

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
September 7th, 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, Denise Nolte, Kim Sallin, Eric Reichel via telephone

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda September 7, 2021 and the meeting minutes for September 2, 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 9, 2021 MRPC Meeting; Commissioner Griffin is attending

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

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioners received the Sheriff's monthly report.

-Commissioners received the expenditures.

-Commissioner Griffin reached out via telephone to RCS Eric Reichel to notify him of the lack of WIFI connection in the County Clerk's office in which he stated he was unaware of the Clerk's office issue. Reichel will be addressing it either today or tomorrow.

-Dudenhoeffer notified Commissioner Kliethermes that Valerie Prater had completed the Wayfair Use Tax ad. This will be placed in the U.D and ran for no less than 2 consecutive weeks no later than the first week in November.

-Commissioners were wondering about the status of the vacant assessor position. They would like to see the newly appointed assessor be trained in the office prior to taking over. Griffin will contact Kyle Aubuchon at the governor's office.

Road and Bridge:

-Kempker handed out the road report.

-Kempker is still waiting on the inspection book from MODOT

-Kempker noted that the material being used from county road 611 was being transferred to county road 424/423 but it would not likely be enough to stabilize the banks enough. With that said Kempker thinks he will have to purchase rock/material which is quoted at \$75.00 a load. It's unknown how many loads it will take. Commissioners advised Kempker to clearly write and separate that bill so that it could possibly be taken out of CI88.

-Volkswagen grant is at a stand still as Kempker and Lori are getting bids back from Sheppard's and Kenmore. The grant requires the 50/50 soft match with a truck for truck replacement.

-Kempker hopes to address the slabs with a coal patch here soon due to low water and access to the problem issues.

-Kempker reports he has one employee leaving. Advertising to hire more help is to come soon.

-Mini excavator is expected any day.

-Commissioner Griffin said county road 435 needs to be graded.

-Kempker said he only sees one issue with the rotation that is Kempker has implemented which is that the guys are unfamiliar with every county road. Kliethermes noted that work needs to be done on county road 608.

County Collector:

-Denise Nolte attended the meeting stating that on August 23, 2021 there was an estate sale. Two parcels were sold with an accumulation of surplus funds in the amount of \$54,412.06 (1st property \$49,112.82 and second property \$5,299.24). The third parcel was sold for the amount of taxes due, \$1,830.91. After the commission accepts the check and signs the acceptance, the check will be turned over to the Tim Neuner Osage County Treasurer and he will then keep it for 3 years. At this point if no one has claimed the parcels, the money goes into the general school fund. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to accept the check from the collector in the amount of \$54,412.06, 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. Nolte hopes that next year when there is the estate sale, to be able to use the commissioner's room.

Health Dept:

-Sallin reports 53 active cases, 2 hospitalizations (44 y/o with pneumonia/pulmonary embolism and the 47 y/o male from last week still on the ventilator), 1 additional death (51 y/o unvaccinated male). Total of 49 break through cases with 2 this past week. Children 12 and under have a total running number of 119 with 8 being diagnosed this week.

-Linn R-2 has 4 active student COVID cases this past week, St. Joseph has 1 active student COVID cases this past week, Fatima has 0 active student COVID cases this past week. Chamois has reported 0 cases.

-Sallin pleaded with the public to contact the Health Dept when there is a positive case diagnosed. This will help when addressing quarantines.

-Kandiss and Kim are now BLS (basic life support) instructors. Sallin is working with Osage County EMS to be able to use the OC EMS room to teach BLS. Only cost to the public is the cost of the certification card.

-Sallin received a quote from McKesson at \$184.85 each. Commissioner Trenshaw suggested to purchase 40 standing hand sanitizers at the cost of \$184.85. Commissioner Griffin asked if there was a warranty, in which Sallin said she will look into that. Commissioner Trenshaw asked if there are refills for the sanitizer, Sallin said yes and she would plan to pick some of those up as well.

-Sallin has had many telephone interviews, and she is still receiving lots of applications/resumes. She plans to have a group of nurses narrowed down by Friday to bring in for a face-to-face interview by the following Friday. Sallin is still working to get a nurse pay schedule together. At this time Sallin predicts that she may need a third person as part-time help as well as the 2 nurses.

-Sallin was asked by Chuck Woody, Superintendent to attend the Osage County R-3 Fatima School Board Meeting on September 15, 2021 due to some of the board members having questions about COVID related issues. The commission asked Sallin to relay a message to Chuck Woody that he and the board are welcome to attend a commission meeting and ask those questions here. Sallin did report that there is a statute that supports her and the guidance from the CDC about masking. Statute number 167.191.

-Electronic Medical Record system is ready to go live this Thursday.

Old Business:

-Commissioner Trenshaw said the inspection on Popcorn Buddha is done. Dudenhoeffer will print off the inspection. Trenshaw said the findings were not unexpected. Surveyor and appraisal are yet to be done.

New Business:

Adjournment:

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


Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner

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