

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

March 17, 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:

## 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 Trenshaw made a motion to approve today's agenda and the previous meeting minutes with minor changes, 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.

## Meetings:

-March 22, 2022 9:30a Jay Berendzen Architect  
-March 24, 2022 8:00am-2:00pm West Central Commissioners Association meeting in Westphalia

## Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to sign the Assessment Maintenance Plan for the Assessor's Office. Commissioner Trenshaw made the motion for Commissioner Griffin to sign the Assessment Maintenance Plan for the Assessor's Office, 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.

-Commissioners signed checks.

-Commissioners had to re-sign the Sheriff's Department grant due to an error.

-Road & Bridge requested a quote for a new belly dump truck. The company will get those numbers to Kempker.

-Kliethermes, on behalf of the architect Jay Berendzen, asked for the sewer report. Trenshaw will contact Helmig to get things moving.

-Commissioner Griffin said the University of MO Extension hired a new front desk clerk.

-Kliethermes is very disappointed with the attorney representing the county with the Pentecostal Bridge. Kliethermes read from the email from Mr. Clement to the commission; "I'm sorry for the delay in updating you on the case, but I have been out of the office traveling for nearly the last 2 weeks. In any event, I have communicated our settlement offers (both the global settlement and the partial settlement for the removal costs) to Kevin Case. I believe he is discussing them with the insurance carrier. I will follow up with him by the end of the month if I have not heard back before. In addition, the defendants disclosed their expert witnesses earlier this month. The reports are lengthy, and I'm getting my assistant to put them in a form I can email to you. Not surprisingly, their experts give opinions that the bridge was out of useful life and therefore essentially worthless. They disclosed both an engineer from Columbia, and an appraiser from Overland Park, Kansas. Commissioners agree that they are not happy that we, the county, doesn't even have the removal costs back yet. Trenshaw thinks that's nothing will be done or settled by the March 23, 2023 trial date, Kliethermes agrees.

## Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 9:21 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

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