

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

July 27th, 2021

8:30am

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin

Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw absent

Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Media – HB Dodds

Commission Clerk – Brooke Dudenhoeffer

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Steven Heidbrink, Ron Hoffman, Kim Sallin, Andi Rice, Stanley Dudenhoeffer

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for July 22, 2021. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin and Commissioner Kliethermes all stated aye. All opposed, none. Commissioner Trenshaw is absent today.

Meetings:

-July 28, 2021 5-8p MU Extension Focus on Kids

-August 5, 2021 Open all sealed Pentecostal Bridge Removal Bids

-August 10, 2021 5-630 Dept of Agritourism Meeting

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioners signed checks,

-Commissioners received an email from Chris Rackers with a specific date, time and location for the Pentecostal Bridge mediation. November 2, 2021 10:00am at Mr. Rackers office to mediate via ZOOM. Dudenhoeffer confirmed for the commissioners to be there.

-Kliethermes received the project manual from Austin at Bartlet and West for the removal of Pentecostal Bridge. Kliethermes was asked to run the easements to Austin within the next few days and then Kliethermes will execute the easements.

-Commissioner Griffin spoke with commissioner Kliethermes about the assessor's resignation and how to proceed with appointing someone to fill that position. There is a party whom is interested and Commissioner Griffin asked Kliethermes, should we contact the governors' office and ask? Kliethermes agreed. Both commissioners agreed that whom they may choose, that party must be aware that the governor may appoint another party if he may choose to do so.

-Mr. Stanley Dudenhoeffer came to the meeting after the recording was turned off. Mr. Dudenhoeffer reports that county road 317 is the worst road in the county. Commissioner Griffin said he will personally go and look at it personally. Mr. Dudenhoeffer understands that there is a staff shortage and it will take time to fix the road, but commissioners need to know how bad it is.

Road & Bridge:

-Steven Heidbrink was introduced by Ron Kempker as one of the new hires. Kempker notes that Steven has handled the equipment very well so far.

-Kempker handed out the road report for July 20- July 26.

-Cost of private culvert invoice needs to be sent out but approved by commissioners first. Commissioners are fine with it.

-Kempker made sure to take photos of 420 and the asphalt work.

-Kempker reports Higgins does not have any rock available but Kempker is getting rock from Capital out of Jefferson City at the same price.

-No word from Kempkers' contact about grinding highway buckling.

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-Griffin asked about the progress of brush hogging. Kempker has a goal to finish the asphalt then all the mowers will be active. Griffin has had complaints of oversized rocks in the ditch and county residents having to cut brush on the road as well.

-Griffin asked about the box culvert and if it was repaired yet. Kempker said it's been taken care of.

-Andi Rice has the flood plain permit for Baileys Creek (county roads 423/424) but Griffin has to sign it. Griffin contacted Andi Rice via telephone asking her to bring over the permits for him to sign. Andi brought over the floodplain permit which is good for one year. Commissioner Griffin signed the permit.

Health Dept.:

-Sallin reports 64 active COVID cases. Sallin reports about 1/3 of the positive cases are diagnosed by an at home test. This requires the Health Department to enter these into the state system when or if it is reported. There are still current hospitalizations.

-Friday served 37 vaccines along with many more walk-ins during the week.

-Tomorrow, Wednesday, is the county pool part from 6-8. Free admission. Sallin would like to remind the public to try to social distance. There will be a fire truck and an ambulance for children to see and learn about. This event is moved by adolescent drug and alcohol awareness/prevention.

-Sallin reports lots of phone calls still. Lots of head lice checks, vaccine walk ins. Lots of birth certificate/death certificates. Sallin feels she may not be able to allow staff to take off at this time. The employee whom is unable to take off due to the busyness of the clinic, requests that she be paid out the vacation time. Commissioners were okay with it but the employee will have to formally request a payout.

-Sallin also retreated the county road 416 in Bonnotts Mill.

-Sallin asked for a few contracts to be signed. CHIPS and CORE contracts were signed by Commissioner Griffin.

-County car was taken to a vaccine clinic and would not start. Ron Hoffman got it started but Sallin needs to have the battery checked.

911:

-Ron Hoffman asked for signatures for a grant to replace digital sign batteries.

-Hoffman is still looking for a person to serve on the 911 Advisory Board. Dudenhoeffer to send out an email.

Sheriff:

-Andi asked for a highway safety grant to be signed. Commissioner Griffin signed it.

-2014 Floodplain violation prevents the owner (Mr. Vieth) ineligible for any flood plain insurance by declaring the land a section 1316. Andi has typed up a letter to the owner making them aware of the decision that has been made in which the commission signed.

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:22 am. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin and Commissioner Kliethermes stated aye. All opposed, none.


Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner

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