

**Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**April 19, 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 Hoffman, Ron Kempker, Sheriff Michael Bonham

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:**

- Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for April 14, 2022. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve today's agenda and the previous meeting minutes, 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:**

- April 19, 2022 6:30pm MU Extension Council Meeting
- April 25, 2022 3:00pm On-Site Pre-Bid Meeting (Popcorn Buddha)
- May 9, 2022 3:00pm Open bids
- May 9, 2022 CLOSED in observation of Truman Day
- May 10, 2022 5:00pm Dept of Agritourism Meeting
- May 11, 2022 6:30pm 911 Advisory Board Meeting
- May 30, 2022 CLOSED in observation of Memorial Day

**Bills, Notes and Communication:**

- Commissioners reviewed the elections expenses. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to pay the election expenses, 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.
- Commissioners signed checks.

**Road & Bridge:**

- Kempker handed out the road report from April 5-11
- Working on CART Program
- Has double the team in Meta to get projects completed and rock moved to the roads.
- Trying to get hot asphalt but will have to get it from Rolla due to local company not able to get it for another 2 weeks. Kempker hopes to get started this week Friday, weather permitting. Kempker asks that the public be patient with Road & Bridge as they are working hard to get projects complete.
- County road 722 will be closed for slab repair/replacement in the next couple of weeks. The road will be closed for an estimated time of 3 weeks with weather conditions be considered.
- Kempker is trying to figure out a plan to keep things going for the county in a timely manner. He hopes to get some help since he is now able to hire another employee. Advertising is in the works.
- Commissioner Griffin expressed concern on county road 734. MRPC mentioned to the commissioners there are grants available to apply for for low water crossings, in which the commission would like to apply for those grants for the Road & Bridge department as they come available. Commissioner Kliethermes asked for multiple crossings and specifics so he and Commissioner Trenshaw can contact MRPC to get started.

**911:**

- Hoffman has been replacing signs due to vandalism.
- Hoffman said he has one employee ending their training and one almost done to work on their own.
- Hoffman said he is working on some CAD options.

**Health Dept.:**

- Sallin updated with 0 active cases but reports deaths increased by 2 for the last 6 weeks
- 4<sup>th</sup> covid booster is available.


- Health Department has been utilized for doing lab draws at Harbor Place for the residents and Huntline Dental employees. This service is available for all county businesses.
- Health Department went to a "stop the bleed" training.
- Sallin attended the TruNarc training with the sheriff office.
- MCH monitoring is at the Health Department.
- Health Department will be at Quaker for more employee screenings.
- Saturday May 7, 2022 the Health Department will be open
- School screenings will be scheduled soon.
- Commissioner Griffin asked Sallin if she has made any headway on food truck permit fees. Sallin said that the fees are to be based on Denise Nolte's rules in order to charge food trucks. Sallin will be the one who does the inspection. Sallin has contacted the coordinator at State Technical College, and they have yet to get ahold of Sallin for future dates when food trucks will be in the county. ALL and any food truck should contact Sallin to make sure they have their food inspection completed. This is to make sure that the public is safe. For 2023 Sallin would like to have a permit fee.

**Sheriff:**

- Commissioner Griffin asked Sheriff Bonham his opinion on designating a parking spot for law enforcement due to the recent issues with enforcement blocking employees in when conducting business at the Annex Building. Ron Hoffman and Sheriff Bonham both suggested using the last parking spot behind the Annex building next to the rain gauge. Kennedy will be ordering a sign to suggest that parking spot be for law enforcement only
- Two of the Durango's are in, still waiting for the others. Bonham reports the Sheriff's Office has recently sold some vehicles on purple wave. Bonham is taking 2 vehicles to be decommissioned and sold.
- Bonham said he is feeling effects of other counties increasing wages not only for deputies but jailers as well. The county is down 3 in jail and 2 deputies on the roads. Ads have been placed in multiple newspapers. If Bonham loses another jailer, he would have to close the jail due to unsafe ratios.
- Waiting on plumber to replace shower piece in the jail.
- Several high-profile cases are open within the community. These investigations take time and he assures the community they are working on all of them.
- Griffin told Bonham that the county will be fixing the parking area at the courthouse.

**Adjournment:**

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:35 am. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. 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