

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2020

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:30 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, Kevin Ward, John Kennedy, Susan Long, Andi Rice, Michael Bonham, Jerry Baker, Charlotte Townley (via phone)

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and meeting minutes from May 21st, 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 Glavin said we are being billed by AT&T for breaking a cable. Commissioner Griffin said that's my understanding. Glavin said the agreement is to use the right of way but any damage to their property we are exempt. Griffin called Ron Kempker said that was for CR303 at Haslags. They went through there and marked it. We dug 2 feet and the guys caught it and tore it. Glavin said I don't think we pay for the damage in our road beds. Kempker said he tried to dispute 2 or 3 times and they insist we pay it. Commissioner Kliethermes said from what I've heard they have the right to put their line in the road bed, we are not responsible for damages. Never seen damage paid. Glavin said if we pay the bill they can come after us for the tripods hit with the brush cutter. Kempker said he will go back and dispute. Will go ahead and use that note for it.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said the Sheriff department has a bill for a lease payment \$280.24 and what is property tax for \$144.38. If it's a lease we shouldn't pay property tax. Commissioner Griffin said it should be exempt from it. Will call over there. Question about Xerox Financial. Charlotte Townley said I called them and they said they have to pay property tax on equipment, so they divide that up and we have to pay. I told them that would be fine, when contract is up we would never get another Xerox machine. Griffin said it's probably the way the lease was written. Townley said I don't remember anything on the lease about property taxes. Personally, I wanted to take it off and not pay it. Kliethermes said that's what I would do. I don't remember signing a lease that said property tax. We would be exempt from that. Townley said exactly, that's what I tried to tell them. But they say it's from sales tax not property tax. Kliethermes said we don't own it. Townley said exactly, we lease it. We don't own it. You want to take \$144.00 off Darryl I have no problem with it. Griffin said okay let's take it off and see what they say. Kliethermes said they need more money on lease. Signed lease can't change it.

- Commissioner Glavin made a motion to pay bills except AT&T and Xerox. 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."

- Commissioner Glavin made a motion to approve timesheets. 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:

-General Municipal Election June 2nd, 2020

Road and Bridge:

-Ron Kempker present the commission with the Road Report for May 19th-May26th, 2020. Kempker introduced new hire Kevin Ward to the commissioners.

-Ron Kempker said there has been hit and miss stuff with the storms. The box is finished on CR436. There are concrete blocks down and widened the roadway that was washed off. There is a pipe with a pretty good hole. Tried to widen on the other side and gained about 8 feet. That should help down there.

-Ron Kempker said for the Blue 32 it sounds like we should get back tomorrow. The red one will be getting work that didn't get addressed the first time around. The white one goes in after that. Trying to find time to get repairs and keep up with the roads.

-Commissioner Griffin asked if any of your contractors look at CR306. Ron Kempker said they will get back with me today. Addressed it at meeting with Jeff Strickland and he will contact me the first of this week and look at it. It's a work in progress. Griffin said you've got 3 different vendors looking at it. Kempker said Jeff going to look at it and see what numbers we get.

-Commissioner Glavin said Nelson Brandt says there is a hole on CR317. Ron Kempker said what type of hole. Glavin said it is on CR317 about a 1/3 of the way down near the hill on 100. Kempker said it may take a little while to address that. Working on CR274A and the detour on 100. Have to give that attention otherwise CR274B that will be first.

-Commissioner Griffin said we have nothing back from Westphalia.

Health Department:

-Susan Long said phase 1 for the county ends on Sunday and working on phase 2. I will have it here on Thursday for review and signature. I am meeting later with Dena Smith and Linn R-2 to see what their plans are for summer school as far as social distancing and keeping kids safe. Chamois school presented something to me but didn't get much guidance from DESE or the state health department. My understanding is Fatima cancelled their summer school. We have no new cases. Not as many people being tested but that doesn't mean they aren't. Going to see about this weekend about the lake. Expecting to see numbers jump in state numbers. Been keeping an eye on Audrain County. Cole County has 2 active cases. Greene County with the hairdresser being tested and exposed 90 people. We had to offer reassurance to businesses saying they need to set guidelines. I don't think I want to open the playgrounds yet. Warm temperatures, humidity and sunshine kill the virus off but won't catch the underside of the jungle gym bars. So, to be on the safe side I will get a ban on using that type of equipment. Seeing cases of rocky mountain fever. People getting out more and not using protection from ticks and mosquitoes.

-Commissioner Griffin said on Thursday phase 2 we will add to the agenda. Is there a concern for Lake Ozark? How many days do we have to see something pop up from that? Susan Long said it could be 2-14 days. People having get together for the holiday weekend. Cases do result from them. Griffin said hopefully we won't have new cases. Long said we are prepared for them. People need to take personal responsibility for themselves. Even with a vaccine when available there is no determining on how it will be distributed.

Commissioner Glavin asked with phase 2 will it still be no group above 9? Long said it will probably relax to 25 or 50 with the emphasis on social distancing. I don't ever see us going back to normal. This could be around for years and continue to mutate. Being cautious is the new normal. Andi Rice said it's funny how the younger generation has taken to this. Went to the store with my son and he asked where his mask was. Glavin said I wish people at the lake picked up on that. Long said it was on national news Coconut Grove was packed with people and not wearing masks. Glavin said it looked like 3-400 people. Rice said that's typical for that place. Long said Illinois is on restricted so a lot of people came in for this. The Sheriff office for Camden County said we cannot enforce this it has to be done by the state. The state hasn't taken the lead on this. Rice said aren't restaurants supposed to reduce the number of people. Long said this is outside, the picture shows they were packed. Rice said the city pool and the country club are going to open shortly. How is that going to work? Long said they should be limiting. We are going to review in phase 2. Going to see spacing out. Have to be socially responsible. Parents need to know where their kids are.

911:

-Andi Rice brought up the traffic plan for the bridge closure on 133 starting June 1st, 2020. It is re-routing people on 89 and J. Locals will be using county roads we talked about last week. Commissioner Kliethermes said they will not re-route traffic through a county road but we had the same on our side.

-Andi Rice said as far as the Pritchard variance this is a small accessory structure to be built under an existent building and used for storage only. Meets all of the qualifications for accessory structure.

-Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the variance for Charles Pritchard. 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."

-Andi Rice said we are going live tomorrow. Did everyone get my email? We have the meeting at 1:00pm. You are welcome to come.

-Andi Rice said out phones came in. They are out in the trailer and being programmed. Commissioner Griffin asked if you got plans for your door. Rice said Ron is working on that to get you the plan. He printed out prices on the window we want to install. Putting window tint on trailer so people cannot see inside and break in. That would be inexpensive. Commissioner Glavin said sets some privacy up too. Commissioner Kliethermes said it would help with getting hot in there also.

-Commissioner Griffin said the Procure system is to be put in place at the 911 center.

Building and Grounds:

-John Kennedy said he thought he had the final price on the plexiglass, but have a call into them with questions on if this includes a wood frame or just plexiglass. Waiting to verify. Not bad if we do it all, the price would be \$686.00. Mainly would be the health department regular window instead of plexiglass it would be \$607.00 for all the plexiglass. For the whole county building the total is \$686.00. Brady glass for the health department at 14x50 1/2 is approximately \$307.00 for material and \$170.00 labor for \$477.00 total. Fischer is \$550.00. Marks Mobile Glass said they would have to check the tracks because of the weight to slide. They don't suggest putting a window that big in. They said put in 3-foot sections with a slider. With a 3 foot one someone would have to put in a header and wrap it with sheet rock and close off above the 3-foot section. It will be more money to close off the end. Can make a fixed window to go in. A 3-foot slide is \$350-\$400.00. Would need to come and look at for direct quote. Commissioner Kliethermes said 3x3 is just the window. Still need someone to frame it. Kennedy said of you do sheet rock you are looking at a mess by the desk in there. Kliethermes said I don't think that qualifies for where we are at. Kennedy said opening a window you are still going to get transmission. Kliethermes said that's what I'm saying, I don't think that qualifies for our objective for getting it paid for by the virus. Kennedy said he's going to call back. The 8-12 week that's on there

usually doesn't take that long. Right now, it's back a little bit with what's going on. But have to put 8-12 weeks on there. Never know if they will run into install time issues. We want a frame around it. Should I call the glass guys out to take a look? Can talk about and let me know what you want to do. Commissioner Griffin said Susan we are talking about the windows. You expressed sliding glass and it's about \$1000.00 to fix that. We are questioning if covered on CARES Act because opening a window and exposing to everything. Plexiglass or a window with speaker would probably qualify. Susan Long said we can probably do that. The question was trying for privacy if we can do that. Griffin said I have seen those windows like that when not talking they slide it. When doing all of the other county windows how many are there? Kennedy said 7. Griffin said to do all of those it's basically \$700.00 to cost. To do your 1 window it's an additional \$1000.00. Long said as long as it's something we can pass paper back and forth and have for privacy that is the main thing. Kennedy said there would be an open area on top for the preventative. Long said I would rather have to be whole. Kennedy said whole closing all the way to top of opening. Have to do 2 pieces, they are only 4 foot wide. Griffin said we were leaving some of them down on other offices for circulation. Long said if we got it whole there is enough circulation down there. Looking at the HVAC system this can be done to a certain point. John and I have been over this several times, we still have potential spread to everyone if someone comes in. Kennedy said with the glass in the offices it's not a sure deal to stop it, but with the plexiglass and the fans on. The positive pressure in the office you have less likely to drift back in. Long said they have determined it depends on the viral load you are exposed to. Griffin said so a window with no hole on top and opening on the bottom to slide things through. Kennedy said I will call and see if they can go up that full length. Griffin said hopefully they can. Kennedy said a piece of plexiglass with a slide slot underneath? Long said yeah, they big thing for me isn't just keeping the spray from coming in.

Sheriff Office:

-Michael Bonham brought the youth alcohol enforcement campaign for signature. Wanting to put up \$600.00 for youth alcohol overtime and they reimburse us.

-Michael Bonham said over the weekend the park in Chamois was full and Bonnotts Mill was busy. There is nothing on the statute to write a ticket so we are not going to. It is public responsibility. Not seeing much of anything going on. We expect FTA rate to quadruple. On first FTA will be enforced with jail time. Expecting to see jail increase. The courthouse is temperature screening and efilng. Hopefully with phase 2 it's 25 people. State Tech and Linn R2 are having summer school. Traffic is going to increase. Graduation for State Tech is a tailgate. All graduates will walk across stage this weekend. We will be there to assist with traffic and on campus. There have been parades for Fatima, Linn and the nursing homes and helped with road closures which is outside the norm. County normally has 2 parades a year, one in Chamois and the other Linn. I think we quadrupled that this year. It's well worth having. Feel bad for kids of 2020 with graduation and sports.

Old Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said to review that CARES contract with MRPC. Commissioner Kliethermes said he received an email over the weekend saying Travis is going to contract with MRPC. Griffin said he's representing MRPC and counties. First week of June there is a meeting. This contract is for county and local government and schools. Second phase is coming for businesses and that's what he was talking about. Having clearer contract and being accountable for monies. Commissioner Kliethermes said the deposits are ready for public entities first and then private. Griffin said they don't have a form developed yet for businesses. That's something Travis Elliot presented to her. Kliethermes said is that under the same contract or do we need to sign another if they get Travis involved? Griffin said that I don't know. Kliethermes said that would be between MRPC and Travis. Griffin said yes, he would charge them and facilitate. There is a meeting the first week of June and would like to know more. Talked to Tim and he said it would be good to hold people accountable for businesses. Kliethermes said I think we will see questionable. Griffin said MRPC is going through each one to determine if eligible or not. Kliethermes said the money deposits to the county treasury and if we have to give back, then we need to collect that back from the person. Griffin said asked in meeting last Thursday and the business owner would be accountable. We still have the final say so. Griffin said it will be consistent.

- Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to enter agreement with MRPC for CARES Act. 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."

-Commissioner Griffin said I will get this faxed down to them and let you know about that meeting.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said he received a phone call Friday from the farmer wanting to know if we dropped it or what our plan was. Told him we just discussed it at meeting earlier in the week. He sent us a copy for approval and said it looked good. It was assumed he was setting it up for bids, I think. He said we would put on the website after we okayed it and the local paper would advertise. Must have been a misunderstanding. He said he was leaving Friday for a long weekend and he would send something to us today for that proposal. Don't know if anyone has it yet. Will see what I can come up with by Thursday.

-Commissioner Griffin said he has nothing back from Verslues Construction. Hopefully this week.

New Business:

-Commissioner Kliethermes said he received an email from Tom Wright a week or so ago that the West Central District Commissioner meeting was cancelled for the quarter.

-Commissioner Griffin said the University Extension Meeting May 26th, 2020 6:30pm in the commission room.

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 10:52 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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