

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
May 18th, 2021
8:38am

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: Ron Kempker, Ron Hoffman, Sheriff Bonham, Travis Schaffer, 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 13, 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 18, 2021 5:00 pm Linn City Meeting

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

-May 25, 2021 MU Extension Council Meeting in Commissioners room

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

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioners received the construction status inquiry from Granite Re, Inc.

-All commissioners have received their CCAM training awards.

-Substance use Disorder Awareness Walk on June 19, 2021 at Osage County Courthouse @ 10am

-Griffin had a comment from an individual that they were unhappy about being asked to move their vehicle off of private property that was marked "Parking by Permit Only".

-GVES requesting a \$500.00 for dues. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to pay GVES dues of \$500.00, 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.

-CART funds report was received from the treasurer.

-Commissioner Griffin attended a meeting where children and adults spoke about how drug use had affected their lives. Griffin was very proud of all attendants and speakers.

-Commissioner Griffin went to the event for playground equipment. Turn-out was good. States "It was a good time."

-Zoom meeting with MRPC for clarification on American Recovery Fund on Wednesday at 10am.

911:

-EMB quarterly meeting was yesterday. Talked about alert routing.

-Cooper power plant is having a drill next week in which Hoffman would like to attend.

-Graded drill is Sept 21.

-Montgomery county tore down a bridge and communication was not made clear to EMS. With this down there may be a lag in response time.

-Tomorrow is 911 blood drive at the Linn Fire House. 12p-5p.

-Reports of Luystown bridge and Highway N bridge needing work/rebuild

-Tomorrow is the 911 Advisory Board Meeting

-Parking permit documentation has been asked to be provided so that rules are followed.

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Road and Bridge:

- Kempker handed out the road report for May 11-May 17
- Kempker has a request to install a private driveway culvert on county road 506/501 and 315. Kliethermes suggested to look within the rules/clarification for installing the culvert pipe. Kempker said the previous request was that the property owner purchase the pipe/culvert and if a chipper is needed the property owner would be responsible for those costs. Kliethermes to clean up the rules to make installation instruction clear. Commissioners to vote on at the next meeting.
- County road 634, Stanley Dill called about semi-trucks traveling from JJ to 634 then 631 then turning onto route E. Stanley has concerns about a semi getting caught up on a bridge. Kempker was just bringing this to the commissioners' attention.
- Cinder shed is ready in 2 weeks, Kempker is not quite ready and still needs to place blocks. Kempker will notify the company when ready.
- County road 262, Wayne Helle would like to have a "DEAD END" road sign, Kempker needs to approve it by commission. Commissioners agreed to put the sign up but advised to weld the sign.
- Purple Wave money arrived. Kempker also phoned purple wave to get the buyers to come retrieves their product. The car is still up for auction until the end of the month.
- Still hiring for 3 truck driver positions.
- Commissioner Griffin asked if Kempker what he thought about contracting or hiring another company to help the county out for now until Kempker gets more drivers. Kempker agrees but wants to make sure that whomever does or can help know the roads.
- ETA on adjacent parking area is yet to be determined.
- Commissioner Griffin asked Kempker and the other commissioners about what they thought about getting the creek cleaned out at the junction of county roads 423/424. States during high water it washes out the county road. Kempker to speak with Andi Rice about possible flood plain management rules and regulations. Main objective is to move the concrete and move some rock to allow the creek to flow smoother.

Health Department:

- COVID active cases are down to 9. Deaths remain at 16. Last week at the food pantry no takers. Freeburg had a great turn out. Clinic in commission room was great. Walk in clinic yesterday in Westphalia, Thursday at diamond dog food at the fire station for public.
- Guard will not be able to help any longer.
- CDC reports if full vaccinated masks are not mandatory. Sallin reports mask wearing is still recommended. County employees still need to wear masks when interacting with the public.
- STEC patient has reported to be in the hospital. Another case was reported as positive for the STEC, but seems as though it was through the same source as the patient currently in the hospital.

Sheriff:

- Permit for placing buoys was brought over by Sheriff Bonham. Concrete blocks will need to be place and 2 buoys will need to be purchased. The buoy will need the sheriffs permit number placed on them prior to placement in the waterway. Buoys will have the diamond shape on it as standard danger sign. Buoys to be ordered by Dudenhoeffer.
- Crime statistics are down
- K-9 Dog has been transferred to Camden County along with the K-9 vehicle for trade of 2 other vehicles. If we need to use a dog, we have access from other counties.
- Bonham expressed concerns about future salaries for employees and vacant positions.
- ATV training was held by the sheriff's department. Bonham had great feedback and feels it was very successful. Requests from other areas.
- Sheriff's department is hiring.
- Durango's are in and servicing the public. Trucks are done but are missing a chip, will ship when completed.

Old Business:


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-Sheriff will be notified to contact the mobile home owner on county road 423. Actions that will be taken after sheriff contacts them for the last time will remain up to the commission and possibly Grellner to discuss.

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting to temporarily adjourned at 10:10 am. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion, 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.



Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner

