

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

Aug 9, 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: Jimmy Gentges, Ron Kempker, John Kennedy, Ron Hoffman, Ricky Smith, 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 August 4, 2022.

Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve today's agenda and the previous meeting minutes, 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.

## Meetings:

-August 11, 2022 TAC Meeting

-August 11, 2022 Jay Berendzen

-August 16, 2022 MU Extension Council Meeting

-August 16, 2022 CLOSED Meeting: Statute 610.021.3

## Bills, Notes and Communication:

-John Kennedy had the Courthouse and Annex building looked at so we could potentially install water softeners. The Annex building has a spot for one but the Courthouse has limited space. If the commission decided to put a water softener at the Courthouse, it would require extensive construction due to the limited space.

-Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to pay for Courthouse directory signs out of JR60, 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.

-Kennedy came back to the meeting with a quote from Wegman for \$9,000-\$10,000 (2 pack) water softener but the labor could vary due to the construction needs. Another \$15,000-\$18,000 for the Annex building and the labor charge is unknown. Commissioners would like to visit with Wegman Plumbing prior to deciding what to do.

-Larry Frederick spoke with Commissioner Trenshaw and would like a copy of the Health Department building prints due to city planning and zoning rules.

-Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to renew the Vanguard Appraisals contract for the Assessor's office, 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.

-Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to pay bills, 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.

-Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to pay the Rehagen bill out of ARPA funds, 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.

-Sales Tax information was received.

-County Clerk's Notice of Hearing was received.

-Depositions were received and reviewed.

## Road and Bridge

-Jim Gentges came to the meeting to request county road 424 be completed a certain way. Prior to the meeting Jim spoke with Ron Kempker, in which Kempker explained to him the plan for the low water crossing. Jim was satisfied with the plan Kempker has devised.

-Kempker handed out the road reports for July 26-August 1 and another one for August 2 -18

-Bump sign has been stolen from the Loose Creek Highway. Kempker plans to finish that project ASAP.

-Kempker is willing to accept the sand bags from the 911/EMA

-Grader 04, Rich Fountain, is in the shop. Kempker noted that there are 3 more machines needing upkeep.

-Griffin asked if Kempker could haul gravel out of county road 310 due to the gravel being level with the low water crossing. Kempker said he could.

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-Kempker is still looking for employees. He admits to having one application in which he is going to contact that person to see if there is still any interest.

-Kempker was informed that the commission is having MRPC placing a traffic counter, before school starts and during school year, on county road 508/506 and county road 317 but would like to know if Kempker has a preference as well.

-After long conversation Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to hire 2 more employees, 1 now and 1 later, to train for the potential retirement of the senior employees, 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.

### **911:**

-Hoffman is releasing Peter completely. Andrea is doing well. Hoffman will still advertise for a part-time position.

-Intrado was inquiring if the county was going to purchase the phone system. Prices have increased since the quote was made. Hoffman would like for the commission and him sign an official letter declining their services due to price increases.

-Hoffman would like to update his mapping system eventually. Trenshaw asked if Hoffman could feed off of the Assessor's GIS system. Hoffman was unsure but would look into it.

### **Health Dept:**

-10 active covid cases that have been reported

-It is predicted that flu season will be a heavy year. Sallin has a lot of flu clinics scheduled to offer flu shots.

-Sallin wants to know what she could do with the 4 extra AT&T phones. Commission said to offer them to other departments first then potentially put them on Purple Wave.

### **Adjournment:**

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:48 am. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. 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