

**Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Aug 30, 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, Denise Nolte

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:**

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda, August 25, 2022 CLOSED meeting minutes and the meeting minutes for August 25, 2022. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve today's agenda, the CLOSED meeting minutes 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:**

-September 20, 2022 6:30p MU Extension Council Meeting  
-September 22, 2022 10:00a Hazard Mitigation Meeting

**Bills, Notes and Communication:**

-Commission received an email from Jay Berendzen with requests for changes. Commissioners would like to discuss these with Jay before making a motion.

**Road and Bridge**

-Kempker handed out the road report for August 23-29, 2022  
-Kempker is working on the washed-out spots on county roads. Kempker encourages the public to call the shop with issues.  
-Kempker said the county cell phone got wet and is ruined. He has a new one on the way.  
-Kempker provided the commission with photos of county road 722 slab, which is now complete and open.  
-Kempker has done his research for a used day cab truck. The first truck was not his truck of choice due to the wear and tear already on the truck. Truck number 2, not his choice either due to mileage. The third truck is an International LT5. Kempker feels this is the better fit for the county. This truck is only lacking a wet kit but does include many other beneficial components. At this time there is no warranty on the truck, but they are willing to work with the county on prices depending on the extent of issue. Small breaks or leaks would most likely be covered but larger repairs could be priced at their cost and \$75.00 an hour for labor. The truck is sold "as is". Commissioners would like to use the CI88 funds for this purchase. Commissioner Griffin made a motion to purchase this truck through CI88 funds, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none. Commissioner Kliethermes asked to abstain from the vote due to conflict of interest. Commissioner Griffin signed the proposal to get the ball rolling.  
-Belly dump should arrive soon.  
-Commissioners received a bill from a county resident. They gave the bill to the road and bridge department. Kempker does not feel the bill should be paid by road and bridge. Kempker will contact the individual who sent the invoice.  
-A county employee was mowing and caught a power line. Kempker is unsure how the incident happened. Kempker said the county would be responsible for the damages. The wire was a live wire. Commissioner Griffin and Kempker agree that the employee should not have left the scene until the appropriate people arrived. The landowner would like for someone to check the buildings electrical system to eliminate any potential issues/safety.  
-Commissioner Trenshaw verified that Road & Bridge does not maintain River Breeze Trail, at the end of county road 635. Kempker said he has never maintained that portion of the road since he has been foreman. Commissioner Trenshaw will contact the current landowner, Dale Struempf, and let him know that there has been zero documentation of it being recorded in the Clerk's office. There has been mention of renaming a couple roads in 2002/2003, but no specific road was not noted in the commissioner minutes.  
-Commissioner Trenshaw said that county road 605 has very large rocks and it doesn't seem to be screened very well.  
-Kliethermes requested the weed whipper be pulled to county road 512. Kempker said he will have his crew get to it.

**Health Dept:**

-Sallin noted she has been able to get a couple boxes of home COVID testing kits and distribute them to those who need them but only while supplies lasts.  
-Van title was completed at the DMV

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- Sallin has advertised for the billing position. This will run for 5 weeks unless there is interest prior to the end of the 5 weeks.
- There has been some communication between Sallin and Jay Berendzen about the counter tops. Sallin needs counter tops that will last longer than 3 years and sustain chemical wipes multiple times a day. There is another option but the cost would increase. Commissioner Griffin noted to Sallin that there have been some needed changes to the building plans per Jay Berendzen. There will be a meeting at the construction site today to discuss the changes.
- Sallin received a call that the sign is done. Delivery and installation will be done soon.
- Sallin thinks she may have the generator paid for by a grant.
- Commissioner Griffin was wanting to speak with Sallin about a security system for the building. Griffin asked if Sallin would need something of this nature. Sallin said "I would think, yeah." Sallin sometimes gets the brunt end of situations that people are upset about and the security system would be beneficial. Sallin could seek a grant to help pay for the security system. It was mentioned that MRPC has 14 hours for grant writing if she needed the help.

**Collector:**

- Denise Nolte requested the commission to accept a surplus from Victor Renike in amount of \$712.26. Denise Nolte would write a check to the treasurer, Tim Neuner, whom would need to hold the check for one year but not exceed three years. The one-three years gives the property owner the opportunity to redeem it. Commissioner Griffin signed the acceptance of the surplus funds.

**Adjournment:**

- The commission meeting adjourned at 10:15 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