

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023

8:30 am

Meeting called to order by: Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin

Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw

Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes (ABSENT)

Media – HB Dodds

Commission Clerk – Brooke Dudenhoeffer

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Kim Sallin, Nicci Kammerich, Elizabeth Anderson, Tina Kammerich,

Becky Layton, Denise Nolte, Cindy Hoffman, Valerie Prater

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for March 9, 2023.

Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve today's 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:

-March 13-17, 2023 State Auditors

-March 14, 2023 8:30am CLOSED Meeting – statute 610.021.3

-March 14, 2023 9:15am Department update meeting

-April 27, 2023 9:00am Courthouse Security Meeting

-May 19, 2023 Health Department Grand Opening

-June 26-30, 2023 Pentecostal Bridge Trial – NO Commissioners' Meeting

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting temporarily adjourned at 8:31 am to go into a CLOSED session with statute 610.021.3. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Griffin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.

-Then public commission meeting resumed at 9:10 am.

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Griffin reminded all to get a tax-exempt letter when doing county business.

-Commissioners spoke with Strong Hold Tech for cyber security. Cost would be around \$5,000.00. The county has Paladen as Cyber Security no cost to the county as it is included in the insurance premium. Officials should contact Nicci Kammerich to get the program sent to them.

-New date for the Pentecostal Bridge trial has changed to June 26, 2023.

-Trenshaw requested officials contact state representatives to not pass the Senate Bill 161 and 131. This bill would cut our county by \$704,000.00. Nicci volunteered to send out an email with the information about these bills and contact information.

-Griffin reminded all to use your comp time and vacation time throughout the year to soften the blow come November. Trenshaw mentioned that when making changes to the handbook/manual this will be part of that discussion.

-Sallin said March 23, 24, and 27 the Health Department will be closed those dates and re-open March 28, 2023.

-Nicci mentioned the election is coming up. Hand counting will be the way we will count ballots. The public requested it. Machines will be need to be updated within the next few years.

-Elizabeth didn't have much of an update. There is going to be an annual meeting next week covering rural health.

-Tina didn't have anything new. Busy with assessment forms. Tina did ask for storage space due to her and Denise currently sharing storage. Griffin did not see why that would not be an issue. Tina has to store assessment forms for a certain amount of time. Kim made sure she mentioned that Ron Hoffman was hoping to inherit that space.

-Larry called in the meeting letting them know he was starting to feel better and hopes to come back soon. He will be going to a rehab facility temporarily. He thanks everyone for prayers and well wishes.

-Denise hopes to be able to have a website available for county residents to see their paid and unpaid taxes online. She mentioned wanting to have her own storage area as well as Tina to have her own, all when the Health Department moves into their new building.

-Cindy Hoffman is still waiting on 2 books to come back. She is having issues getting ahold of them. She is looking into a different company to restore books. Cindy has a conference coming up.

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- Valerie Prater suggested to watch budgets and spend very little. Griffin thanks the offices for trying to save on budgets.
- Griffin feels like there are hard times yet to come. Tina said that vehicles will bottom out after 10 years and farm equipment as well.
- Cindy asked about the move, is there a plan for what is going in that space and if there needs to be construction. Commissioners would like to wait until "the dust settles" then they will look at it closer. Cindy was asking due to a few rearranging issues and dust getting on/in the books.
- Ron Kempker said he is trying to save on his budget. If you see 2 graders at the same time in the same spot, they are cross training the employees. Kempker is trying to cut fuel costs as much as possible.
- Griffin told Tina that we can set up a date/time to go over the manual and possible changes.
- Nicci mentioned that there is supposed to have auditors this week. This audit is supposed to cover the ARPA. The audit is only costing \$5,000.00 rather than the \$22,000.00.
- Trenshaw mentioned the fault of the commissioners and look at doing a PTO (paid time off) versus Sick/Vacation accrual. This would allow the employee more control over how they spend their accrued time. Trenshaw mentioned his goal of getting hourly employee a minimum of \$15.00 an hour. This may take a few years. Nicci wanted to make sure to mention that the existing employees would need to be adjusted as well due to years of service.
- Commissioner Griffin told Trenshaw about a bid from Brad Stieferman to seed the property at county road 423/424 where materials were extracted. Photos were taken of the material extraction and provided to the commissioners. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to accept the bid for \$600.00 to seeding/strawing on the creek bank, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none. Trenshaw will get ahold of Stieferman to let him know he was awarded the job.
- Commissioners received more Opioid Settlement papers. Papers are just information on more settlements.
- Sheriff Bonham had spoken with Trenshaw about getting check for one of the approved new vehicles. County Clerk's Office wrote the check, Griffin signed the check.
- Show-Me Power sent a \$10.00 check and easement paperwork. Commissioner Griffin was unsure of what the paperwork included and wants to wait for another commissioner to set eyes on it.
- Solid Waste Management meeting is coming up.
- Commissioner Griffin looked at time sheets. Commissioner Griffin made the motion to approve time sheets, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.
- Griffin had spoken to MRPC and they should be in contact with Ron Hoffman to help him with his needs that he inquired about previously.

Road and Bridge

- Kempker handed out the road report. Kempker has been replacing bridge weight limit signs that were missing.
- New John Deere Grader is projected to arrive in July.
- Trenshaw asked about a list of creeks to get gravel out of. Kempker said "I have a few operators in that area and they are making a few contacts. It is a work-in-progress".

Health Dept:

- Sallin reports lots of illness going around. Abby and Kandiss are doing Kindergarten screenings today.
- May 19, 2023 is the health department grand opening. Sallin plans to have a skin cancer screening that day as well.
- Sallin received 2 bids for the window tinting. Sallin will check to make sure the windows will be replaced before tinting is done. The two companies were Brady's Glass \$1,800.00 and Capital City \$1,502.94 and includes a 10% discount for government entities. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to pay Capital City Glass Tinting in amount of \$1,502.94, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.

Adjournment:

- The commission meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none



 Darryl Griffin
 Presiding Commissioner