

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

Aug 23, 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, Kim Sallin, Valerie Prater, Ron Hoffman

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda, the meeting minutes for August 18, 2022 and the CLOSED meeting minutes. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve today's agenda, the previous meeting minutes and the CLOSED 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:

-August 25, 2022 12:00p GVEZ Meeting

-September 22, 2022 10:00a Hazard Mitigation Meeting

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Deputy HR Clerk Valerie Prater requested the Legends Bank bill be pushed through and a check signed today so that the credit card bill will not exceed the limit.

-Commissioners reviewed bills. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to pay bills. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to pay bills including the credit card bill, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All, opposed, none.

-Commissioners reviewed timesheets. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to approve timesheets. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve timesheets, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All, opposed, none.

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to have Steel Integrity to come and service the jail doors every 2 years. Commissioner Kliethermes made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw.

-Commissioner Griffin said there is a conference with Gov. Mike Parsons today in regards to the special sessions.

Road and Bridge

-Ron Kempker handed out the road report for August 16-22, 2022

-Progress on the county road 722 slab, is underway.

-Yesterday county road 722 was delayed so Kempker decided to work on the Loose Creek Highway instead. Concrete was placed on one side of the road and the other one to be finished within a day or so. Commissioners drove over the concrete work done on Loose Creek Highway noting it was very smooth.

-Kempker is short staffed due to one employee being on medical leave and one Kempker is unsure of as to why they are not working. Commissioners advised to turn in a transaction form if the second employee quit. Road and Bridge office assistant Lori, has had minimal telephone contact with the second employee as to their employment status.

-Kempker said he needs to replace truck 46, which has been sold almost 2 years ago. Commissioners discussed their opinions on when to purchase a tractor trailer or truck and when is the best time to do so. Kempker is tasked with reaching out to multiple dealers for the purchase.

911:

-Hoffman asked if the commission received his email. Commissioner Griffin said they would like discuss the vacation payout/loss of vacation time. Per the manual each employee pay out is a case-by-case basis. Commissioner Trenshaw would like to see the employee not accumulate so much time and for the employee to use the time. Hoffman's employee took 2 ten-day vacations to avoid losing so much time last year. Hoffman is having a hard time hiring as is. Trenshaw said according to the rule book, employees will not be able to carry over more than 40 hours and the remaining could be lost. Commissioners request an advanced notice for a payout, not a last-minute request. Commissioners said they are willing to listen to each employees' request. Hoffman said he has had conversations at least 2 times since December 2020 and nothing was put in the minutes. If need be, he will be happy to have this discussion in a closed meeting. Hoffman understands there are rules for a reason and respects the commissioner's decision to follow the manual accordingly.

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-Hoffman said if he has to advertise for a Telecommunicator in the News Tribune will cost over \$500 for a 2-week ad. Hoffman does not want to waste his budget money on Indeed or News Tribune. Hoffman has exhausted all of his ideas on how to hire new employees.

Health Dept:

- 3 current COVID cases reported. Sallin will stop reporting cases unless there is a huge surge or something is new.
- The title to the new van needs a new signature. Sallin will transfer license plates to the new van this week as the temporary tag expires on August 25, 2022.
- Department Nurses are set up at State Tech administration of the TB Tests for the nursing/medical program.
- Flu shot clinics are underway. Sallin was told that this flu season will be hard with lots of positives as previous years have been lower due to COVID.
- Sallin mentioned that if schools send out forms for free/reduced lunches, and if the child/children are qualified, the child/children would qualify for 2 pairs of shoes from the health department through The Sneaker Project. Sallin's department sends the qualified paper work to the program, shoes are purchased through Amazon and sent directly to the child's home.

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 11:30 am. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. 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