

**Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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, Andi Rice, Nicci Kammerich, Sheriff Bonham, Kim Sallin

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:**

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda August 31, 2021 and the meeting minutes for August 26, 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:**

-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:**

-Commissioners reviewed and approved bills. Commissioner Kliethermes made the motion to approve and pay bills, 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.

-Commissioner Griffin noted that he had received an email to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between Osage County and GVEZ. Also noted in the memo is that GVEZ has been paid. Commissioner Griffin signed with agreeance of fellow commissioners.

-Commissioners asked Dudenhoeffer to send an email to the department heads asking that they please use the Tax-Exempt letter when conducting business for the county such as hotels and other services. Failure to use the exemption letter will/may result in the department or individual being reimbursed for the paid taxes. The commission did note that if the individual went back to the business and requested a tax exemption that would be acceptable as well.

-The commissioners discussed whether or not to hold a commission meeting on October 21, 2021 due to possible conflicts with another Western District Commission Meeting and the MRPC dinner that evening. Commissioners will think about it and finalize their decision at a later date and notify the public.

-Commissioner Trenshaw has spoken with the individuals to be able to proceed with the Popcorn Buddha building and it was noted that Tim Hamburg would be completing the survey this next week.

-County road 201 has been complimented on.

-Commissioner Griffin noted that the EMD meeting went well and all questions had been answered.

**Road & Bridge:**

-Kempker handed out the road report for August 24-30

-Culvert for the additional Annex building parking lot is in. When the culvert is installed, Kempker will put rock on the lower portion as he did the top.

-Kevin Ward started yesterday and running the whipper today.

-Kempker is going to be working on minor improvements near the county bridges when weather is permittable. This will help keep schedule due to MODOT being a little bit behind. Commissioner Trenshaw requested a copy of what is needing to be done. After Trenshaw looked at Kempker's notes, Trenshaw retracted the request to have a copy.

-Kempker asked where the bills for the parking area need to come from so that they can turn those in. Commission agreed that the bills should be paid out of AX08 and they will be handled appropriately when turned in.

-Kempker handed out an estimate for parts on a vehicle that was damaged. Kempker wanted to know if the private citizen vehicle should be fixed. Commissioner Kliethermes made the motion to get the private vehicle fixed. Commissioner Trenshaw seconded the motion. Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes both said "aye". Commissioner Griffin was personally involved in that incident so he will refrain from voting. Kempker is submitting a claim to the county insurance.

-Kempker provided some of the previous Pentecostal Bridge inspections. The lawyer wants recent ones if possible.  
-Brenneke will be in contact with Kempker for the materials needing to be taken out of the Maries River which were the results of the Pentecostal Bridge damage. Brenneke started some construction yesterday.

-Mini Excavator has been shipped and Kempker expects it within the week or so.

-Commissioner Griffin asked more about the Volkswagen grant. Kempker and Lori have been working with Dudenhoefter to get this turned into MRPC prior to the deadline of October 15, 2021.

### **Health Dept.:**

-Sallin came to the meeting to update COVID cases. Active 51 cases, 2 additional deaths (one was fully vaccinated, one passed away before contact with the family was made). Sallin reports a 47-year-old, with school age children, on a ventilator. It is reported that the gentleman was not vaccinated. 44 total breakthrough cases, 2 within the last week. This week 13 patients were diagnosed under the age of 12. Sallin reports significant increase with infant and toddler cases. Sallin urges for home tests or any positive tests to be reported immediately.

-Sallin reports lots of phone calls being received and made by staff to contact COVID tracing contacts. Please be kind. Nurses are working very hard with very little information.

-Sallin provided the commission with an official request to hire 2 temporary part-time nurses (\$29.21 per hour) to help with COVID related tasks and flu vaccine clinics with funds provided primarily from the ARPA Funds. This position will be a 12-month temporary position. Sallin has had lots of interest. Commissioner Trenshaw made the motion to approve the request to hire help for the Health Department, 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.

-Fatima school nurse asked the superintendent if they could help the health department by contacting some of the parents/students whom could drive. Chuck Woods said absolutely not. Sallin did state that it was a school board decision not necessarily his personal choice. Sallin was told that Fatima will be holding an emergency board meeting to discuss masking.

-Sallin reports that Hand, Foot and Mouth is also going around accompanied by fevers.

### **Sheriff:**

-Bonham has requested an ordinance from the county, drafted by attorney Frank Foster, this is a tax on utilities but not on the citizens. The ordinance will be active from date of signature. Dudenhoefter provided an ordinance number of 08-21 and an active date of 08-31-2021. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to adopt the ordinance to clarify sales tax, 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. Copy of signed ordinance to be scanned to Andi Rice and Sheriff Bonham. Clerk's office to mail original copy to Taxation Division.

-Commissioner Kliethermes noted positive compliments for the active shooter drill at Fatima. Sheriff Bonham is working on some of the areas of weakness.

-JR Deputy will start this week with a tentative graduation date in October.

### **Public Comments:**

-At 9:00 am Notice of Hearing started. No public entities had showed up for questions, comments and/or concerns. Tax rates were published previously by County Clerk Nicci Kammerich. Kammerich requested a signature for the General Revenue tax rate to stay the same. Road and Bridge stayed at the recommendation of the state at 0.2163% Trenshaw mentioned possibly needing to look at the numbers again next year due to inflation. Osage County Special Services (with help of Megan) stayed at .0971% Kammerich will certify these through state auditor's office, then distribute within the county for the political subdivisions.

### **Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Adjournment:**

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:30am. 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.



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Darryl Griffin  
Presiding Commissioner

