

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

May 11th, 2021

8:35am

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin

Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw present

Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Media – HB Dodds

Front Desk Clerk – Brooke Dudenhoeffer

Present for all or part of the meeting: Elizabeth Anderson, Ron Kempker, Ron Hoffman, Taylor Gibbs, 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 May 6, 2021. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes all stated aye. All opposed, none.

Meetings:

-May 11, 2021 5:00p AgriTourism meeting

-May 11, 2021 Meet on county road 605 with Stanley Strope

-May 17, 2021 4-H/Fair Board Meeting

-May 18, 2021 5:00 pm Linn City Meeting

-May 19, 2021 7:00 pm 911 Advisory Board Meeting

-May 31, 2021 ALL county offices closed in observation of Memorial Day

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioners reviewed and approved bills. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to pay the bills. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes all stated aye. All opposed, none.

-Commissioners received Sales Tax Distribution.

-Commissioners received the County Expenditures.

-Commissioners received a forwarded email from treasurer, Tim Neuner, on final guidance on American Recovery Act Fund.

-Commissioners met with Stanley Strope on county road 605. Griffin reports that they did notice some issues with the road and will get with the road grader to see what other ways we can improve it.

-Congressman Blain Luetkemeyer had a representative at the meeting to give updates. Couple of non-funded road projects from MODOT's stip list are up for funding. Commissioner Griffin asked about the road out by State Technical College. Mr. Gibbs said that the project funding project was very particular and specific with qualification, since the college road is still in the design phase, the committee wanted the funded project to be "shovel ready". Mr. Gibbs wanted to make sure the commissioners have received the new guidelines for American Recovery Act Funds.

-Commissioners mentioned that Osage County needs more gravel and rock for our roads. Gibbs did say he would ask and get back to them. Griffin mentioned MODOT's cart fund has decreased and that's a concern for our county. Kliethermes said "Cart funds are tied to gas. Hopefully we can get those back up." Griffin asked Gibbs "What committees is Congressman Luetkemeyer on now?" Gibbs reports "He is on the Financial Substitutions and Small Ranking on small business committee.

-Commissioner Griffin received a call from a young lady in the Hope area who was unable to get internet at her home. Griffin explained to her that the county is in the beginning stages of getting the broadband up and going.

911:

-Hoffman has policy committee so that policies and procedures are updated.

-Hoffman reports he had a good day at the Chamois Career day.

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-Commissioner Griffin asked Hoffman if he has had any leaks in the basement with the recent rain, Hoffman denies having any leaks in the basement.

Road and Bridge:

- Kempker handed out the weekly road report.
- Kempker reports today is one of his employees last day. Hiring signs are up but is short of truckers.
- Trenshaw reminded Kempker about county road 251, Kempker said it is still on the list.
- Whipper operator is doing well.
- Trenshaw thanked Kempker for doing the electronic grader tracking.

Health Department:

- Kim Sallin came up to update on COVID numbers. Sallin reports, "Currently we have 11 active cases. Deaths are still at 16, one person hospitalized, 2 cases are less than one years old. Some contacts for other COVID cases are high school seniors which quarantine time takes them past the graduation date. I hope they stay quarantined but I don't feel they will."
- Walk-in clinic tonight in Freeburg.
- Clinic on Thursday at another location and Friday in the commissioner's room.
- We have a case of Shiga Toxin Producing Escherichia Ecoli (STEC infection) in a child. Symptoms are diarrhea, stomach cramps and fever along with other possible symptoms. The child confirmed is not doing well. This is extremely contagious. At this child's daycare there is another child with COVID. Contacts have been notified and appropriate contacts are quarantined. Sallin confirms that state is involved with any kind of investigation that they see fit. Sallin requests thoughts and prayers for these children and their families.
- Trenshaw asked if this can be quickly spread or is it pretty well contained. Sallin said she believes this is contained but will notify public immediately if things change.
- Sallin provided documentation for increase rates for billing contract. Sallin has given this much thought about the increases, but states her plan is to have electronic health records in which that includes its own billing software within a year or so. Sallin would like to renew the contract until she can get electronic medical record keeping to avoid new training and hassle it could cause to the staff whom is already knowledgeable about the current billing procedures. Commissioners have hopes that the American Rescue Act Fund will help pay for the price increase difference. Commissioners will get more guidance later this week but approve for Sallin to sign the contract with the current billing company.

MU Extension:

-Ms. Anderson wanted to update the commission. She left a draft copy program menu for commissioners and media. Anderson wants to let the community know what programs we can offer within Osage County, not only 4-H and soil testing. Focusing on in-person programs to get children/youth more involved. Anderson is working with MRPC on Broadband expansion to see what the Extension can do to help.

Old Business:

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting to temporarily adjourned at 11:15 am. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes all stated aye. All opposed, none.



Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner