

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:45 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, Susan Long, Dustin Berry, Jeff Sanner, Sharon Williams and Nicci Kammerich.

## Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes moves to approve the Agenda and Meeting Minutes, seconded by District 1 Commissioner John Glavin, followed by 3 ayes in a roll call vote.

## Bills, Notes and Communication:

### Meetings:

-Closed meeting will be held on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:00AM to discuss personnel matters.

-Mammogram Van is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

-Foot Clinic will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 from 8:30AM-3:00PM.

### Old Business:

### New Business:

-Dustin Berry from McClure spoke to commissioners giving an update on the BRO project and informed commission that as of the end of January he would no longer be working with McClure, instead Aaron McBicker with help from Jeremy Baysinger.

-Berry stated that there needs to be tree removal before March done and if it is not that will push the project back to November due to nesting. Commission stated they could have the Road and Bridge Department mark and cut down the trees.

-Commissioner John Glavin stated that December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 beginning at 1:00PM will be considered a holiday.

### Health Department:

-Susan Long presented commission with her monthly report for the month of November.

-Long stated that the mammogram van is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 but needs a minimum of 14 or 15 women to attend.

-Long stated that the foot clinic will be held January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 from 8:30AM-3:00PM.

### Road and Bridge:

-For the new crew this was the first snow and Kempker believes they did a great job.

-Kempker stated that all roads were hit at least 3 times.

-Kempker stated they put 288,000 pounds of cinders on the roads along with 26,000 pounds of salt. Kempker stated that once the snow and ice start to melt the cinders will be more visible.

-Truck 46 is down and they are going to be working on that today.

-Truck 47 was towed to Hatfield's and awaiting repair.

-Kempker stated that a backhoe is down as well.

-Bridge Repair on the trust bridge in Westphalia, Kempker stated that is going to have to go to a local vendor, probably Nu-Way, Kempker stated he believes the steel is all coated, he will have to have it custom bent and coated, some material requires 3 panel layer of epoxy that will be put on the steel covers. Commissioner Kliethermes asked how soon they think they could get to it, Kempker stated that some of the material calls for 75-degree weather and with this time of year that might not happen.

-Road and Bridge department will be open from 7:00AM-11:00AM on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### Public Comments:

-Jeffrey Sanner come in to speak to commissioners about how he is being treated here in Osage County and how he was assaulted by a county employee in the hallway of the Annex building outside of the Osage County Collector's office. Commissioner Griffin asked Sanner if he was verbally assaulted or physically assaulted, Sanner stated that it was verbal but that the employee was so close to his face that he actually spit on him and he had his fist clenched, and came from behind the Collector's desk to the hallway and screamed in his face. Sanner stated he did ask the sheriff to make a report. Sanner said unfortunately the only deputy that was on duty yesterday was busy with a stranded motorist. The deputy contacted Sanner around 1:30PM yesterday afternoon by telephone. Sanner

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stated he was informed by the deputy that since the man was a county employee the laws are different for him because he is a county employee. Commissioner Griffin stated he does not know how that it is written, but he would check into it. Sanner stated he is not doing anything wrong and that he had come here to get a waiver for his son to register his son's car. Sanner stated he has had come to the Collector's office 4 different times just to get the waiver from that office. Commissioner Griffin asked Sanner if a police report had been filed with the Sheriff's office? Sanner stated that yes, a report was filed. Griffin stated he would check with the sheriff and get the report so he could look over it. Griffin stated he cannot comment on it since he was not there. Sanner stated there were a lot of witnesses there, Denise Nolte was there and within 2 feet of the situation, Sanner stated that everyone on that floor heard what happened. Osage County Clerk Nicci Kammerich informed commission that there should be cameras they can pull. Sanner stated he has had a lot of problems with his property taxes, him and his wife were supposed to be billed separately but for some reason they were put together this year. Sanner stated he reached out the Missouri Department of Revenue and they informed him that without his consent that is against the law. Commissioner Griffin stated that would be from the Osage County Assessor's Office. Sanner stated that it has not been fixed and he would like it to be. Sanner stated that he feels because of his past he is treated differently in Osage County. Sanner stated, that he doesn't have the protection of the sheriff's department. Sanner stated he and his family feel very unsafe here in Osage County because of Sheriff's Department does absolutely nothing for them. Sanner stated that the response he received from the sheriff's department was "oh well, that's just the way it is." Griffin stated he will be asking some questions and he promises he will be looking into this and getting some answers. Commissioner Glavin spoke up and stated " Uh I want to tell you something right here and now, we are not anybody's bosses around here, we're not the sheriff's boss, we can't order the sheriff, we can't order the assessor, but if there's a crime committed you must go to the sheriff, if you don't like his response, talk to your prosecuting attorney." Sanner stated he feels the prosecuting attorney won't do anything either. Glavin responded with "go to the highway patrol." Osage County Clerk Nicci Kammerich spoke up and said "that as a citizen, you are the boss over the employee of what happened, so I would definitely check into it." Commissioner Griffin replied "we will." County Clerk Kammerich stated " you know I mean John, you are the boss of John Kennedy so if something did happen I would really check into it and see for yourself, before you start saying you're not the bosses, I understand the sheriff and the assessor, obviously, they are elected officials, but..." Commissioner Griffin stated "I assure you, we will look into it." Griffin asked if Sanner had any questions and promised he would get back to Sanner if Sanner provided a phone number. Sanner verbally gave Commissioners his cell phone number. Sanner stated he appreciates it and he just want to be heard. Sanner stated "I feel like in Osage County I am not heard, I don't have a voice here, I am a registered voter but, I am a registered voter without voice." Sanner stated that is how his wife feels as well.

**Adjournment:**

-With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM. Motion to adjourn made by District 1 Commissioner John Glavin, seconded by District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes, followed by 3 ayes in a roll call vote.

  
Darryl Griffin  
Presiding Commissioner