

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2020

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 10:00 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: Susan Long, Amanda Grellner, Misty Cantrell

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Bills, Notes and Communication:

Meetings:

-No Commission Meeting June 2nd, 2020

-General Municipal Election June 2nd, 2020

Road and Bridge:

Health Department:

-Susan Long said the governor threw me for a loop yesterday. He decided to extend phase 1 so I am glad we decided to wait on signing this. In front of you I basically took our second advisory and put an extension on it through June 15th, 2020. The governor order is June 14th, 2020. I can change that date easily. The same one I put on page 3 2nd paragraph. Can put through June 14th, 2020 to match the governor and then follow depending on what he says. The 4th paragraph added in for individuals that venture out of the immediate Central Missouri area especially if not work related are strongly encouraged to quarantine 2 weeks upon return. This includes high risk behaviors where social distancing wasn't practiced. At the end on the signature page I added in about travelers. The last paragraph is about businesses. The governor expressed he expects public health to enforce his orders. I am not sure how we can do that; we are not law enforcement. Amanda Grellner said in general this is an advisory not a directive. Long said that's right. It is an advisory but are being required to enforce the governors order. Grellner said where are his specifics? Long said I have a copy of his orders and printed out dated April 27th, 2020. That is the actual order. Then he also changed it saying basically he didn't care how many people were at an event as long as they practiced social distancing. So, he has thrown out the thing about square footage which was in his original order. I just really want some direction on where to take this. Grellner said one of the things you run into with the weddings, fairs and picnics is when you try to police that which is an event. Technically speaking is who is responsible? Say I'm at the fair and I'm standing next to someone who is not in my household. Or I walk up to someone and talk to them, is the Lions Club responsible? How would you ever say I'm responsible or he's responsible with just having the conversation. And the question becomes what do you do with them. If you tell people to stay apart you will cause a riot. It would be a mess. 192.020 says you have the authority to make rules but what we are doing is an advisory. Long said ours is an advisory. But the governor is directing the local health departments have to enforce the state order. Grellner said 020 allows you to make rules but doesn't give you enforcement authority. This references 290 which again says you get to enforce provisions for the state department of health. Does not provide a criminal provision. I guess the question is department of health has authority which is administrative but not a criminal perspective. Meaning this is the state department of health utilizing you can shut down daycares, restaurants those type of things. So that authority is within the department of health and administrative not a penal type. Obviously that penalty is you can't run your business. It's not we can arrest you and take you to jail type of stuff. And the CSR doesn't provide any information either. Long said that's my interpretation of this also. That's why I called because he has emphasized this. Shawn Bradley from Morgan County said their stay at home order expired and he had the governor order. I feel the governor has put the health department directors between a rock and a hard place. For the most part, most people are going to flagrantly do this. With us having no new cases this speaks volumes. Most people are taking precautions. I just want some guidance from this group as to what if we get phone calls. We have been getting calls all along. We had a couple calls from parents at a daycare concerned with actions at the lake and kids coming into daycare. I just want some direction on what we need to do. All we can do is ask people to do the right thing. Most calls are businesses. They are doing what they are supposed to. Once we let callers know they understand. With the industry advisory let people know what they are doing as well as patrons. What I was wanting to find out Amanda is there anything I can realistically do? Grellner said you can administratively find a business which is violating these you want it to be clear. I would treat it as a health food or sanitation inspection. Would have liked that daycare owner to probably say don't come in here. Maybe they didn't know until it was too late. Not expected to follow their people all the time. I understand their concerns. There is nothing in here that allows you to do anymore than under these circumstances. Long said for those circumstances if Tessa goes out and finds violations, they can correct them on the spot but they still get noted in the report, or if she goes back in a couple of days. Businesses would be stupid not to keep people safe. Our job is not to shut people down, we want to keep them in business. That tax base pays our salaries. Our best interest is to keep patrons safe and business going. The approach I would want to use is hey you may not be aware of it. Giving people the benefit of the doubt is the approach I would want to use with this. I know this is going to fall on us. All we can do is report on what we see out there. I spoke with Andi about using the non-emergency 911 number people can call. She said she was fine with that. People can call and we go out. Reminding people is

important. If you see something you don't think is right let the manager know. Grellner said people need to take some level of responsibility for ourselves. If you go into a restaurant and you are distancing there will be people you don't know where they have been. If you are incredibly concerned with those things you shouldn't be out. Some of the orders early on had teeth, these don't. Hairdressers in the area are utilizing this and wont even dry your hair, it is not a necessary service. Long said and they have been in touch with us. If they are not sure they call us. Been working with the schools this week with the anticipation of summer school. Boiling down to me not seeing any teeth in this. All we can do is ask people to do the right thing. Have no problem reminding them but I'm not going to put my staff in a situation where they are threatened for doing our job. Already had that experience. Want to know a little more black and white what we can do. This is an impossible situation. You are going to have people doing things regardless. God forbid they are asymptomatic and end up giving it to their friends. Like the governor said its each person's responsibility. Didn't do a stay at home order because I knew the impact it would make. For the health of everyone in this county and businesses I take this very seriously. I think we have had a good response. With only having 5 cases and no new ones over the last 5-6 weeks says a lot about what people are doing. I was tested last Friday. O had a side effect from the medication I was on. I lost my sense of taste and smell. But I was tested and came back negative. If not, I wouldn't be here. 35% of people with this walk around with no symptoms. We had 1 case that I could trace back to the source. All the others were from out of the county. Grellner said now that testing is a little more available that should help us find them sooner and pinpoint. Before you needed exact symptoms to get a test and who knows how long was walking around. Hopefully that will assist you so people know soon enough to get tested. I think is has to do with how we live and do things here. Where there have been the explosions those people live close to each other. Saline and Pettis live close together. I understand you don't want to stop things moving but I worry about our local restaurants. The price of meat for them has gone where there may be times where they can't offer it on the menu. So, the first is shutdown, the second is you can't afford to buy. The more to stay open doing is safely the better off we are. Long said we have done a tremendous amount of outreach. The schools this week reached out except Fatima. Grellner said they are going to do full summer school. Long said Linn and Chamois are doing summer school. 70 kids are enrolled at Linn and Chamois has 30-40. Fatima is not doing it. The parochial school invited me to a meeting the other day to discuss this for school next year. This is not going to be done by then. They wanted to look at the contingency plan and had questions. If they had a case how long would they be closed. As long as it takes to do a thorough cleaning and disinfecting. I just really wanted to get some clarification on what I can do but you are pretty well reinforced what I said. Grellner said yes. If you believe a local restaurant is not abiding by anything listed here you can issue a citation citing the code. Shut down, suspend those type of things. Its hard as an owner to know if they are supposed to be next to each other or not. Criminally responsible or not. Long said I wasn't seeing anything with that either. Commissioners do you have any comments? Commissioner Griffin said no, just want to reiterate what you are saying. Asking residents of Osage County to follow the guidelines and continue what you have been doing. Don't think you are in the clear yet. People did a good job following the guidelines. We don't want to shut anybody down and ruin livelihood but don't want to hurt anyone either. Long said trying to keep this as close to the governors' order, it's easier. To me the simpler we keep this the better but looked at what other counties are doing too. Tried to make sure there is consistency on where people travel with this. These viruses don't respect location. Worked with other counties in Region F. Have not been getting as many test results. Grellner said where is that gap? Is that between a private lab and the state? Long said they are still working on it. In the past they did not have to report. For a while we weren't getting any. There are 200 tests not approved by the FDA and being used. Grellner said if there was a finger to point at for failure it would be the test. If they are getting done and not back quickly you are exposing people and not staying home. Long said we are learning a lot from the virus in such a short time. Grellner need looking forward to treatment of vaccine. Long said it might be a 2-dose shot 4 weeks apart. Don't have guidance yet from the CDC this is from the state. I wondered about the 1 or 2 dose and if it was a shot. They will prioritize who gets the shot first. Grellner said they won't have enough doses when it comes. The first would be elderly, emt, and healthcare workers. Long said she warned Elisha that we will get phone calls from people who feel they should be first. Grellner said if you already got it the shot won't help you. It's designed to prevents not treat. Long said if this decides to mutate it might be a yearly shot. There's still too much not known. Grellner said I can't imagine that production can go that quickly. Long said it won't be able to. We are talking about millions of doses in states, not counting the world. Something I heard was that they talked about putting in glass containers, would prefer a syringe. Grellner said this is a lesson to all of us about how privileged we have lived for years and years. Long said do you have recommendations on changing the wording on this extension and I can change it to June 14th or June 15th. Griffin said the governors order is. Long said it is 11:59 pm on June 14th, 2020. The new order will be 12:01pm on June 15th, 2020. Easy enough to put down extended to June 14th, 2020. Grellner said presumably before that date we would have some direction right into phase 2 and not waiting. Long said didn't really change anything from phase 1 since we are following the recommendations to begin with. Grellner said what I say the order says if you wanted to be more stringent you can. I wouldn't recommend that unless it becomes such a problem. Long said we would have seen that in the last month. Its just the lake thing came down hard. Having to do what we consider law enforcement I'm not trying to be derogatory. Public health is so far out but the governor is saying we want you to do this, but not tell you how. I didn't see anything more than anyone else but puts us on the spot with you gotta do this. Would you recommend on the back of that taking out the last sentence? Grellner said Which portion are you talking about? Long said all the way at the back the last paragraph above the signatures. The Osage County health department will recommend to the prosecuting attorney for violating state orders. Grellner said I don't think this has the same teeth as the original mandate. There's not anything in here unless we do something specific to us that provides that authority we don't have. Long said I don't want to come in like gang busters. We will get the reports. I don't have to tell people to call me. I have no problem taking out the last sentence. Want to leave in if deemed necessary during this phase this advisory can be changed or updated to reflect the current situation. Grellner said we would certainly have to amend in anyway we see fit. Nice thing about this our situation is not the same as St. Louis County or somewhere else. You don't want to be tied down when people are healthy and somewhere else is more dangerous. Long said for the most part it has been an educating experience. Plan for the worse and hope for the best. Commissioner Kliethermes said daycares would want to stay in compliance. Could look at if any other violation it would cause them to shut down. They

run their own business. Long said its bad for business is someone get sick. Want to open in a safe manner that's the counties best interest. We did have overreaction to things. Reminded hair salons if they are not comfortable with someone do not let them in. Greller said early on you could see that people didn't understand this. At this juncture people are learning and more aware of sickness. Long said right in the middle of flu when COVID came. Had allergies going on as well. Then you throw in 35% asymptomatic people as well. I will take out the other things, get scanned in on website, do Facebook and get a copy to the UD. Griffin said so is there anything else we need to discuss after we sign it? Long said I don't think so. Just extending it and adding reminders if people are traveling, we need to think about more. People should be self-quarantining for 2 weeks. I'm not on patrol, not going to check and see what people's itineraries are. If seeing anything in a business let the manager know. Misty Cantrell said Neil sent me over to take notes. Easier to deal with stuff when you know what's going on. Appreciate all of the information. Long said with these types of things consistent communication. I've tried very hard. It's important for people to understand. The health department is here for the community. Cantrell said it makes a difference. Everyone is approachable and that helps keep calm. Facebook posts help. Long said we have been working together for years.

-Commissioner Glavin made a motion to extend phase 1 advisory for Osage County through June 14th, 2020. Commissioner Kliethermes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken. Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how to 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."

Building and Grounds:

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 10:53 am. Commissioner Glavin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how to 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."

Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner