

**Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 Dudenhoeffer

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Ron Hoffman, Tim Neuner, Kelly Sink, Todd Feeler, Bob Wilbers

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:**

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for June 10, 2021. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes with minor changes, 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:**

- June 16, 2021 3:30 Caucus Zoom Meeting
- June 17, 2021 8:30 West-Central Quarterly Meeting
- June 22, 2021 6:30 MU Extension Council Meeting

**Bills, Notes and Communication:**

-Ford Taurus funds from Purple Wave were placed into the General Revenue account.

-Kliethermes noted that he was approached by the Assessor's office this morning about the CAT property taxes. Kliethermes said that 2 grader contracts will run out this year and one out next year. Griffin mentioned that Baker filled out paperwork last year for this issue. Kliethermes said Baker is just going to continue the way we are for the next year since all we have left on it is one year.

-Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to adopt the Sheriff's Section 488.5026 surcharge of \$2.00 per court case. Motion second by Kliethermes. Roll Call vote was taken. Commissioner Griffin asked, Commissioner Trenshaw "How do you vote?" Commissioner Trenshaw said "Yes". Commissioner Griffin asked, Commissioner Kliethermes "How do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes said "Yes." Commissioner Griffin asked, Commissioner Griffin "How do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin said "Yes." Dudenhoeffer to look up an ordinance number. Griffin to run the ordinance by Judge Brandt and then all commissioner will sign.

-Kelly Sink from MRPC arrived to help answer questions about the American Recovery funds (ARPA). Commissioner Griffin asked "Do we hire you again like we did last time?" Sink responded with the update from Bonnie, "There are 2 different types of contracts. One contract is for administration for dollars and another one for project-based things. Bonnie is working on those contracts at this time. She hopes to get them completed and sent out this week or next." Sink advised the commissioners how to go about potentially looking to spend ARPA money for a new Health Department building. Trenshaw asked on behalf of the treasurer "How do we spend the interest?" Sink said, "You can spend it. Interest stays in the funds. Although it must be spent on COVID related things. Same as last time." Trenshaw asked about the essential workers getting \$13.00 an hour for every hour worked for the year. If we get the workers 160 hours at 13.00 for a one-time payment. Sink said "They leave the distribution up to local governments. Griffin confirmed that we ask MRPC for approval when making decisions. Griffin asked "Can we help cities even though they are receiving their own amount of money?" Sink said "Absolutely." Sink provided a few hand outs and rules/guidance of ARPA funds to the commission.

-Bob Wilbers' mentioned that he has an interest selling one of his properties with a few acers. Bob also states that he believes that Osage County has a sewer crisis. Bob is looking for property to purchase but it will cost \$28,000 to put in a new sewer system.

**Road and Bridge:**

- Kempker got an email about County Road 401. Resident wants to change speed limit below 40mph. Kliethermes he wouldn't mind changing it but it's enforcement that is needed.
- Kempker has been working on the asphalt bids. Requests a little more time.
- Kempker contacted Bing Excavating thanks to Kliethermes email recommendations. Kempker to follow up later due to a medical leave at Bing Excavating.
- Safety meeting went well. Day 2 of changes and all is well. Employees seem to accept changes. Kliethermes and Griffin were impressed by the "game plan" to keep equipment and employees in rotation to keep everything running smooth. Kempker says he is already working on a winter plan.
- Kempker placed add for employment opportunity.

**Health Department:**

- Sallin updated to 3 active COVID cases.
- Walk in clinic in Meta this week and one in the commission room on Friday.
- Mandatory mask signs have been removed. New masking signs to be placed in the building.
- Sallin had a few questions for Kelly Sink with MRPC in regards to possibly keeping some of her temporary staff on a year to year basis.

**911:**

- Hoffman said conservation has new radio tower up and ready for us to move it. Conservation is putting up their own wire and antenna. Hoffman said he is looking to piggy back off of a climber and place our 200 feet of wire and a new antenna.
- Hoffman has filled the vacant full-time position starting July 2, 2021. Due to the qualifications and history of this new employee, there is minimal training needed. Hoffman has a possible pending personnel departure.
- Active shooter drill coming up in August.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Adjournment:**

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:40am. 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