

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
August 3rd, 2021
8:30am

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin
Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw present via telephone
Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present
Media – HB Dodds
Commission Clerk – Brooke Dudenhoeffer
Present for all or part of the meeting: Justin Carnes, Ron Hoffinan, Kim Sallin

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for July 29, 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 did not vote as he was physically unable to read those minutes or agenda in order to approve.

Meetings:

-August 5, 2021 Open all sealed Pentecostal Bridge Removal Bids
-August 10, 2021 5-630 Dept of Agritourism Meeting
-August 10, 2021 9:30 Kelly Sink/ Bonnie Prigge CLOSED 610.021.2

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Griffin received a letter from an auditor firm about Osage County R-2 School. Commissioners are to fill out the papers and send it back.
-Commissioners received the Request for Proposal questionnaire so that they are able to ask more details about the properties proposed for sale.
-Commissioner Griffin received an email from Beth Billington stating that the speaker/sound system installation is completed.
-Commissioner Griffin noted that Fence -Pro has completed the fence at the court house around the antenna. Griffin said it looks nice.
-Commissioner Griffin mentioned that he has been approached about the rocks surrounding the monument across from the court house and it was suggested that the county go back to grass making it look nicer.
-Commissioners looked at the expenditures. Kliethermes noted that everything looks pretty good, Sheriff and 911 looks over a little bit but some of that they have grants to cover.
-Auditors wanted to ask a few questions about CARES ACT purchases from 2020. Commissioners forwarded the questions to MRPC for further answers.
-Commissioners received the Sheriff's report.
-Commissioners received the County Clerk monthly report.
-Commissioner Kliethermes sought out the property owners in Westphalia to ask about getting the easements signed in order to proceed with the Pentecostal Bridge removal process. Kliethermes was able to get in touch with them and will complete the paper work soon.

Road & Bridge:

-Justin Carnes handed out road report
- Justin Carnes reports having 3 brush hogs out running today. The chip and seal will be continued and are currently working on the road behind Beschinen's Family Furniture.
-Commissioner Griffin wanted to make sure the road that Stanley Dudenhoeffer lives on is worked into the weeks plan if possible. Justin said he will cross check his list of roads with Dudenhoeffer and try to get it done.

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- Commissioner Griffin and Commissioner Kliethermes said they have been getting lots of calls about brushing needing cut. Carnes noted it and said he will double check the schedule to make sure it gets done as soon as possible.
- Still hiring. Brooke Dudenhoeffer sent 2 new applicants to Lori yesterday.
- With the parts replaced recently on the tractor, Commissioner Griffin wanted to know if the Road and Bridge staff were able to physically see the broken pieces and questioned if the parts are covered under a warranty. Carnes was unaware since Kempker was in control of that project. Griffin noted that the issue could be something completely different but was just curious.
- Commissioner Trenshaw asked if rock was going to be taken out of the creeks to get it back on the roads. Carnes was unaware but agreed that rock needs to get on the roads.

Health Dept.:

- Sallin handed out the Hotspot Advisory. Osage and Cole county are both on it as Hotspots in Missouri.
- Sallin reports a total of 64 active COVID cases with 2 additional deaths. Total of 22 break through cases. 3 hospitalized in which 2 of those are vaccinated. With the Delta variant transmission rate is about 98% with a 2-3-day incubation period.
- 45 vaccines were given on Friday's walk-in clinic.
- State Tech Nursing Program teacher had contacted Sallin stating that there is a positive case in the program. Sallin has yet to have this students' information come across her desk so for now it's up to the school to decide how to handle it.
- Dudenhoeffer asked if schools are requiring masking. Sallin says Chamois is, Fatima is not and Linn is not at this time. Sallin encourages masking not only to protect the health and wellbeing of the community but so that the students are able to stay in school and learn rather than last minute lesson plans being handed out and parents having to take off work for a 10-day quarantine. Dudenhoeffer asked Sallin about the spread of RSV and masking. Sallin says that personally she thinks masking could help the spread of it as well. Not only is masking important but so is hand washing and socially distancing.

911:

- Hoffman said he spoke with Paul Stratman and he would like to serve on the 911 Advisory Board. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to add Paul Stratman to serve on the 911 Advisory Council. Commissioner Kliethermes made the motion, 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. Commission is to contact Stratman to let him know they have voted.
- Trailer is back from Gasconade County. They really appreciate us being able to allow them to use it.
- Still hiring for a full-time position.

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment:

- The commission meeting adjourned at 10:08 am. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw via telephone. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes stated aye. All opposed, none.



Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner