

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022
8:30 am

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin

Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw

Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes

Media – HB Dodd

Commission Clerk – Brooke Dudenhoeffer

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, John Kennedy, Ron Hoffman, Kim Sallin

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for March 10, 2022. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve today's agenda and the previous meeting minutes, 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.

Meetings:

-March 22, 2022 9:30a Jay Brezenden Architect

-March 24, 2022 8:00am-2:00pm West Central Commissioners Association meeting in Westphalia

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for comments about the assistant coroner mileage bill. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion or for comments/concerns. Griffin said he doesn't agree with paying it but there should be a vote. Trenshaw agreed and made a motion. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to not pay any county employee mileage to drive to the Annex Building or the Courthouse, 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 Griffin asked for a motion to set a flat rate of phone bills for the coroner. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to set a flat rate to pay \$25.00 per month for phone expenses, either to the coroner or the assistant coroner but not both, to be taken out of office expense, 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.

-John Kennedy asked for approval to purchase "Tow" signs.

-John Kennedy handed out a quote from Rehagens for pumps at the jail. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to replace motor #1 for amount of \$2,647.00, 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.

-MARCO sent a letter to the commission not guaranteeing a delivery date.

-Commissioner Griffin reviewed a document from Amanda Grellner concerning the Opioid Settlement. Commissioner Griffin signed. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion for Commissioner Griffin to sign the documentation requesting monies from the Opioid Settlement, 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.

-No response yet from Mr. Clement.

-Commissioners reviewed bills. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to pay bills with minor changes made due to the motion made above, wash machine hose to be taken out of Building and Grounds and adjusted coroner's phone bill, 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.

Road & Bridge:

- Kempker handed out the road report. Rock is being taken to county road 315 but still needing some more attention.
- Commissioner Trenshaw asked for Kempker get quotes on a belly dump and a tractor so that the discussion is open. Commissioners are still very pleased with the one we have now.
- Kempker would like to hire 2 more employees to help get the rock on the road. Trenshaw mentioned the possibility of using ARPA funds to employ more people. When ARPA runs out or if someone in the meantime retires an employee would just step into that roll and then ARPA would not pay any further wages. This is just an idea that's being tossed around. Commissioners contemplated paying for more rock with ARPA funds.

911:

- Hoffman notified the Emergency Management Meeting yesterday that there are some bridges currently "out" due to repairs.
- Hoffman received prices on a portable traffic camera to place on the intersection of 50/CC. Hoffman is looking at grants to pay for it. Hoffman states this would make it easy for emergency personnel to assess a situation when emergency persons are responding to accidents.
- There are more reports of sign theft. Hoffman would like to have a group of people, such as the commissioners, decide to name a road or not despite the ¼ mile rule. The less unique signage the less theft.
- Intrado has been ordered.

Health Dept:

- 3 new COVID cases
- Saturday clinic will be starting and Sallin is excited.
- Sallin said the phones are not paid off due to a lack of communication. What happened was that there was a check sent to AT&T and nothing was mentioned to AT&T so it was applied to the account and not the phones. The Clerk's office, Heather, is in contact with AT&T to see what the total payoff on the phones are. Services have been stopped by AT&T due to AT&T misapplying a payment. Sallin said she has an ELC grant that will pay off the remaining amount on the phones.
- Architect specs have been received by Commissioner Kliethermes. Brezenden projects a possible construction start in May of 2022-December 2022. This can and may change at any time. Commissioners contacted the architect to schedule an in-person meeting to finalize to "go-ahead".

Adjournment:

- The commission meeting adjourned at 10:35 am. 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