

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

May 3, 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 Dodds

Commission Clerk – Brooke Dudenhoeffer

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Cindy Hoffman, Ron Hoffman, 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 April 28, 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:

- May 9, 2022 3:00pm Open contractor 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 12, 2022 9:00am Open Health Dept. Equipment bids
- May 12, 2022 8:30am Open Plaster/Paint bids
- May 17, 2022 12:00pm Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management Meeting in Columbia
- May 17, 2022 6:30pm MU Extension Council Meeting
- May 30, 2022 CLOSED in observation of Memorial Day
- July 18-22 Missouri State Auditors performing county audit

## Bills, Notes and Communication:

- Sheriff's Report and Treasurer's balance sheet were both received by the commission.
- An individual came to look at the plaster and paint project. There were questions about how the bid should be quoted. Commissioners agreed that bids should be submitted in terms of "by the job" not "by the hours". The final "bids to be received by" date being on May 12, 2022. That day the commission will open bids as well.

## Road & Bridge:

- Road report was handed out for April 26-May 2, 2022. Kempker has a few more culverts to replace soon. Asphalt patching is high on the list for today on county roads 512 and 610.
- In May, Kempker has planned a mandatory training conducted by Linda Webb from Training and Beyond LLC. Training will cover gravel road maintenance and motor graders best practices. Kempker will choose a road to conduct the hands-on portion of the training.
- Kliethermes notified Kempker of an issue on road 501. Kliethermes said he went out and fixed the road by crowning it so the water would not sit in the middle of the road. Kempker acknowledged the issue and stated "It is difficult to learn the graders". Kempker invited commission to come out and help instruct the crew how the roads should look.
- Telephone conference with Woolport concluded that the powerline project will start in March 2022 and end in December 2022, this could be altered due to weather and availability of material. There are 2 bridges with weight limits, one being on 522 (6-ton limit) and another on county road 742 (10-ton limit). These two bridges would affect the project. Kempker has notified Woolport that these bridges are off-limits but there are alternate routes to the area of need. Kempker noted there are a lot of road improvements going on in the county but he will send all GPS coordinates to Woolport for alternate routes. County road 722 has a low-water crossing that Kempker has planned to work on around July 21-23. Also road 512 off route T and N, are near a transmission line, Kempker requests they not use this road so work can be completed. If there is damage to the roads that is noted, Kempker said "Some repairs could be done by Road & Bridge, if staffing allows, or the contractor would have to complete the repairs. According to Woolport the contractor would have up to a year after the project is completed to fix any damages done to county roads." Commissioners request the contractors fix the road immediately so that we don't have beaten up roads for a long time. Land owners access arrangements will be completed by Ameren. Contractor will get the necessary UTV permits from the Sheriff's department. Kelly Stegeman from Woolport is who Kempker will contact with any further questions.
- Trenshaw gave kudos to Kempker for road 734 due to a constituent compliment. Kempker just replaced a culvert on that road.

- There was an email received with suggestions on how to fix potholes on road 201. Kempker said potholes are hard to heal even with patching but he will address it.
- Commissioner Griffin wanted to publicly thank Kempker for retrieving signs out of a creek after Griffin received a call stating where a citizen seen those county signs.
- Kempker is replacing a culvert on road 423 soon.
- Gary Zielman notified Commissioner Kliethermes that he was pleased with the grading and brush cutting in the Frankenstein area.

### Recorder

-Cindy Hoffman went to Kansas City for a conference last week and learned a lot. One thing she learned was that other county Recorders had received some of their ARPA funds to preserve historical books. Hoffman wants to know what she could do or if there is any money available from ARPA funds for restoration of the county books. According to one of the other Recorders, in the description of how ARPA funds can be spent, it mentions "preservation of records". Hoffman had budgeted for the last books but would like some help, if possible, to get more books done or even back indexing of the books. Commissioner Griffin would like to verify with MRPC and they will let Hoffman know ASAP. Hoffman is not asking for a specific amount at this time, but what does she have to do to work with the commissioners to get something done. Hoffman said her goal is to help preserve the 200 years of Osage County history.

### Health Dept.:

- Only one COVID case reported. COVID shots are still being offered
- Nurses went to Quaker for employee lab draws to 51 employees.
- Elisha will be doing car seat checks at St. George on May 6, 2022 from 3-5pm along with Linn Police Department.
- Saturday the health department is open for full services from 8-12p
- Sallin requests a credit card to be used for charging training events. Commissioner Trenshaw said "The problem is, no matter what if its health department credit card or clerks, there still isn't a budget line item. You need to add a line item to your budget. Maybe we need to do a budget amendment this fall. It's better to have it in your budget and not use it then to need it and not have it." Sallin said she has to use her personal credit card, turn in a reimbursement then take it out of the specific grant when turning in bills. Each grant needs to be a line item the health departments yearly budget. Within that grant line item is where the training should be placed in order to use the county credit card and take funds out for those training fees.

### 911:

- Hoffman has made an offer to hire a new employee, Pete Herring from Belle, and will start May 16. This will put Hoffman at full staff. He hopes that when the new employee is fully trained that his other staff is able to take off and use their vacation time.
- The Viper phones are stalled right now due to a miscommunication with the upgrade costs to Gasconade County. The upgrade would cost Gasconade County about \$100,000 in order for Hoffman to be able to tie in the phones as it was previously discussed.
- Radios were lost, for a few seconds on Monday evening due to lightening striking an APU. Hoffmann said there was no interruption to 911 services. Hoffman did replace the battery back-up that was struck.
- Hoffman went to training last week. Learned a lot.
- Signs have been an ongoing issue.
- Health department bids have had lots of interest.
- Commission signed COPE Solutions but the Clerk's Office still needs to add insurance documentation and a W-9.

### Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 9:55 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