

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2020

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:50 AM

District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Media – HB Dodds

Front Desk Clerk –

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Andi Rice, John Kennedy

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and meeting minutes from June 4th, 2020. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda and the meeting minutes. 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 called Kerrie at the City of Linn regarding the water bill for the courthouse. The amount on the bill is \$87.00 but the amount due is \$101.72. Wondering why the amount is higher. Is there something not itemized on the bill? It is late charges from months past and they don't show it because it has been so long. Commissioner Kliethermes said I just wondered because on the one its \$13.00 current but had to pay \$32.00. Griffin said there would be another late charge added on. Kliethermes said not sure why they are paid late. Griffin said we need to look at the one we had on auto pay so it didn't have late charges.

-Commissioner Griffin said we have this EMS Legal Services Frank Foster bill. Should we wait to pay until we vote on it? Commissioner Kliethermes said I think it should be. Griffin said wait until we vote on it. Kliethermes said I see the bill there and that's what she was asking this morning. Griffin said we will hold that out.

-Commissioner Glavin made a motion to pay bills except to Frank Foster for 911. Commissioner Kliethermes 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."

Meetings:

-2020 BOE Hearing July 14th, 2000

-Primary Election August 4th, 2020

-Renew Agreement with Ameren and Osage County August 11th, 2020

Road and Bridge:

-Ron Kempker presented the commission with the road report for June 2nd, 2020-June 9th, 2020

-Ron Kempker said service truck 48 is back in service. Got it back and runs great. Misfiring in the wiring solved the issue.

-Ron Kempker said speaking of box another vendor is looking at this morning. I'll find out more information on the 3rd vendor. Commissioner Griffin said ok is that a different one from the other 2? Kempker said yes.

-Ron Kempker said Howard Laughlin as of June 12th, 2020 will have 25 years with road and bridge. He started back in 1995.

-Commissioner Glavin said I went down to look on Brands road. CR271 needs material. The worst part is when you cross the slab there is nothing but mud. Creek gravel would be great. Put some on the hills and past that slab. On CR263 before the long slab there is mud. It's a pretty muddy road. On CR235 both sides on the slab on the turn at HH needs material put in there. On CR244 going down the hill it wouldn't hurt to have some screens on it. 2 inches to hold on that road. With the roads out there it's not the technique of grading it's the material. We used to haul gravel out of there. Ron Kempker said what road was that? Glavin said first slab on CR263. We hauled gravel out of that slab. There's another place further down. There are willows in the creek there forcing the water on the county road and washing out holes.

-Commissioner Griffin said I had an opportunity to drive that road on Friday CR263, CR244, CR315, CR271 and the only place I saw I believe was on CR271 it needed some gravel, the dirt was showing and dirt mounded on the road I didn't see that anywhere. Howard was doing a good job grading the road that way. I understand what Vernon was saying about his driveway. That's no fault of the county it's how his driveway built. He needs to have a berm down his hill driveway would work and I know a grader operator has been doing all he can to work on that. Talked about getting gravel out of the creek, I saw a spot on CR315 there were getting gravel out of the creek. We don't need to be in that creek. It's too difficult to get in and out of with equipment. On CR244 in the ditch was somewhere else we got gravel but it was all gone. Ron what was that road? Ron Kempker said CR263. Griffin said CR263 is a great place to get it. But CR315 we should never go in there with the trees and the tight turns. Commissioner Glavin said I went down to CR317 there's a bunch of gravel down there.

-Commissioner Griffin said I also looked at CR319 bridge or box culvert whatever you want to call it and one of the property owners stopped and visited. They said if you do anything out there do not make it smaller, it will back water up into their field. And so, I looked at

the concrete bent up behind that wall and they poured a footer base in there. I would say that was pretty stable. That's the only thing I saw wrong with it, but it needs to be fixed. Down on CR306 my opinion is its not carved in stone CR306 is a very deteriorated box culvert. It needs to be addressed immediately. Commissioner Glavin said my opinion is that it needs to fixed and not replaced. CR319 is an accident waiting to happen. I asked a landowner when they worked CR319 box culvert they said they never did. Griffin said they worked on that. Go underneath that bridge, you see the concrete that was poured. Glavin said I saw the concrete in there but I think its from the day it was poured. Griffin said no not that. Glavin said it still have boards underneath it. Griffin said its my opinion and that what I saw down there, crawled under the bridge myself and talked to a property owner. Glavin said so why don't we get a BEAP study and see what the engineer says. Griffin said I have no issue getting a BEAP study for that box culvert. If we can that will be fine. Why don't you call Aaron McVicker and ask him? Glavin said ok is that alright with the other 2 commissioners? Griffin said that's fine. But there was concrete and temporarily repaired. That thing is stable. There is not near the traffic on it as CR306, because CR306 us a road that cuts through and short cuts to 89 to Chamois. Glavin said the best way is also CR302. CR306 you still have the slab in there too. Griffin said so that's what I saw there. Told Mr. Brand I would be there and drove those roads for 3 hours. Think the county guys are doing a pretty good job out there. -Commissioner Glavin said CR303 needs gravel pretty bad. Commissioner Griffin said everybody needs gravel.

Building and Grounds:

-John Kennedy said on that drop box you want to put in for the collector's office in that window, I don't think it will work there. One thing when you cut the hole the insert under the window where it goes in you will not be able to open the back door and hits the table there. The table can't go anywhere it's too large. Second if you look in the top and bottom there are 1/2 inch holes on both sides, bottom and everything. The mounting part on there has 6 on top and 6 on the bottom so it would need to be framed out because its just cut to slide in from the outside. It needs a frame to affix there and in order to put in there you would need someone else to take the window out, cut it down, put a bigger insert and frame it in where you can put in that office there. Commissioner Griffin said you're talking about cutting the window not taking the window out of it. Kennedy said talking about the top window down so its shorter then put in a taller filler piece in so you can raise past it. Griffin said is that the picture window you are talking about? Kennedy said the one in the corner. Griffin said could you move it over to the center? Kennedy said no, the window in that same section there the frame raised, shorter window up there and have a bigger filler piece in there to lift that higher and clear that table. Commissioner Kliethermes said what table? Kennedy said it all fits in that one spot. Andi Rice said its where they keep all their envelopes, takes the entire wall. Kliethermes said so it's the whole thing? Griffin said is that something Brady's Paint and Glass can do? Kennedy said possibly. I will talk to Quaker and they can probably redo. They were the ones who put it in there. Griffin said they do installations? Kennedy said we had them work on a broken window at the assessor's office one time. They came out, measured it and put it in. Kliethermes said I know they have a service truck. Griffin said I didn't know they did that. Kennedy said they do nationwide. Even if you raise it there, I'm not sure how it would need to be fastened. It comes in at 11 5/8th by the time you frame out you'll be coming in further. I don't know if it will work there. There's no easy place to put a box. Need to figure out what to do. Griffin said would there be a place on the side entrance. Would it fit there. I know there's that door and a camera looking down there. Kennedy said that's double doors there. Both swing out on that side. Griffin said I didn't realize that. Only seen one open. Kennedy said no easy, accessible solid wall where we can cut a hole and put that in. Talking about someone coming in and revamping the front door. 2 fixed glass on the sides and if you remove the bottom you can put a drop in there. Commissioner Glavin said but then you have the problem of the door. The box we chose was cheaper but it didn't include installation. Kennedy said what box is that? Glavin said the one bolted to the building vs the stand one. Kennedy said I'm not sure what the prices were on them. Kliethermes said this one was \$1200.00. Kennedy said if you get one that physically mounts to the building it would be easier. May need to figure out a way to level it up. Think you can get enough anchors in there so no one can pull it off. Bolt to the outside, open it up and take the papers out. Free stand anywhere you want to put it. That window that says Osage that will need to be leveled up. Griffin said what about the side against the building? Kennedy said in front. Griffin said yes. Kennedy said the sidewalks are sloped and would need to be repoured to level it up. I don't know if it would be best with a pedestal or not. I say not. Rice said what about a letter slot. Put a basket underneath to catch the envelopes. Still use that same spot in the collector's office. Griffin said I see what you are talking about John. You would have to cut in and put a bar in there. Kliethermes said I kind of like the idea of a mail slot in there. Have a box to sit low enough no one can reach in there. Griffin said the only problem I have with that is people can throw all kinds of stuff in there and go into the office thinking its for utilities and other things. If you have the box it would be retained to that one place. Just a thought. Kliethermes said I never thought about that. Griffin said they can do all kinds of things. Kennedy said basically what I'm saying is where you suggested to put it wont work. Griffin said no it won't. Kennedy said have to figure out something else. Griffin said Denise said it wouldn't bother her in the center of the window. Have to cut that full window. Stick with a box because it is secure. Kliethermes said if we can have something like a letter that would be good. Can you get us a copy of that to look at and think about? Kennedy said the letter or the box one? Kliethermes said both. Kennedy said do you still have the one. Griffin said I can get copies of it. Kliethermes said study them and look at them. Kennedy said they put prices on here. \$37.00 is for a slot cover closure. So, when it's not needed, they can close over. They can block so people can't put stuff in there. Griffin said if you have a drop box that can be used year-round. People can drop off for the different offices. Kennedy said I will get you copies back up here. Griffin said look at Quaker or not. Kennedy said I will try to find a number and call them. Going that way, we might want a contractor to frame that up. Will take a little bit to do.

-John Kennedy said I talked to Rehagan. They are supposed to get a price deal on the ground source heat pumps at the courthouse. They have been there 10-12 years. Those motors are a non-agreeable variance. I sent photos. The bearings are starting to squeal. I had them see in the future to get them done and how much. As of now its cheaper. They said Mid-America Motors could probably do that. They would take one out at a time, do the bearings, bring back, install and do another. Starting to get worse. The pump has greased fittings and the motor doesn't. The pump usually with the bearings in there are good with water flow. There are 2 different companies with 2 different

types of motors. Nothing drastic just want to address in the future. Commissioner Griffin said we need to do something about it. Won't be long until the thing starts howling. Kennedy said they do in the middle of the night. People in the jail can hear it.

911:

-Andi Rice said I have a couple things. On August 11th, 2020 Ameren will be here to do the bi-annual contract with the county. Your packet includes addendum we worked on with Frank Foster for the Osage Ambulance lawsuit that came about. The addendum says here is that basically we should be able to get out of a drill and be held harmless for getting out of that drill. It defines an emergency they way of significant illness or death of a key staff member, significant right of litigation or other liability. Would like you all to read that and consider it. And would like to request that be presented to them prior to August 11th so they can add that to the contract. At the time we requested this, we thought there was no way out of it. Commissioner Griffin said I remember you saying that. Rice said but clearly you cancelled 2 drills now. So, it's possible. Griffin said they cancelled them. Rice said absolutely. So, this is for emergency situations only. We never have requested to get out of a drill or postpone a drill in the past. But when that litigation happened it was important for us to react and communicate with legal counsel with what we had going on. So that drill really was the issue for us for the first couple of days.

-Andi Rice said I do have the EMS Legal Services contract today. Out contract with Frank Foster it expires in July. He says it was recommended that he raise his rates. Only charges us \$750.00 for an annual retainer. Has increased that to \$950.00 for annual retainer. Would like to see us contract with him again as long as there is no conflict of interest. He is a great asset to have. Commissioner Griffin said when does it expire. Rice said in July 2020. He is the one that drafted Ameren. He's very quick, he knows the ins and outs of 911. We will just use Carson and Coil for the other issue we had going on. He lists all the items discussed with 911 and EMS. Welcome to look at. He does do a lot for us and a reasonable retainer. I can ask him 5 or 5000 questions and that retainer doesn't change. Commissioner Kliethermes said I've never heard of getting an attorney for that price, reasonable. Griffin said so there are 2 things we need to add to Thursday's agenda. One is the contract for Frank Foster to vote and sign that if passes. Also, the Ameren, read that and vote on Osage County Callaway County Energy Agreement.

-Andi Rice said the last thing in your packet is a priority dispatch quote. When we signed the contract, we went back and forth on if we were getting 2 licenses or 3. Can tell already I made the mistake of getting 2, I need 3. Because if you call and I answer, I have to get a dispatcher at the console to take the call. So, I am requesting to get a 3rd license. Now is a good time to get it. For the first time ever, they are giving a \$2000.00 discount for licenses. So, we would pay \$3311.00 for the license's vs \$5000.00. Griffin said that's additional. Rice said yes. I would be able to use my office but also that 3rd console as well. It was working but didn't upgrade something and told they forgot a portion. It has been escalated and supposed to get worked on this week. When we signed the contract that cabinet wasn't there. We weren't ready for the 3rd license, now we are. We still have 3 backup licenses. They gave us 3 backups for tablets to be used in the event that the 911 software goes down. When we did training, I told them the tablets were awful. Don't know if it's the device itself or the brand. They are slow and ineffective, did not work. Told them we considered going back and sticking with paper. Cannot rely on old technology. They are doing away with the flip cards. Everything will be automated. Ended up keeping tablet and getting 2 back up licenses.

Commissioner Kliethermes said so you will have to get all of that stuff on flip cards onto a tablet. Rice said its on a tablet now. Touch screen doesn't work and not effective. In an emergency situation tablets need to be ready, but keeping it plugged in all the time is hard on the batteries. Commissioner Griffin said is that the batteries you purchased. Rice said no, that's totally different. Griffin said ok. We will put on the agenda to vote on the 3rd license for priority dispatch. Rice said ok.

-Andi Rice said I just want to understand is everything voted on. Commissioner Griffin said excuse me. Rice said is nothing voted on the day of. Griffin said I think its good business to put on the agenda just in case people have something to say. Rice said I feel like we have to be up here every Tuesday and Thursday and there's times I can't. Might have to hold off until next week if you have questions. Griffin said if you can get to the clerk on Friday to get on the agenda we can discuss and vote. Or call one of the commissioners. We can make sure its on the agenda. It has to be there 24 hours in advance so the public has the knowledge of what we are talking about just in case they have concerns. Commissioner Kliethermes said seems like what we need to do. Commissioner Glavin said we can amend the agenda during the meeting. Rice said at the beginning? Either way if I got to them on Friday the public won't know what's being voted on Tuesday. Glavin said true, better off waiting than putting something on. Rice said I agree. Just a change.

-Andi Rice said we have a new employee starting June 24th, 2020. She currently works in the medical field and will be a good fit. Any questions for me? Commissioner Griffin said how is everything going in 911? Found out anything on the drawings for your double doors? Rice said Ron is still working on it. Still waiting for 1 quote or design.

Old Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said I have a list of people who graciously volunteered for the Osage County CARES Committee. We elected to have a committee and vote on it today. Andi Rice 911 director, Darryl Haller Mayor of Freeburg, Dwight Massey Mayor of Linn, Chris Brudnick Mayor of Argyle and Harold Libbert Mayor of Meta are the people who will serve. With that said will need a vote for approval of the committee. The 3 commissioners are also on the committee. Commissioner Kliethermes said they realize they can be called anytime. Griffin said yes. A couple of them had medical issues but after 5 weeks or so it should be worked out. I don't see having a committee meeting every week. Kliethermes said I don't think we need to have the committee to act on each one. Griffin said also explain to them the small businesses in their communities. The application has not been developed yet. First is the local government and schools and if we had a hospital. Kliethermes said the way I understand it say something gets sent in for the health department do they send that to us or the committee? Griffin said send it to the commissioners. The committee reviews something we want to have. Kliethermes said we look at it at that time what they sent in and agreed upon we can go ahead and not call the committee. Griffin said they an advisory committee. If there is something questionable put a different light on it. That's my understanding. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to appoint

individuals to the committee. 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." Griffin said I will get filled out and sent down to MRPC.

-Commissioner Glavin said did you call Chamois about the committee? Commissioner Griffin said no there is no mayor and the number I had is not to the clerk's office. Glavin said they have a mayor until December. Griffin said I'll have to get her number. I don't have it. Glavin said I'm going to stop by there and talk to the clerk. I guess they don't have a special election.

New Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said has everyone looked at the tax deposits. Very grateful for people shopping in our community. Commissioner Glavin said were just back to 2018 levels. Griffin said very grateful with what's going on they look that way. Glavin said one thing that is showing promise is use tax. Commissioner Kliethermes said it could have been a lot worse. The pipeline going through is helping that a lot. Griffin said sure that's a contributing factor. Glavin said the only thing they really brought was the pipe. Kliethermes said a lot of people have been staying here might help too. Glavin said that helps local taxes. Just a thought over the last several months the old tax went up but the new ones didn't go near that. Maybe the state lumped it all into the use tax. I don't see the 911 tax. Kliethermes said which one do you think were missing? Glavin said the old 1/2 cent tax. It's going to be over but not that much over. Remember we have this money coming in but got to remember we borrowed a lot from that JR60. Kliethermes said I guess we need to ask Tim about that one. Glavin said the thing you need to think about too those businesses were closed. They might have not turned it in either. The CART funds went down for road and bridge this month, lost \$7,000.00 on this. Kliethermes said where are you looking at that, the balance sheet? Glavin said yes. Still have June to get to \$1,000.00.

-Commissioner Griffin said it was made aware to the health departments and all contacts that Osage County will be conducting tests for COVID-19. They don't have a date yet, looking for a location to do it here in Osage County. They will let us know so we can get it in the newspaper. The test will be for the people of Osage County.

-Commissioner Griffin said the MMSWMD cancelled meeting for June 11th, 2020. Commissioner Kliethermes said the executive board was June 10th, 2020 from 1-3pm.

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 11:13 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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