

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
February 28th, 2019

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 08:32 AM

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance

District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Deputy Clerk Valerie Prater

Media represented by Neal Johnson

Present for all or part of the meeting: Foreman Ron Kempker, Andi Rice, Dave Dudenhoeffer, and Wes Bailey.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes: District 2 Larry Kliethermes moves to approve the Agenda and Meeting Minutes, seconded the motion District 1 John Glavin, and followed by three ayes in a roll call vote.

Bills, Notes and Communication: Liability Checks were signed.

Meetings: - National Weather Service Severe Storm Spotter and Public Safety Training Class March 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM – at 911/EOC Basement.

-Pipeline Association of Missouri- 2019 Pipeline Association of Missouri Emergency Response Exercise held on March 28th, 2019 at 11:30 AM at the Osage County Community Center.

-Osage County Employee Emergency Preparedness Annual Training – April 23rd, 2019 in the afternoon and April 24th, 2019 in the morning. Each session will last an hour or two depending on agenda items.

Old Business: -Commission got the contract from Dragos Enea after some of the wording has been corrected. Amanda Grellner said everything looked good on the contract. It is a 3-year contract and it is renewable every year after that. Larry Kliethermes made a motion to accept and sign the contract, John Glavin seconds the motion, and followed by three ayes in a roll call vote.

New Business: -Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin received a letter from MRPC stating that he is on the planning committee. -The commission received a phone call from Frank Verslues, he looked at the flood issue and said they there is an expansion gap in the sidewalks, there is no caulk or seal anywhere to be seen. Where he pointed it out that's where the water really runs down the walls. He suggested that first we try to caulk before trying anything else. It would cost \$550.00 to clean everything out and replace the caulk. Commissioner John Glavin made a motion to approve the proposal, Commissioner Larry Kliethermes second the motion and followed by three ayes in a roll call vote.

-Wes Bailey discussed the USDA Grant for the county. Wes stated that the Loose Creek road is deteriorating fast and the base is crumbling and needs attention. An engineer out of Minnesota has given the Commission a report that stated the Loose Creek road is crumbling and if it is not addressed in a fairly reasonable time, we will not have a road in Loose Creek anymore. The engineer report supported everything I have been speaking to the commission about over the last couple of years. I have brought up to the Commission before and they said there was no grants available. Rachel Bauer and I did some research that there are multiple grants available, at least 4 or 5. This particular grant is a really good grant that Travis Zimmermann proposed to us. It's a scored grant, the county scores really high on this one. The FEMA emergencies over the last couple years have earned us a bunch of points. The only thing is it does require matching funds. In the past the commission responded that there was no money in the fund to match the grant. The commission themselves came up with the idea of extending the annex fund / annex tax for another 10 years which the county people passed. We brought the grant back up to the commission and they wanted money in the pot before making the decision. With the government it's a long process, we should have turned it in last year and we would already be working on the project. With the commissions blessing we are proposing this project again. There is no money commented right now, all we have to do is fill out the grant and see if we are approved for it. Rachel and myself have already filled out all the paper work. There are a few mine changes I would need to fix such as the dates and change Dave Dudenhoeffer's names to Darryl Griffin. We are proposing that you all would approve which we would need the County Commission and the government entity of Osage county to approve because they are one the grant money would have to be ran through. The project 2 years ago bid out at \$79,000.00 and some change, I always just round up to say an \$80,000.00 project. It will be a 1.1 mile of asphalt with a grind down with a 2-inch overlay. There are parts in the road where water lines have been dug across and particular part where the trash truck keeps falling threw, it will probably have to be dug out with a backhoe and have some more base put underneath it. Travis has plainly said it multiple times that there are no engineers needed for this project, no environment of impact study needed, no safety study, no study. This would all up to someone of your choice to oversee it. One would assume Ron Kempker since he is the foreman of Road and Bridge. Or I have 3 engineers in Loose Creek to

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oversee the job. It's just a matter of making sure whatever company was subcontracted to do the job if we said 2 inches of overlay, they actually put 2 instead of only doing 1. They would be making sure to do a professional job done properly. Loose Creek we don't think we are special, it has been mentioned that they think they are more special than other communities in the county and want more out of the pot. This is not the case, we are trying to lead the way and show others that there are grants out there, and it is possible to and we do have the matching funds out there with the tax money that raises approximately \$280,000.00 a year. If we do 1-mile road every year for 10 years with this tax covers, that is a small percentage of this \$280,000.00 of tax money and 10 years we will have 10 miles of road down that is 10 out of 14 roads paved. We feel out the best interest in the community and have had several meeting's there is large support for the project. I have personally put some of my own money on this road. Every year I buy a load of rock and fix the sides of the road. I called Larry Kliethermes late at night this November it was one of the first snowfalls of the year, not to throw Ron under the bus the road was not bladed through town, I had to blade it with my own tractor and at 10 am that morning there was still not road grading done, the businesses were open and needed attention. So, I did it with my own equipment. "That's not what I pay taxes for". Last year was kind of screwy – Dave Dudenhoeffer went out of office, Patrick Steele was sick. So hopefully this year we take the committee a new direction and take advantage of these grants that are available and improve the county with the minimum amount of money spent out of own pocket. The grant paper work is basically done, just needs permission to change the names/ dates. So that's the past history of what we have done for the grant. Darryl Griffin questioned the bid amount of \$79,000.00. Wes said that was 2 years ago and the prices of things do go up every year. Darryl said that he heard from MoDOT that a 20-foot-wide overlay and a 3-inch overlay would be around \$180,000.00, if you could get it done for that you are lucky. Wes Bailey said last year he had some business owners willing to commit some of their own personal money for this. Wes will put up \$5,000.00 and another \$5,000.00 from other citizens to bring the total to \$10,000.00 The best score you could get for the USDA grant is if you match 50%. If you do 50% of \$80,000.00 that would be \$40,000.00. I'm not saying I can still get the \$10,000.00 from the community, it's been a couple years. That would only leave the county paying \$30,000.00 to do the 1 mile stretch of asphalt with a and grind down and a 2-inch chip which would be very reasonable. Larry Kliethermes said the bid they got last year from Higgins Quarry to do the asphalt overlay was \$120,273.50 and that was in November of 2018. Wes said the last time he called Higgins, the exact same day Mark Voss called, and some one on the commission called as well. Higgins Quarry politely said just to have one guy call us and quit annoying us. Travis Zimmerman will be here March 5th, 2019. He could not make the last meeting due to weather. The application for the USDA grant has to be in by March 26, 2019.

-Andi Rice had a few questions for Wes Bailey. What role does Travis Zimmerman play in this? Wes replied with Travis is the one who we submit the grant to. Does submitting the grant cost anything? No. What does he say as far as grant approval? Wes said Travis's exact words to me this morning is that "this is a no brainer" and "It should be the simplest decision in your life". Who is going to find out what an updated quote will cost? The commission voted Foreman Ron Kempker will find out the quote.

911/ EMA -Andi Rice just applied for a \$30,000.00 grant for a warning signal.

Road & Bridge: -Foreman Ron Kempker presented commission with the Foreman Road Report. Foreman Ron Kempker stated his concerns regarding how John Glavin obtained information from an employee under Kempker. The issue is that there is a Resolution and Kempker feels that it was violated. 911/EMA called Kempker on 2 separate occasions regarding a fallen tree on 2 separate roads, causing Kempker and staff to go remove the fallen trees, Glavin states he does not believe those trees were on county line, therefore Kempker should not have been the one to remove them. The issue of overtime came into discussion when Glavin stated that he thinks it is pointless to run the road graders when there is only 2 inches of snow on the ground. Presiding Commissioner spoke up and said that he believes Glavin is in violation of the Resolution.

Other: Larry Kliethermes asked Ron Kempker if any roads have been affected by the pipeline. Ron Kempker replied with no.

Public Comments: Dave Dudenhoeffer was curious if the bridge in Freeburg was paid for yet? The Commissioner's responded with no not yet. We are 99.8% finished with it.

Adjournment: -With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM. Motion to adjourn made by District 1 Commissioner John Glavin, and seconded by District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes, and followed by three ayes in roll call vote.


Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner

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