

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 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: Nicci Kammerich, Ron Hoffman, Kim Sallin

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda September 9, 2021 and the meeting minutes for September 7, 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:

-Sept 14, 2021 10:00 Chuck Woody and board members to discuss COVID recommendations

-Sept 14, 2021 9:30 Amy Decreamer needing signature for a grant

-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 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:

-Commissioner Griffin said Kyle Aubuchon whom is still looking into filling the assessor's position. The position looks to be filled by the end of the month.

-Commissioner Griffin received a medical claim letter due to a hip and neck injury at the courthouse. The lawyer is listed Anthony Laramore whom will be representing Nancy Dennis. MOPERM and county lawyer will all be contacted.

-Inspection on building was printed off for all commissioners to view. Trenshaw has spoken to surveyor whom said they would get to the survey this week.

-Culvert is placed in the Annex parking area.

County Clerk:

-Nicci Kammerich presented issues with the county pro forma's. There are still 6 not turned in at this point. Those include; Village of Argyle, City of Chamois, Chamois Volunteer FPD, Belle FPD, Belle City and Belle Roads. Kammerich was advised per statute that pro forma's were to be turned into her by 09/01/2021. Jill Wilson, state auditor, told Kammerich that she could still accept them until a set date. Kammerich is willing to still accept them until set date of 09/15/2021 at 1:00pm. Kammerich knows of 2 that are aware and have been in contact with her to get those turned in ASAP. If Kammerich does not get any more pro forma's by 09/15/2021, Kammerich will have to notify the auditor that the pro forma's were not sent in and then consequently the political subdivisions will not be able to collect the 2021 property tax. Kammerich will be notifying all 6 political subdivisions of the extended set acceptance date decision and the possible consequences set by statute. Commissioner Griffin will be attending a MRPC meeting and if he sees any of these political subdivisions, he will notify them of the issue.

-Kammerich asks for transparency between the clerk's office and the public. "There was an article in the paper stating that the clerk's office was requesting ARPA Funds. There were 2 employees who did attend a commission meeting, after clocking out, asking for an application for individuals who could apply for those funds. However, the County Clerk, myself, did not come in asking for the clerk's office. The article is very misleading. We don't need funds for our

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office. The newspaper will not retract the article nor apologize. I can't deny anyone wanting to come into a meeting to speak. As long as an employee clocks out, they are more than welcome to come speak to you about anything. Yes, my staff do represent me and my office but these ladies were clocked out and asking for the public." Commissioner Trenshaw said, "Their defense to a question was, "We did 4 elections". That is a grey area." Kammerich said I just wanted to make sure we are all transparent that they were asking for themselves and the public, not for the clerk's office. Commissioner Trenshaw said "I can say they never said they were here from the clerk's office." It was portrayed in the paper that the ladies were clocked in and representing the clerk's office. Commissioner Griffin said "We are going to look at the Health Department before anything right now which would benefit the county most. We have 3 years and this time we are not going to rush to spend it. When we go to the meeting in November, we will get a lot more information." Commissioner Kliethermes was not sure as to the definition of essential workers when it comes to employees and elected officials. Kammerich wanted to make sure the commission was aware of assumptions throughout the county by noting "Also, it has been made aware to me that the public seems to think that the clerk's office runs the commission meetings. I want to make sure it is clear that the clerk's office does not run any agenda or meeting. You guys have your own clerk. The county clerk's office does not have any part of the commission meetings. Commissioner Griffin wanted to publicly thank Kammerich for getting Brooke Dudenhoeffer hired for the commissioners by stating, "It's the best thing that has ever happened for this group of guys. She is very good. She's a blessing for us. We thank you for bringing this us up to us. We can agree to disagree, but I agree with what you said today."

911:

- Brian Opaka is retiring. Ms. Carla Butler would be honored to replace Brian. She will have to be voted in as a 911 Advisory Board Member by the commission after Hoffman provides her with the last meeting minutes.
- EMPG needs a signature on a grant for the amount of \$52,513.40
- Region F quarterly meeting yesterday, all went well
- EMD meeting, all went well yesterday.
- 911 directors meeting was last week in Mexico MO.
- Still hiring.
- All commissioners approve any kind of classes and trainings to further the education.

Health Dept.:

- Emergency Public Health Preparedness contract needs a signature again. This is a continuing contract that the county has signed in previous years. Sallin is inquiring if the commission wants to be aware of every contract and wants transparency with the commission. Commissioner Griffin signed. Commissioners would like to know of all contracts.
- No guidance on the 3rd dose of vaccine.
- If someone has lost their vaccine card, please contact the Health Department now instead of day of next vaccine.

Adjournment:

- The commission meeting adjourned at 10:23am. 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