

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

August 24th, 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

Commission Clerk – Brooke Dudenhoeffer

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Sheriff Mike Bonham, Kim Sallin, Valerie Prater, Heather Gyorkos, Ron Hoffman

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for August 19, 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:

-August 26th, 2021 10am- Aaron McVicker wants to discuss potential upcoming bridge projects

-August 26th, 2021 1:30pm- GVEZ Meeting

-August 30, 2021 EMD Ameren meeting

-Sept 6, 2021 ALL county offices CLOSED in observation of Labor Day

-Sept 21, 2021 MU Extension Council Meeting

-Sept 28, 2021 5:00pm- MU Focus on Kids

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Griffin contacted Travis in 911 to ask if they are having issues with Wifi as well as the clerk's office. Travis said he would contact RCS again via email and let the commission know.

-Valerie Prater asked the commission if there has an application for essential worker pay. Commissioner Griffin said there is an application but they are not releasing it to the public yet. Prater asked when the application would be available. Griffin said they have not made a decision yet. Trenshaw said they have 3 years to decide when and how that money will be spent. Prater said evidence states there is a \$25,000 max for essential workers. Griffin said MRPC told him it would be a one-time bonus at the end of the year. Prater said she has had multiple individuals ask her about the application and why money has not been disbursed or why an application has not been released. Griffin asked the individuals to come to a meeting. Trenshaw said we are waiting on further guidance. Prater said health departments would not qualify for the money as they had already received additional COVID pay. Griffin disagreed saying the other people would potentially qualify. Trenshaw said it would be possibly next year before we have true guidance. Prater said if you spend money on Health Department infrastructure projects prior to having the extra guidance, how is that fair to put them before the citizens? There was no answer given by the commission. Gyorkos and Prater both stated that the commission only allowed businesses to apply for CARES money not individuals whom were deemed essential. Griffin thought it was the company who should have been responsible for that. Griffin asked if the other commissioners would like to comment on the conversation. The commissioners discussed wanting more guidance before any application is to be provided. Dudenhoeffer noted she does not have an application available from MRPC. Trenshaw noted Sink reported to the commission previously that some counties are not using the money for citizens but for infrastructure projects. During the discussion, the definition of an essential worker came up and if elected officials would be considered as essential and would they qualify to apply as well. Commissioner Griffin was under the impression that no elected officials qualified. Dudenhoeffer reminded the commission that the 2nd contract from MRPC has yet to be provided.

-Commission a bill from MRPC Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in amount of \$4,333.33, commission will review it with all other bills on next Tuesday August 31, 2021

-Commissioner Griffin received a request to quote the county health insurance.

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- Commissioners reviewed time sheets. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve the time sheets, 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 Trenshaw asked Dudenhoeffer to contact Andi Rice via email about the upcoming drug recycle event coming up tentatively on October 16, 2021 at 9-12pm at either State Tech or the fair grounds.
- Dudenhoeffer contacted Fence Pro for a bill due to not receiving one yet. Kevin will get his book keeper to send it ASAP.
- Dudenhoeffer emailed the Miller County Commissioner to verify when the next Western District meeting is. Date is to be determined and Dudenhoeffer will let the commission know when she gets a response.

Road & Bridge:

- Kempker handed out the road report
- Reports issues with the Wifi at the shop. Will contact RCS.
- Kempker will get to the tree trimming the adjacent parking area tomorrow. Needs to get a culvert pipe (15inch minimum) ordered.
- Commissioner Trenshaw reports county road 201 needs some attention.
- Kevin Ward will start on Monday.
- Ryan at Bob Cat, mini excavator was shipped a few days ago. Kempker hopes to have it soon.
- Milling on Old Loose Creek highway went over well. 13 spots were done. Thanks to Linn City Maintenance.

Health Dept.:

- Sallin reports 1 additional death, 55 active COVID cases, 4 breakthrough cases, 7 children. No hospitalizations.
- Walk in clinic served 41 vaccines
- Tonight, is holding a vaccine clinic in Chamois. Sallin will also be helping the State Tech administer TB tests to the Health Science program.
- Lots of walk-in clients throughout the week (average of 10+ a day).
- Walgreens is not currently providing Pfizer so they are sending those people to us. Pfizer is FDA approved now
- Chamois school is the only school starting off with masks for grades 7-12. Chamois will not be assisting with contact tracing this time with the exception of seating charts. The other schools have yet to note how they will be handling COVID outbreaks.
- Sallin placed notification on Facebook for hiring a part time RN. Sallin has received 2 resumes so far.
- Sallin attempted to price the standing hand sanitizer stations through McKesson Medical Equipment. When she hears back, she will let the commission know the price.
- Commissioner Griffin asked when Sallin thinks the room will be needed for the 3rd dose of COVID vaccine. The commissioners advised Sallin to contact the clerk's office to reserve the room when she needs it. Sallin states the 3rd dose was for extremely immunocompromised patients.

911:

- Reports lots of calls about the viral YouTube video. Biggest issue is citizens are calling 911 versus the police department. Calls are being directed to contact the proper number.
- There had been one issue with a delay of dispatching an officer to a location, Hoffman reports there has been education and re-evaluating of the situation. Hoffman takes blame and feels as though there is a new process in order to move forward.
- Hoffman had a telephone meeting with SEMA today.
- Lots of drills recently. Learning a lot.
- 911 texting is coming along but not completed yet.

Sheriff:

- Commission signed a \$350.00 grant for Child Passenger Safety.
- Bonham reported the active shooter course was completed. Lots to learn from.
- Court case for the Grothoff family is today. Bonham has extra police presence.

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Old Business:

- Inspector has not gotten back to Commissioner Trenshaw, Tim Hamburg predicted it to be about 30-45 days in order to complete the survey on Popcorn Buddha property.
- Brenneke provided Bartlett and West the insurance and bond information needed to accept the bridge removal.
- Rackers was in contact with Commissioner Kliethermes about having a neutral engineer at the mediation to speak on behalf of the replacement of the bridge. Trenshaw said if it is Rimkus Engineering, he may have a conflict of interest due to his son working for that company.

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:45 am. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes stated "aye". All opposed, none.


Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner

