the road. Costs of moving the line should be on the company if it is inadequately placed less than 2-ft below surface levels.

-Commissioner Griffin brought up the plaster/paint repair bid from Dave Luebbert. Per Commissioner Kliethermes the painter Dave Luebbert uses is Kevin Bexten. Kevin's quote for the painting is \$23,000.00 in addition to the \$8,000 for plaster repair by Dave Luebbert. Dave carries liability insurance and Kevin has work-man's comp insurance. Commissioners are afraid this is not enough insurance coverage. After a long discussion, Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to hire Imhoff Construction Inc. for both bids once proof of insurance is received, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.

-Kliethermes received a few calls from MoDOT, Kim Tipton and Joanie Prenger in regards to the bridge project on county road 303. The impression Kliethermes received from MoDOT, is that they don't want us to spend the BRO money on a design but wait it out until the new program comes available. The new program should be in effect come June or July, but the commissioners believe this is our money (\$369,658.02 BRO funds) and we should go forward with the original plan to continue

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- to get the bridge prints then apply for further money for another bridge at a later date. Commissioner Griffin mentioned this to Sen. Blunt seemed as displeased as we are with the matching funds.
- Update from attorney on deposition dates. Dudenhoeffer is to set up dates and times for all parties to attend depositions and for the lawyer to conduct telephone interviews.
- Final contract between Osage County and Curtiss Manes Schulte will be sent to Jeri Ann Rackers. All parties will receive a copy of the signed contract.
- Dave Dudenhoeffer would like to be placed on the agenda for Thursday to discuss county road 423 maintenance.
- Commissioner Kliethermes got a call about county road 503 and how bad of a shape it is in.
- Randy Scott from the Gravois Mills Fire District came by to turn in a bid for the health departments cooler/freezer. Griffin contacted Ron Hoffman to show the cooler/freezer to Randy.

Road & Bridge:

- Road report was not provided due to the office assistant being out of the office, but Kempker will hand it out Thursday. Kempker noted all forces have been fixed on the asphalt project.
- Kempker has a bill from Bink's and wanted to make sure the commission was okay with the roads 512 and 610 before he turns it in to the Clerk's office.
- Road 301 will tentatively start this morning.
- County road 521, known as Sesteck slab, debris removal is underway but it will take a few weeks. There is a local land owner who is allowing the county to stock pile the debris on his property. The commissioners and Kempker all appreciate his generosity.
- Kempker is trying to play catch up with the roads. "I know our roads are in rough shape. We are working on it the best we can."
- Commissioner Trenshaw asked Kempker if he received his message about county road 322 being washed away. Kempker has yet to get there due to truck maintenance but he had the assistant foreman look at it. The road is noted to be one lane passable but still needs attention.
- HB Dodds asked if the culverts on county road 512 is completed. Kempker said "It is at a stand-still". Any excess material from sweeping the chip and seal will be repurposed on another road. Commissioners discussed the rules of placing culverts. Griffin said the rule was that if the resident purchases the culvert having it delivered to the county shed, the road and bridge department will supply the rest of the labor and supplies to insert it. Commissioners all agree we should commit to this rule and not break it. Both landowners are now not cooperating. The commission will not be replacing these 2 culverts at the time being.
- Asphalting around the court house is hoped to happen Thursday but things can change. Sheriff Bonham asked for a 24-hour notice and his crew will tape it off for Kempker.
- Due to a deteriorating culvert on Loose Creek Highway, it is marked with cones and covered with a steal plate. Those cones are for the public safety to make them aware that there is a potential issue on the road. Kempker has had to replace the barrier and cones due to theft.

Health Dept:

- Sallin reported that there are 4 active covid cases, 3 of those are break through.
- CPR classes for daycares are being scheduled soon. Sallin said that if the video that care providers have to watch is 6-hours, she will have to adjust the date and/or time.
- Health department and Sheriff's office are both attending Fatima track field day today. Sallin was at St. George yesterday for their field day. Sallin brought the drunk goggles and the Sheriff's office brought a bike imitating a vehicle to show children how dangerous and serious drinking and driving is.
- Sallin has turned in her grant budget but it's requested for further information from Sallin.

Sheriff:

- Sheriff Bonham said crime is down 5% since last year.
- Reports of surfacing COVID cases.
- Bonham reports he has been getting applications for jail staff. Bonham is losing staff due to better hours and pay but has tentatively hired a new employee.
- Bonham sent an email to the commissioners that legislative have adopted a 2 week pay cycle. Bonham hopes commissioners will consider this for the county.
- Bonham met with Roy Blunt on Saturday but feels the project won't come to a head for a few years.
- Bonham says he is on target for budget.
- Busy Bee Daycare investigation will come to a conclusion by the end of the week. There are to be 2 interviews to be done this week with a total of 24 interviews for this one investigation.

-Kliethermes has been in constant contact with the plumber but no sight of him yet. With this topic commissioners asked if there was any way an individual could be charged for damaging a cell. Bonham said it would be hard but it is possible.

-Working on lots of grants but may not see any until late summer.

911:

-Peter Herring was introduced to the commissioners as Hoffman's newest staff member.

-Hoffman will be getting a quote from Intrado as an individual server and power matrix. This would eliminate the need for Gasconade County to do a \$100,000 upgrade.

-Freezer was shown to a few people but the conclusion from all is that the method of moving it is unknown.

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 11:10 am. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye.

Commissioner Trenshaw, Commissioner Kliethermes and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none



Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner

