

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
September 16th, 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: Tammy Snodgrass via telephone, Ron Hoffman, Jacob Warden, Nicci Kammerich

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda September 16, 2021 and the meeting minutes for September 14, 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 Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.

Meetings:

-Sept 21, 2021 MU Council Meeting

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

-October 11, 2021 ALL county offices CLOSED in observation of Columbus Day

-October 13, 2021 10:00am Commission Salary Meeting

-October 16, 2021 Electronic/Drug collection- more info to come at Linn Lion's Club

-October 16, 2021 Taste of Osage County at McGuire Park

-October 21, 2021 5:00pm MRPC Dinner at State Tech

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioners received an addendum from MRPC adjusting article 7 in the 2020-2021 contract. Commissioner Griffin called MRPC Tammy Snodgrass to clarify the addendum. By signing this addendum, it effects, the 7/2020-6/2021 MRPC contract, any additional unpaid amounts will be covered through MRPC committee. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to sign the addendum, 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 sign the 2021-2022 technical assistance contract with MRPC, 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. Nicci Kammerich, County Clerk, attested to signatures. Dudenhoeffer to scan and send to MRPC.

-Commissioner Griffin said he has spoken to MO PERM, Naught Naught and Attorney Grellner about the incident from a person getting hurt on county grounds. Kammerich noted there is a form on the county web page for anyone to fill out a report. Dudenhoeffer to email all departments where this is to be found.

-Commissioner Kliethermes noted an email received from Rackers for a jury trial in March of 2023. Kliethermes strongly feels this is unacceptable. Trenshaw believes that if at the mediation is not met, then a jury trial is set for "just in case". Dudenhoeffer sent an email to Rackers to clarify if the mediation is still set for November 2, 2021, why the jury trial was set and by whom. Rackers returned the email by stating, we are still moving forward with the mediation but the courts set the date of March 2023 just in case the mediation is not settled.

-Commissioners signed checks.

-Commissioner Griffin signed the Volkswagen grant application for Road and Bridge.

911:

-Quarterly EMD with Ameren, EMD meeting, Training for new employees SEMA. Hoffman is getting ready for next Tuesdays drill. Hoffman is working on improvements.

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DLG

- Hoffman explained a bill from Tuesday. The bill was from Linn Printing for them to print a list of stolen guns on the front of an envelope along with case numbers and other pertaining information.
- Last Thursday day shift had 71 emergency calls, 210 radio transmission calls, 110 admin calls (calls for any other departments). Harassment calls have slowed down.
- Hoffman did get in contact with AT&T and is working on resolving the billing issues.
- Hoffman has extended a career opportunity to an individual. Still waiting on the response.

Health Dept.:

- Sallin reports as of Tuesday, 47 active COVID cases; 1 hospitalized; 8 break-through cases in the week; 15 cases reported under age of 12, but 9 were reported on one day; 88 vaccine doses.
- Sallin reports hiring Abby Baker. Sallin reports offered the 2nd position to another candidate.
- Sallin reports having to contact ambulance for a vaccine patient a few weeks back. Sallin did send a report to the state but due to the patient not being harmed she did not report the episode to the commission.
- Flu shot clinics start on Tuesday. Sallin anticipates it to be a very large outcome.
- Shop with a Hero is being held by Linn PD. Sallin is on a committee that will participate in this event. Sallin noted that she and MU Extension will co-host a gift-wrapping date.

Public Comments:

-Jacob Warden, manager of the Unterrified Democrat and Maries County Advocate wants to discuss the disagreement between the County Clerk's office and a social media post. Warden said that after looking at the recent comments/posts on the Osage County Clerk's Facebook page, public commenting was turned off. The limiting of public comments on a public social media by an office holder is illegal. Due to a law dated in 2019 that states office holders can't limit or turn off any public commenting on any social platform, by doing so it then infringes upon the 1st Amendment. With the blocking of public comments, the situation at hand could end in a legal action. He did not specify by whom. Kammerich posted a Facebook post under the Osage County Clerk's page voicing how disappointed she is with the UD and how information printed was misleading to the public. An administrator of another Facebook group shared the governmental post. From that shared post, things got out of hand with comments from the public with vulgar language. After the one comment, Kammerich blocked ALL comments and sharing capabilities on the Osage County Clerk post but not to one specific individual, in order to stop name calling. Warden quoted a lawsuit from 2019 and Donald Trump as an example for when this became a law and why. Warden says it is ACLU (American Liberties Union) illegal so he considers it illegal. Warden said he wants to make sure the county is not going to get sued. Copy of the law and Facebook posts were shared with the commission. Kammerich said she will turn commenting back on but will continue to use social media as a notification source and transparency with the public.

Old Business:

-Nicci Kammerich wanted to speak with the commissioners about the MOPERM renewal survey. Geri Ann Rackers will contact Kammerich to go through the survey if commissioners are okay with that. Commission was okay with it.

-Pro-Forma's were turned in with exception of City of Belle, Parks and Roads until this morning. Kammerich went to Belle this morning to make sure the forms are filled out and correct as the entity wanted them done. All forms are completed thanks to all the hard work of Kammerich. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to accept the pro-forma's a day late, 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

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:29 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

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