

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

March 8, 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, Ron Hoffman, Jon Dwiggin, Kim Sallin, Cindy Hoffman, Chase Ford (via telephone),

## Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for March 3, 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 9, 2022 2:30pm MRPC Zoom Meeting with Bonnie Prigge and Travis Elliott

-March 15, 2022 6:30pm MU Extension Council Meeting

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

## Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Griffin received an email in regards to the Opioid Settlement.

-Commissioners received the county sales tax and distributions. Kliethermes said taxes are down and so is 911 but the Prop P is up. Trenshaw agreed with Kliethermes.

-Commissioners want Dudenhoeffer to contact Mr. Matthew Clement about the Pentecostal Bridge lawsuit. Email sent.

-Jon Dwiggin spoke to the commissioners about ARPA money and the methods it could be used legally. Hard lines say you can't pay on pension plans or past debt. Dwiggin said he would do some investigating so that Osage County could get a bridge project started using the ARPA funds, BRO and/or Soft match money. That would be considered "double dipping". Kliethermes was not given any clear answers when he contacted MODOT. Dwiggin said they can use the ARPA funds for engineering. Dwiggin confirmed that the county could not use federal money to match other federal funds. Engineering services must be bid out with a request for qualifications, in which an RFQ was given to the commissioners. Dwiggin suggested applying for TAP grant for the residential needs.

-Nelson and Jean Brandt contacted Griffin about how happy they are with the brush hogging in their area.

## Road & Bridge:

-Kempker handed out the road report for March 1-March 7. Kempker told commissioners he is been hauling rock to multiple roads with 2 trucks running.

-Kempker reported working on Sestek Slab to remove debris due to the rain.

-Reports of county road 741 get some attention. Kempker said he has it on his list to be done.

-Trenshaw asked about county road 315 and Kempker said he hauled creek gravel. Trenshaw said Mr. Johns said you are welcome to use the creek gravel on his property.

-Kempker is needing more employees.

-Constituent contacted the Clerk's office noting that road 702 was washed out really bad. Phone number and name was provided to the commission and Kempker.

## 911:

-Hoffman sent email to the commissioners about Mr. Frank's (Osage County 911 lawyer) opinion on the process to switch to Intrado the legal way, without a bid process and still use ARPA money.

-Hoffman attended an earthquake seminar and reaffirmed his knowledge.

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- Brianna is off of training and Hoffman believes she will be a valuable asset to the county.
- Still working on Hazmat Mitigation.
- Dispatch has completed CPR training.

**Health Dept:**

- Sallin reports 6 COVID cases reported within the last 7 days.
- One additional flu case reported within the last week.
- COVID site case was done by the state. The Health Dept passed with no issues. There were a few areas that could improve but overall, with the current staff being new to this process, they did great!
- Saturday clinics are starting in April
- Sallin asked about the ATT phone bill which there was a late fee. I was told that due to budget the bills were held up a little bit. The bills come and then it's due in about 2 days. The Clerk's office told me the county does not pay the late fees. Dianna called ATT and requested the late fee taken off. Payments have been made for February and March but the work from home phones are disconnected. ATT will not talk to Sallin or allow any changes since she is not on the account. Sallin asked how she can get Susan off of the phone bill. Griffin asked how many phones do you have, how much the monthly bill is and what the forecasted amount would be through Cricket. Sallin reports Cricket is cheaper and she could get by without 2 of the 4 phones. Sallin said she has spoken with Kelly Sink and filled out the form to allow ARPA funds to pay for the phone bill, but was told today, by the Clerk's office, that nothing is being paid with ARPA funding right now and money was to be reimbursed at the end of the year. Sallin said "I need to know because that seriously affects our budget". Griffin said COVID funds were set up to pay and he believes the ARPA will pay for it as well. Dudenhoeffler thought the commission had signed a paper allowing phones to be paid via ARPA funds but would do the research to find that documentation. If she is unable to find it, Sallin might have to rewrite or request the bill taken out again with commissioner's signature. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to switch to Cricket pre-paid, using the county credit card, and if necessary, purchase new phones, 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.
- Sallin also noted that the 2 temporary employees are still to be paid out of ARPA funds as she had written on their transaction forms.
- Ran out of blood drawing supplies due to the increase blood draws. Sallin borrowed vials from Capital Region Medical Center.

**Recorder:**

- Cindy brought an email to the commission in regards to the new printer/copier. Cindy contacted the sales representative at MARCO, Chase Ford. Mr. Ford told the commissioners not to pay the bill they currently have for maintenance due to the purchase of the new machine. If the commission did decide to pay the bill, it would be prorated and the excess amount refunded. Hoffman is willing to release \$3,000.00 from her Technology Fund and the rest of the cost and maintenance (labor, travel, parts, toner) fee comes out of the commission budget. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to purchase a new printer/copier in amount of \$4,706.10 and monthly maintenance fee of \$35.60, 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. Machine could come in yet this month.

**Adjournment:**

- The commission meeting adjourned at 11:20 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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