

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2019

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 08:30 AM

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance

District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Media - HB Dodds

Chief Deputy Clerk – Amber Hamilton

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Jerry Bryan, Sheriff Bonham, Andi Rice, John Kennedy, Susan Long and Ken Franken.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes moves to approve the Agenda and Meeting Minutes with changes, seconded by District 1 Commissioner John Glavin, and followed by three ayes in a roll call vote.

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Personal and Real Estate deletions, additions and supplementals presented to commission for signature.

-1 transaction form was signed

Meetings:

-Solid Waste meeting is being held June 12th, 2019 at 1:00PM

-TAC Meeting is being held June 13th, 2019 at 4:00PM

-Enhance Meeting is being held June 13th, 2019 at 3:00PM

New Business:

-Letter from Ameren stating they will be clearing vegetation along transmission lines. Customers and non-customers will be contacted there is a number provided if they need to be contacted: 800-552-7583 or visit the website at www.ameren.com/transmission. No date was provided.

911:

-Andi Rice spoke to commission and stated that during their annual maintenance a couple of weeks ago the radio vendor had looked down in the tower fenced area and thought that maybe that was part interference. Vendor wondered how difficult it would be to remove all of the equipment that was in there to include the 911 poles. Rice stated "The problem with some of that, that's what I brought to your attention" I think the problem with some of that is the storage here in the County. Rice stated that they were given permission to use a conex of the sheriff's office, but it is too small to hold the poles. Vendor said that if they could move two poles to the center of the tower and away from the legs that would be helpful. Griffin suggested that the polls be stored out at Road and Bridge. Rice said she believes it would be an inconvenience and before Ron's time the polls were stored out there and they went missing, not that they were stolen but they were getting used. The Sheriff said there would be room for the snow blower and lawn mower as long as they were turned in there sideways. Griffin stated we need to get those items out of the weather. Larry suggested that once the fencing is up that Andi could lay the polls along the inside of the fence.

Building and Grounds:

-Griffin had to call John Kennedy to attend the meeting since he did not show up. Kennedy stated that he believes installing motioned censored light switches in all bathrooms between the courthouse and the annex building would help lower the utility bill, even putting them in the hallways for the annex building would be beneficial. These switches could cost anywhere between \$30.00-\$40.00 per switch. Kennedy said that he could probably do the ones in the bathrooms but for the ones in the hallways he would probably have to talk to Schafer Electric. Griffin asked if it would go over \$6,000.00, Kennedy said he didn't believe it would. Griffin said that Jim Riegel should take a look at it. Kennedy stated that we normally have Schafer Electric do everything around here, Griffin said "we are all about saving money though." Andi Rice stated "we are and I will mention that to Mr. Shafer, but he's the one most familiar with the utilities in both buildings."

-Commissioner Glavin asked "where the money would come from for the light switches for the court house". Commissioner Kliethermes said "that it could come from Building Maintenance". Susan Long stated that the private bathrooms would not need motion censored light switches.

-Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to pursue the light switches, Commissioner Glavin seconded, and three ayes in a roll call vote.

-Griffin brought attention to outside decking and stairs. Griffin asked Kennedy if he had contacted anyone about power washing the deck.

Kennedy explained that he had reached out a while back and no one ever got back to him. Griffin stated that something needs to be done, they want a coating of stain to be applied to the decking. Sheriff Bonham offered to let Kennedy use their hot water pressure washer. Kennedy said the bad thing about it is that there is no water hook up on the outside of the building, it would have to come from inside downstairs. The door would have to be propped open and ran down the hall, then outside, Rice stated "It's been done before." Kennedy is worried about bugs and everything else. Bonham said that if there is used all they ask is that they replace the diesel fuel.

-Griffin asked if Kennedy needed help with cutting the bushes? Kennedy stated that he did not need help and that it would be done by the end of the week.

-Commissioner Griffin stated he would be willing to help Kennedy with the outside decking and stairs.

-Chief Deputy Amber Hamilton stated that there are a few steps on the outside are loose. She also stated that the boards on the upper decking outside of Tim's office is very soft. Kennedy stated it has been like that for a long time. Griffin stated that needs to be fixed immediately.

06112019

-Andi Rice stated that there are a few dry wall issues downstairs hallway that were caused by people who bought equipment about 18 months who damaged the top of the ceiling. They put a dent in the ceiling and hit one of the beams. There is a hole in the wall by the elevator. Griffin stated that they will get someone to come look at it. There are 3 holes in down by their consoles, Larry stated he believes they should be left open until the repairs are finished outside.

-Griffin spoke with the fencing company and they informed him they should be here in 1-2 weeks.

-Hamilton stated that the AC in the County Clerk's office continuously runs. It doesn't seem to keep up. Kennedy stated that Rehagen came out and looked at it and they said everything was running fine.

Health Department:

-Susan Long spoke with commission on what her department is doing to help with the flooding throughout Osage County.

Susan and Tessa went out to Chamois on Saturday to do an immunization clinic. They were able to offer 17 tetanus 4 Hepatitis A shots. Put packets together for the folks who were able to come into the office. Provided water test kits who are on a private well.

-Long prepared a news release regarding Family Health and Safety during a Flood Situation. DHSS provided flyers that will be in the UD newspapers this week.

-DHSS is provide kits to throw into free standing water to kill mosquitos and larva.

Road and Bridge:

-Kempker stated that they have been working on the BRO Project on CR 531. All information that was requested from Bartlett and West has been provided. Kempker hasn't heard anything back yet, assuming all is good.

-Kempker stated that new employee began work yesterday and is in training.

-Kempker has had 2 applicants apply for the administrative position and would like to speak privately to commission in a closed meeting. Closed meeting will be held Thursday, June 13th, 2019 at 8:45AM.

Sheriff:

-Sheriff Bonham stated that one of the deputies drove through 6-8 inches of flood water, which caused the intake to suck up water and push it through the engine, \$12,000.00 worth of damage done to the engine. It has been turned into insurance; they are waiting to hear back. Depending on the damage it could be turned over to FEMA, since it was flood related.

-Bonham stated there were lots of arrest made and to watch the UD for details.

Other:

-Commissioner Larry Kliethermes mentioned to Sheriff Bonham that Resolution #2-93 and it states speed limit on County Roads is 35 MPH unless otherwise posted. Bonham asked if an ordinance number was issued, Bonham stated that in order for them to enforce the speed limit and potentially write a speeding ticket an ordinance would have to be put in place.

-Chief Deputy Amber Hamilton stated that during Thursday's Commission meeting the sheriff made a public comment about assisting the County Clerk's office with the transportation of new office desk. Hamilton stated that no one from the sheriff's office showed up until 3:00PM on Friday to assist and by that time it was too late. Hamilton also stated that with permission from County Clerk Nicci Bouse, Hamilton had asked a relative for assistance. On Friday, Hamilton's relative drove her and Nicci Bouse to Jefferson City to pick up the new office desk, helped unload them, assisted with set up and anchored them together. When it was time for Hamilton's relative to leave, the County Clerk's office contacted the Sheriff's office for assistance in stopping traffic for safety measures since the drive of the pickup was pulling a 30-foot box trailer. The County Clerk's office was then told by the secretary at the Sheriff's office that they didn't have the time and that the Clerk's office would need to contact city police. Luckily, Hamilton and Bouse were able to assist the driver so he could take backroads without stopping traffic.

Public Comments:

-Ken Franken came to commission looking for answers as to why there is a culvert placed in the middle of CR 300. Land owner of Jody Drive, Co chairman of Hilltop Road association as well as 14 other residents living out of Jody Drive. Wanting explanation why there is a culvert placed under CR that forces water from the west side into the culvert for it to now travel on the east side. Since that culvert has been put in at least 2 or 3 times it has been forcing water and causing the road to wash out. Franken stated that if the ditches were cleaned out it would allow the water to flow as it should. Road and Bridge Foreman Ron Kempker stated that he believes the culvert was put in over 3 years ago which was before his time, Kempker stated he did not put that culvert in, Franken stated that the culvert was put in sometime this winter. Commissioner Glavin stated that he never saw a culvert in there until last fall. Commission approved to remove the culvert and dig ditch out so water can flow without washing out the road. The plan is once the culvert is removed, they dig a shallow ditch so that a pipe could be put in.

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 09:41 AM. Motion to adjourn made by 1st District Commissioner John Glavin, seconded by 2nd District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes, and followed by three ayes in a roll call vote.


Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner