

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
May 4th, 2021
8:30am

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 Dudenhoefter

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Gary Storey, Kim Sallin, Ron Hoffman, Sheriff Mike Bonham 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 April 29, 2021. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes, 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.

Meetings:

-May 6, 2021 Meet with Kevin Case

-May 7, 2021 ALL county offices closed in observation of Truman Day

-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:

- Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to appoint Irene Werdehausen to the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Trenshaw made the 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.

- Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to appoint John Deeken to the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Trenshaw made the 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.

-Commissioners discussed ways on how to increase the wages for Road and Bridge for the future. Commissioner Trenshaw mentioned "I would like more or better guidance on the American Rescue Act money to see if there could be an increase used by that money."

-Commissioners will watch the MRPC American Rescue Act Money on Friday May 7, 2021 for briefing on Friday with hopes this will give us guidance on how to we can spend the money.

911:

-Hoffman reports he passed his MULES test with a 90%.

-Still hiring for full time position.

- Commissioner Griffin called Travis in 911, left a voice message as to a missing sign on county road 423/424. Also, when Hoffman arrived to the meeting Commissioner Griffin notified him as well. Hoffman reports "there was a "rash of thefts" over the weekend. Travis is overwhelmed with it right now but yes it will be taken care of."

-Commissioner Griffin asked Hoffman if the power outage was scheduled again due to Kim having vaccines to keep protected. Hoffman spoke with the Ameren employee in which the second reschedule was an automated mistake. Hoffman said "Everything went well. Generator worked perfectly, but it checks itself every Thursday as well."

-Active shooter drill was a success.

Road and Bridge:

- Kempker handed out the weekly road report
- Kempker introduced Gary Storey to the commissioners
- Kempker reports "Purple Wave served us good. The car is being auctioned off again, unsure as of why, but when I get to the office I will call and ask."
- Kempker reports losing 2 staff members to higher paying jobs. Kempker said "one of the employees did not give notice. He still needs to return a few things."
- Kempker asked the commission to sign Years of Service cards for 2 employees.
- Wood stove is leaving today.
- Kempker showed the commission 2 "NOW HIRING" magnetic banners to help generate more applications. Banners will be placed on a truck for advertising.
- Kempker reports "I got ahold of RTE, they said they will be getting us a tractor. He has one on the lot that is sold now but he will get us one. At the moment its not a rush due to low staff. I am down 3 full time dump truck drivers short."
- Kempker is going to Ft. Lenard Wood to pick up a trailer. Commissioner Trenshaw said "the paperwork you need is at the Sheriff's office."
- Commissioner Trenshaw said "I got a call on 251 road and as usual complaints about rock being piled in the center of the road" Kempker said "They should be getting to it tomorrow."
- Kempker reports asphalt patching is complete. There are some spots that need hot spots but that will be done.
- Kliethermes reports complaints on county road 504. Kempker said, "He was there yesterday. There seems to be issues on that side of the county and we are addressing that."
- Commissioner Griffin said "Titles to the sold vehicles are with the commission, when you need them let us know so the correct person can sign them."
- Gary Storey said "Thank you. I am excited to go back to work for Osage County".

Health Department:

- Total of 4 active cases. Of those 4, two of the cases are children under the age of 5. Total number of deaths increased to a total of 16.
- Clinic in Chamois tonight from 4-7 Lions Community Center and next week is Freeburg 4-7p American Legion Hall.
- Sallin said "We had a successful vaccine clinic on Friday in which we gave 31 injections." "We did a booster clinic at Quaker and missed about 25 people. Kandiss is calling them now and trying to set up a time for that to be done."
- Sallin reports trying to get a "Back-to-School" vaccine clinic going. This way it would make it easier for parents and children who are at the open house or open enrollment.
- Commissioners pointed out that things on their desks were rearranged and just wanted to let Kim know. Sallin apologized and said she will make sure to let the guard know that their desks were off limits. Commissioners said "We really appreciate them being here and helping you. It may not have even been them, but we don't know who else it would be."
- Sallin reports Pfizer is dropping the age to 12years. Unknown of when that will happen. Kim does not expect a huge request but she is willing to accommodate.

Old Business:

- Email was received by the commission to have a meeting with Kevin Case and the Engineer on Thursday May 6th, 2021. Time is yet to be determined. Per the email a Zoom call with the environmentalist to follow. Dudenhoeffer to set up the Zoom meeting. Grellner will not be available for the meeting. Dudenhoeffer sent email during the meeting to Kevin Case attaching commissioners and Grellner.
- Mobile home on County Road 423 is not moved nor is there a visible sticker on it, according to Commissioner Griffin. Commissioners are unaware if the home owners are aware of the issue. Sheriff Bonham was contacted via Commissioner Trenshaw's phone, in which Sheriff Bonham said he will contact the deputy and make sure it's completed. Dudenhoeffer provided commissioners with home owners contact information. Commissioners are willing to work with owners and Sheriff's office on this matter. Commissioner Trenshaw got a text response from Officer Schaffer in which Trenshaw provided the home owners contact information.

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:00 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

