

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

November 4th, 2021

8:30am

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin

Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw present

Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Media – HB Dodds

Commission Clerk – Brooke Dudenhoeffer/Janice Frank

Present for all or part of the meeting: Sheriff Bonham, Ron Kempker, Kim Sallin, Connie Warden, Ron Hoffman

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda November 4, 2021 and the meeting minutes for October 28, 2021. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.

Meetings:

-Nov 9, 2021 1:30p HD building closing

-Nov 9, 2021 5pm MU Dept. of Agritourism Meeting

-Nov 11, 2021 ALL county offices CLOSED in observation of Veteran's Day

-Nov 15, 2021 MU Fair Board Meeting

-Nov 16, 2021 MU Council Meeting

-Nov 16, 2021 10:30am Tammy Snodgrass to speak with Commission

-Nov 21-24 MAC Conference

-Nov 25, 2021 CLOSED in observation of Thanksgiving

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Griffin requests that all employees make sure that all heating/cooling and unnecessary electronic devices are unplugged before leaving their building/office. Also, the holiday greeting ads through the newspaper will not be paid via budget but out of the department leads/elected official's personal fund.

-Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to enter the expert witness fee agreement between Bartlett and West with Mr. Matt Clement, 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.

-At the mediation on Tuesday, the judge told the commissioners responsibility was accepted by plaintiff.

Commissioners would like Dudenhoeffer to contact the sheriff's department and road and bridge to get more accurate total cost of the removal of the bridge at a later date is when the replacement will be discussed. Dudenhoeffer contacted the Sheriff's department via email during the meeting. Andi Rice will contact Dudenhoeffer back when she double checks the amounts. Dudenhoeffer is to calculate the entire amount of monies spent from the beginning of the collapse until the most current date. This will hopefully help the county get reimbursed sooner than later.

-Commissioners received a letter of request from the health department to have ARPA funds continue to pay for the COVID cell phones, previously purchased with CARES Act money, for 36 months at \$311.80 per month.

Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to accept the request/approval by Kelly Sink at MRPC, 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.

-Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to reappoint Darryl Griffin for an extended 3-year term on the EEZ board, 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. Dudenhoeffer to relay this information to Bonnie Prigge at MRPC.

-Commissioners received the following documentation; County Expenditures, County Clerks Report, Sheriffs Monthly Report and the County Balance sheets. Commissioner Kliethermes noted that some departments look a little over but overall, everything looks good. Commissioner Trenshaw agreed.

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- Two architect bids had been submitted. Between the two bids received, Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to hire Porter, Berendzen and Associates, 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. Commissioners thank the other company for their bid. Dudenhoeffer to report the vote to both parties.
- Commissioner Griffin noted that Gov. Parsons approved the Friday after Thanksgiving (November 26, 2021) as a paid holiday off. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to adopt Gov. Parson's rule this year as well, 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. Dudenhoeffer to send out the notification to departments.
- Dudenhoeffer is to contact a potential candidate to interview for the Assessor position.

Road and Bridge:

- Kempker handed out the road report
- Kempker handed in an invoice for road grader hourly pay increase.
- Still hauling rock, running smooth. Denies hearing from Kenny Baulkenbusch.
- Kempker has a budget of \$3,000.00 for comp pay out. Kempker requested over \$6,000.00. Commissioners aware and will discuss pay outs.
- Commissioner Kliethermes wanted to know if the culvert on county road 608 had been cleaned out. Kempker will return to the site and evaluate.
- Trenshaw reports county road 322 needs rock. Kempker report Higgins, Capital and Barrets are the only quarries running rock right now.
- Mower for the Alamo is in and at the shop.
- A citizen contact the County Clerk's office during the meeting noting that 317 has good material on it but would like more down to Gary Brandt's shed. Commissioner Griffin noted the concern and said he will let Kempker know as soon as possible. (Kempker already left the meeting when the concern came in.)

911:

- Hoffman reports hiring a new employee, Brianna Vanderfeltz. She is currently going through training.
- Advisory council meeting coming up, Solocom and Intrado will be key subjects.
- Any and all applicants are welcome.
- Lock system is in the process of being programed.
- Tomorrow is an instructor renewal convention that Hoffman will be attending.

Sheriff:

- OSET grant was granted to the Sheriff's department. This is a 100% grant.
- Sheriff Bonham reports wanting to sell up to 6 vehicles coming up.
- Currently housing 16 inmates, Maries County requested to move 5 over. Sheriff granted that request. At the beginning of the year, Sheriff needs to look at what we charge other counties to house outside inmates.
- JR Dept graduation 12/13 (Fatima) -12/14 (St. Joseph/Sacred Heart) quarantine

Health Dept.:

- Sallin reports 44 active COVID cases, 2 breakthrough, 3 hospitalized, 6 cases diagnosed under age of 12 (last reporting of this age group due to availability of vaccine to younger children).
- Fatima nurse is doing lots of testing. Finding lots of positive cases with no symptoms.
- 89 COVID vaccines given this last week.
- 133 flu vaccines given, no new cases of influenza reported.
- Breastfeeding peer councilor has resigned. Will be putting an ad in the paper for this position. We currently have an IBCLC staff member, Abby Baker, whom can and is willing to help with the breastfeeding needs with no charge to the client.
- Interviewing a nurse for as needed status.
- Shop with a Hero is being hosted with MU Extension on Dec 4, 2021 in the old Family Dollar building. Free of charge to the community. Any and all help is welcome.

-CRMC will be offering up to 9 vials of the Pfizer vaccines for children 5-12. Sallin asks the community to please call ahead of time to make sure they have the vaccine available.

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 11:30. 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

