

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

August 26th, 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: Bruce Sassmann, Ron Kempker, Ron Hoffman, Valerie Prater, Heather Gyorkos

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda August 26, 2021 and the meeting minutes for August 24, 2021. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes, 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.

Meetings:

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

-Sept 21, 2021 MU Council Meeting

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

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Bruce Sassmann brought the commissioners a few new flags. Sassmann noted that if the commission ever needed any ceremonial flags, he would be happy to help with those. Noted veto session is coming into session with research then pre-filing December 1, 2021 and with session starting in January 1, 2022. If anything would need to be filed, he is happy to help and get it done but the earlier the filing is the better chance it is to get it passed. Sassmann noted that there will be some redistricting coming soon and to just be aware of that. Commissioner Griffin expressed wanting and needing help with funds for our roads via gas tax. Commissioners were very happy that Sassmann was making his personal presence in the county.

-City of Owensville passed the \$2.00 ordinance fee, which in turn will be utilized in the inmate security fund.

-Commissioner Griffin spoke with Grellner about the signage thief and she was under the impression the person had a large amount of community service.

-Liability checks were signed.

-Commissioner Griffin spoke with Amanda Grellner concerning the sentencing of the individual whom had stolen the county signs. That person has to complete a certain amount of community service.

-Brenneke Construction dropped off the bond and insurance information at the clerk's office. Brenneke officially accepts the job with a possible start moving equipment in next week. Commission to sign the contract for Brenneke to start. Brenneke is aware of county wanting the buoys and the sign back. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to approve the notice to proceed. Motion made by Commissioner Kliethermes, 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. Kliethermes asked Kempker if he could use the excess material. Kempker said he could use it for the Bailey's Creek at intersection of county road 424/423. Copy of contract to be given to Chris Rackers, Bartlett and West, Brenneke and Winter Dent Insurance company.

-MAC sent Commissioner Kliethermes the newspaper advertisement for the county use tax collection.

-Valerie Prater and Heather Gyorkos attended the meeting stating that they had a few follow up questions from the other day about the application and availability of it. Prater quoted the previous meeting minutes regarding if there was an actual application or not. Trenshaw said we do not want an application yet and we are not in any hurry to spend the funds. Trenshaw is concerned the cost of MRPC looking over each application could consume more costs than what is beneficial to the county. Trenshaw said that we have reached out to MRPC and waiting on guidance but are not entertaining any applications at this time. Griffin said we are not even able to do the initial reporting of ARPA funds so nothing is being done at this time until that is figured out. Prater said that she believes it would be considered double

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pay for people like the health department to apply for ARPA funds since they had received CARES funds for additional salary pay. CARES provided \$214,789.25 to be put towards COVID pay and other COVID things. Commission and Prater agreed that there had been a separate grant for \$70k that was also used for salaries and COVID related things. Prater noted CARES money was only offered to county and businesses but not to individuals. She also said that there was absolutely no advertisement for the application for the CARES ACT money. Kliethermes agreed that he does not remember offering the application to individuals. Trenshaw said that since ARPA funds are a complete separate fund, that places like the health department are more than welcome to apply for that as well. Prater noted the dollar amount of \$10.00 for 180-200 hours worked that Commissioner Trenshaw said he would like to do as a payout. Prater said there are several counties, such as Wayne County whom have done different amounts for individual payouts. There were several counties who have turned down the money. Prater said she just wants more guidance for the commissioners and for the citizens as she is attending a MACCEA conference in September.

- Kliethermes spoke with Rita Steiferman, principal at the time, from Loose Creek, about the grants for a sidewalk in for back in 2014. To his knowledge the only records are verbal and memory, there isn't records of this grant (MRPC, MODOT and the parish can't find it). The county commission's only involvement was donating grant writing hours.
- Commissioners are getting good feedback from Loose Creek chip and seal projects and the milling of the Old Loose Creek Highway. Kliethermes also noted that county road 512 is patched but is a lot better than before.

Road and Bridge:

- Kempker mentioned work is coming along finely. Kempker asked commissioners if they wanted base rock placed and parking blocks placed. Commission said yes. There is noted to be some kind of foundation and tree roots that will need evaluated.
- Kempker will contact the MODOT for the last bridge inspections to provide to the lawyer.
- Commissioner Griffin will speak with Bonnie Prigge about helping with the Volkswagen grant that the road and bridge may qualify for. October 15, 2021 is the deadline to get the grant completed and turned in.

911:

- Meeting went well last evening with the fire fighter's association.
- Hoffman reports that him and his team are working towards the September drill
- Monday is the quarterly EMD meeting at 11:00.

Old Business:

- At the extension meeting it was asked they change the meeting nights to 3rd Tuesday instead of the 4th. MU Extension is looking at using another location for their council meetings. Commissioner Griffin saved the rules and regulations that he had given to him to share with fellow commissioners.

New Business:

- County road 531 and 625 bridges will need to be looked at soon. As well as one in Rich Fountain. Commissioners would like to mention this to Aaron McVickers when he arrives. Aaron McVickers arrived to the meeting to see how things are going or if we have any bridge projects coming. Kliethermes would like to see if we could obtain the latest bridge inspections for county road 611 for the lawyer. There is also another old project within the Western district that was unable to be completed due to land owner disapproval. That project was put on hold. McVickers noted that there is less money for BRO projects.

Adjournment:

- The commission meeting adjourned at 11:00 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

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