

**Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**September 23<sup>rd</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 –

Present for all or part of the meeting: Elizabeth Anderson, Amy Decramer, Kim Sallin

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:**

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda September 23, 2021 and the meeting minutes for September 21, 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 29, 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

-October 21, 2021 Western District Commission Meeting- NO COMMISSION MTG.

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

**Bills, Notes and Communication:**

-Commissioners got a request from Chris Rackers to hire Allen Smith, expert witness Engineer, to represent Osage County in the law suit against Eldon C. Strutsman Trucking. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to hire Allen Smith, 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 received forms to fill out in order for them to vote at the MAC conference in November.

-Commissioner Griffin asked Commissioner Kliethermes if he had spoken to the Westphalia Historical Society about setting a date and time for the commission to present the historical Pentecostal Bridge sign. Kliethermes has left a message but will continue efforts to speak with the historical society. Due to one of the signs that had been previously seen in the water is now missing along with the buoys, Commissioner Griffin asked "Should we fill out a report that these items are now missing". Kliethermes and Trenshaw both agreed. These items are now considered stolen property. Report will be filed

-Maries/Osage County Ambulance emailed and would like to apply for ARPA Funds, but there is not an application available currently.

-County Road 754 resident emailed the commission saying she has not had rock hauled on the road for a long time. Trenshaw said he spoke with Kempker and he was to haul rock on it ASAP.

-Commissioners reviewed and approved timesheets. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve timesheets, 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.

-Commissioners discussed the possibility of attending the Western District Commission meeting on October 21, 2021. This would cancel the regular commissioners meeting.

-Westphalia Fire Dept would like to have the water district in Westphalia put in a 6" fire hydrant.

**MU Extension:**

-Anderson asked whom she speaks with to place advertising banners for upcoming events. Trenshaw advised her to contact property owners to see if they will allow one being placed on their property.

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- Workforce development is holding a workforce summit in Ashland. This is where speakers come and talk about the challenges and highlights of their careers. Anderson said this is something that she would like to see come to Osage County eventually and expand the longevity of the careers our county residents hold.
- Still working on broadband. Anderson would like to meet with MRPC. She handed out a guide to the commissioners.
- The extension is working with Osage Agri Tourism Council still.
- Extension has been working with Health Dept and Emergency Management on upcoming events.
- Anderson provided brochure on her specific job as well as an impact update.

### **Health Dept.:**

- Sallin reports 39 active COVID cases with 1 break through case last week, total of 58 so far.
- Walk-in clinic served 27 vaccines but most were the second shot.
- Sallin received a message from the Cole County Health Department Director; there had been an article in the UD written by HB Dodds, that came out and had mentioned a statement about Blair Oaks and lack of the Cole County Health departments quick responses to COVID case tracing, contacting close contacts and quarantining. The director was very displeased with how the article was written. Sallin corrected that misconception by restating that she has been fortunate to have the extra help with contact tracing and contacting those people, whereas Blair Oaks and the Cole County Health Dept have their own communication system set up, correcting the quote from the article.
- Sallin received a quote for the disposable waste. Cost for a 36-month agreement would be \$75.00 per month with an extra charge to pick up the excess hazards we currently have from all of the COVID clinics and soiled items from the jail. Sallin wondered if ARPA funds would cover these expenses or if she needs to budget. If it wasn't for COVID and the outside clinics held, she would not have the number of sharps as she currently does. Griffin will contact Kelly Sink for verification.
- Sallin mentioned eventually she would like to see if trading the current HD vehicle in for a van due to all of the current recalls on the current vehicle. Commissioners would like to see if the ARPA funds would possibly cover some of the costs. Griffin will contact Kelly Sink to see if this would be an approved use of funds.
- Kelly Frank (coordinator for Christmas on Main Street) contacted Sallin to see if the commission would allow the health department to host a gingerbread house contest judgement table on the main level of the Annex building after hours (5p-7p on a Friday and a couple of hours on a Saturday). Commission approved.
- Shop with a Hero is December 4, 2024. Gift wrapping date will be set after that.
- Sallin is applying for a \$17,000.00 grant to pay for the COVID pay (back pay from ELC grant). Commissioners appreciate all the grant writing Sallin and her team have done.
- EMR is in use at this time but there is still some training to be done with billing.

### **New Business:**

- Amy DeCramer asked for a signature allowing them to receive a 3-year grant. Commissioner Kliethermes made the motion to sign the grant, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes and Commissioner Griffin (2 votes) all stated aye. All opposed, none. Commissioner Trenshaw abstained from the motion/voting due to conflict.

### **Adjournment:**

- The commission meeting adjourned at 10:20 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