

**Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**September 30<sup>th</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: Kim Sallin, Ron Hoffman, Ron Kempker, Justin Carnes, John Kennedy, Kevin Huber, Mary Ann Klebba, Sheriff Bonham

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:**

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda September 30, 2021 and the meeting minutes for September 28, 2021. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve the agenda 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:**

- October 4, 2021 3:00pm CLOSED meeting Statute 610.021.1
- October 5, 2021 9:00am Williams Keeper to present audit report
- 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
- October 16, 2021 Taste of Osage County
- October 19, 2021 6:00pm MU Council Meeting
- October 21, 2021 10:00am Western District Commission Meeting- NO COMMISSION MTG.
- October 21, 2021 5:00pm MRPC Dinner at State Tech

**Bills, Notes and Communication:**

- Commissioner Kliethermes addressed Kevin Huber, and Mary Ann Klebba to present the Pentecostal Bridge sign. Road and Bridge along with Commissioner Kliethermes put the sign back together and mounted it on a white wooden platform with handles.
- Commissioners signed checks.
- Commissioners attended a meeting yesterday at St. James MRPC with Attorney Travis Elliot. Many questions were asked but it was advised to not be in a hurry to spend any money due to changing rules. As for the essential workers' pay, it was advised for the commissioners to not use ARPA Funds towards individuals unless their time was spent 51% as health/medical leave. No one time bonus/payout is recommended at all due to other counties that have been in trouble for doing so and having to pay the money back. State statute that states no premiums are to be paid out of ARPA Funds. If an employee was positive for COVID, doctors note, the employee could be paid up to 80 hours (2 weeks or 10 working days). It was advised to make sure reporting was done accurately and on time.
- Tammy Snodgrass wants to visit with the commission for the State of Emergency plan for 2022. Dudenhoeffer to set that up for November 16, 2021 at 10:30 in the commission room.
- Commissioners received an email from Nicci Kammerich from the auditors stating that if any corrections needed to be made from the CARES money, the commission needs to make a corrective statement.
- Commissioners received a bridge rebuild estimate from Bartlett and West.
- MU Extension requested October 21, 2021 to use the commission room for their council meeting. Commission approved.
- Dudenhoeffer made the commission aware that all employees need to fill out the Form Fire questionnaire that Valerie Prater will send out. This is due by October 8, 2021.

**Health Dept.:**

- Sallin reports 21 active COVID cases, 37 doses of vaccine last week, 144 influenza vaccines (1 positive case of flu).
- Sallin reports an issue with a dog bite, to a delivery driver, report in Westphalia. The dog owner, is the same person as previously reported whom had bit an 11-month old in Linn twice. Since the first report the dog has not gotten vaccinated and has been bouncing back and forth to different counties. The owner is a known criminal within the county. Sallin contacted legal counsel and was advised to seize the dog and have it euthanized. But the state epidemiologist said no there is a statute in which it states (578.024) the proper routine would be to house the animal (\$20/day if there would be a boarding/kennel spot open) then the

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owner would have a 10 business days period to appeal. Sallin has contacted many different veterinary clinics and pounds, no one has a spot yet. Commissioners are willing to pay for the boarding until the dog can be properly taken care of wither that be euthanized or legal action towards the owner. If the dog does end up having rabies which could be fatal, Sallin does not know where the blame would be put. Griffin said that since it's a public safety/nuisance to the community, but wants to know who would catch the dog. Sallin reports she has spoken with Chief Bickell and/or Capitan Shchafer would all be willing to help. Griffin said he may ask the City of Linn to split the costs if possible. Commissioners gave Sallin lots of veterinarian names and suggestions. Griffin did ask since the dog bit a delivery driver on the Eagle Stop property, wouldn't they have some kind of responsibility? Sallin said she did not know.

### **911:**

- Hoffman and Kennedy have been in contact with Tyler Lock and Key, to get random key codes assigned. Hoffman said he works with the same system at the fire house. Kennedy contacted Kevin with Tyler's Lock and Key. Kevin noted that there could be a manager/master code to be able to override all other codes making the availability to keep doors open longer or close earlier for a designated time period. A DTM (data terminal machine) cost is about \$380.00 which is a box that would be a data transfer box. Hoffman already has a DTM. The DTM machine Hoffman already has is compatible with the key system we have adapted and Hoffman is willing to share the machine to save the county \$380.00, all the county would need to do is download a free system and set up the names/key codes. Hoffman and Kennedy are to get the system downloaded and programed. Kevin from Tyler Lock and Key will replace physical locks at a later date.
- Hoffman said the generator company is wanting to complete the bi-yearly routine maintenance on the 2 generators. Hoffman and Kennedy wanted to know if the commission would be okay with waiting until the yearly time to maintenance (change oil) them to save the county some money as there is only 10 hours on the generator. Inspection would be fine, but the oil change could be bypassed until next March. Commissioner are fine with that.
- SOLOCOM sent another bill for routine maintenance/equipment. Hoffman would like to replace SOLOCOM with Introdo Viper due to the universal use throughout other counties. Hoffman gave an example that if all power and generators quit, he could send a dispatcher to another county whom has Introdo Viper and the Osage County dispatcher could sign in as Osage County and continue work as if nothing happened.
- Hired a new part time person, Rebecca Justice.
- The drill out brief team said Osage county had good control, communication and operation. Very few improvements were noted. Hoffman said he was very proud of the entire Osage County team.
- Email through Socket is having a glitch. Hoffman wants to investigate switching to another site.

### **Sheriff:**

- Commissioners made Sheriff Bonham aware of the dog bite incident.
- Vic Weir is coming back as detective as of 10/2021
- Still hiring for 2 positions, Sergeant and deputy positions. Hard to find housing for employees within the county.
- Mental Health crisis 48hour hold will be available to our county soon. The building that will be used is currently being rehabbed at this time. Bonham said there is a grant that would cover any costs.
- Bonham said he had a complaint that county employees are parking on the adjacent business property. County employees should have a permitted parking tag visible and parked in county parking spots.

### **New Business:**

- Commissioners received a call from Kyle Aubuchon about the Assessor vacancy coming as of Nov. 1, 2021. Commissioners returned his call, leaving a message.

### **Adjournment:**

- The commission meeting adjourned at 10:36 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

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