

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2020

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:30 AM
District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present
District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present
Media – HB Dodds
Front Desk Clerk – Heather Gyorkos
Present for all or part of the meeting: Susan Long, Courtney Pfahl, Andi Rice, Ron Kempker

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and meeting minutes from March 5th, 2020. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda and the meeting minutes. Commissioner Glavin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken. Heather Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Glavin how do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes."

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Bills were approved.

Meetings:

- Aaron McVicker from McClure to meet with commission March 17th, 2020 at 9:45 am
- Westphalia Townhall March 18th, 2020 7:00 pm
- Miller County Commission is hosting a West Central Commissioner Quarterly meeting to be held at Wilmore Lodge on March 19th, 2020
- Loose Creek Townhall March 19th, 2020 6:30 pm at Annie's Station
- Linn Townhall March 23rd, 2020 7:00 pm Commission Room
- March 31st, 2020 Last day for candidate filing for August 4th, 2020 Primary election

Health Department:

- Susan Long came and spoke more about the Health Department and the COVID 19 virus. She introduced Courtney Pfahl. She has been helping at the Health Department with contacting businesses with regards to finding out if they need help obtaining anything. Susan has been in contact with the faith-based and social services for people who need additional help with such things as the food bank and transportation. She stated that Mayors of other towns are turning on water for non-payment. School is closed at Linn.
- Andi Rice said that Helias is closed as of tomorrow, St. George is closed and Fatima closed last night I believe.
- Susan spoke about kids who rely on the food program. For parents who work they need to make sure that they are not having large groups at their home and to practice social distancing. Meetings and events are called off. Daycares have not been mandated to close. Restaurants and bars are to not have more than 49 people and are trying to encourage take out orders. There have been people in the county tested but nothing positive. 96% test negative. Any questions you need to quarantine for 2 weeks, and the illness can last 3-6 weeks additionally. She stated that we should have a sign in sheet for the commission room.
- Commissioner Griffin asked about funerals
- Susan Long said she spoke to Mike and asked if there were ways to be creative. Skype or increase visitor hours so there is not a large group at one time. She said Mike was checking with other directors. Susan presented the commission with the Osage County Health Department Order.
- Commissioner Griffin asked how long this would be in place?
- Susan Long said until further notice. We copied ours from Cole County. The Governor is having a press conference today at 4:30 pm with additional guidelines.
- Commissioner Griffin asked if this could wait until Thursday?
- Susan Long said she could sign this but would prefer the commission also.
- Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to approve the County Health Order. Commissioner Kliethermes made the motion, Commissioner Glavin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Heather Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Glavin how do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes".
- Susan Long said she has been receiving many calls. She has been in touch with faith-based community over the last 3 weeks. They have spoke about discouraging the sign of peace, more services available, and to discourage service is sick.
- Commissioner Glavin asked what about restaurants and grocery stores?

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- Susan Long said not more than 49 in the building. Use take out or drive thru. The extra funding coming in need to extra help and hours. Might need extra help for testing, which I would like a drive thru. I was told 1 week for tests and now it looks like April 1. There will also be a need for mass immunity clinic when the vaccine is available in 1 year.
- Commissioner Kliethermes asked where would the pods be located for testing?
- Susan Long said we would need a central location. My plan is drive thru. We would need to conduct health screenings also such as temperature, identification and health history.
- Commissioner Griffin asked what is our policy if people at the county get sick and have to quarantine? If they have children at home. And employees with no sick time.
- Andi Rice said she confirmed they pay 2 weeks. If scared and choosing to stay home then they do not get paid.
- Commissioner Griffin sick leave and vacation first?
- Andi Rice said yes
- Commissioner Griffin said we need to make a decision on Thursday.
- Ron Kempker said that employees don't get penalized.
- Andi Rice said sick leave with a doctor's note. If you test positive then it goes into effect.
- Susan Long said you must be symptom free for 24 hours. If you work for the county you need to be here.
- Andi Rice said we need a list of county officials and office staff. Also no one needs to be bringing their kids to work.
- Susan Long said to make effort to find options for kids.
- Commissioner Griffin said we need to vote on how to pay.
- Commissioner Glavin and Commission Kliethermes said they agree on the doctor's excuse.
- Commissioner Griffin said leave up to 2 weeks no penalty. If there is vacation and sick time use that first.
- Commissioner Glavin said if the government pay for sick employees is it possible to reimburse time?
- Andi Rice said she was not sure if the grant allows that.
- Commissioner Griffin said we shouldn't punish to use vacation.
- Commissioner Kliethermes asked it takes more than 2 weeks?
- Susan Long said some are longer than that
- Commissioner Kliethermes said then they would be handled on a case by case basis.
- Andi Rice said that's why we should use vacation
- Commissioner Glavin asked what if we catch and employee out who is supposed to be under the quarantine? What is the penalty?
- Commissioner Griffin said fired
- Susan Long said she recommends running the questions by Amanda regarding the sick or vacation time. Will discuss Thursday. Need to have a doctor's note to indicate time off and the total time expected.
- Andi Rice drafted a statement and sent it to Amanda for clarification on leave and pay from the county.

Road and Bridge:

- Ron Kempker presented commission with Foreman's road reports for March 10th-March 17th, 2020.
- Ron Kempker said that things are running as usual. Truck 32 is needing to go to Sheppers soon. The transmission synchronizer is out in 5th gear. It has an 8-speed transmission.
- Commissioner Glavin said 274B near John Wolf washed out needs shot rock.
- Ron Kempker said they put shot rock near CR423 Dave Dudenhoefter. The trees on 274A also done this week.
- Commissioner Glavin said to not forget the slab on CR317.
- Ron Kempker said he would get to it as quick as they can.
- Commissioner Kliethermes asked if they were still in Meta.
- Ron Kempker said yes, they were at Sugar Creek hauling rock out. Its about done, and a work in progress. Moved near Wieberg's this morning. One grader was down fixed the hose this morning and should be running.

Building and Grounds:

Old Business:

- Aaron McVicker from McClure met with the commissioners to discuss the BRO -BO76 (16) bridge project. He spoke about the authorization to advertise the bid date and time. He said it must be open for 21 days in paper. What paper does it get listed? Commissioner Glavin said the UD. Aaron McVicker asked when would be the earliest to get this listed in the paper? HB Dodd said March 25th. Aaron McVicker received the contact information for Neil at the UD and will call him. If listed on the 25th the earliest would be April 15th for bids. Go a little past the date to cover the 21 days. Commissioner Kliethermes said the longer with this virus the better. Aaron McVicker said April 21st for this bid to open. Commissioner Griffin said that's fine. Aaron McVicker asked what time? Commissioner Kliethermes said we have used 10:00 AM in the past. Aaron McVicker said 10:00 AM would be great. Commissioner Kliethermes said if you get in the paper by March 23rd should be good. Aaron McVicker said he can get to them this week. The advertising will would come straight to the commission. Commissioner Griffin said that's fine. Aaron McVicker said he could most likely this afternoon if not March 18th. He would send package with specs to commission. He would like to a BEEP Study

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on the culvert. Commissioner Glavin said just widen it. Its 12ft make 20 or 24 feet. Aaron McVicker asked on stream level? Commissioner Glavin said no the width of the road. Aaron McVicker said he could go out there today. This way he can get clarification. Can discuss out there with Commissioner Glavin. He received the approval for advertising on way here.

-Commissioner Griffin asked do you fix porches on courthouses? Aaron McVicker said yes, we have a building team

-Commissioner Griffin said we have a bid coming up. Aaron McVicker said they do the architect portion

-Commissioner Griffin said he had the cover sheet and estimated bid for Porter with the contract to sign. This is for the front of courthouse and the columns. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to sign the agreement not to exceed \$8000. Commissioner Kliethermes made the motion, Commissioner Glavin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Heather Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Glavin how to do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes".

-Commissioner Kliethermes said they needed to vote on advertising this from part not the whole thing. Advertise for the renovation of main entrance and north facial of courthouse from March 12th.

-Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to advertise to renovate the main entrance and south face of the courthouse. Commissioner Glavin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Heather Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Glavin how to do you vote?"

Commissioner Glavin responded "no." Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes"

New Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said that Jerry Baker has 5 old computers in his office and wanted to know if they could give them to a school or library. Commissioner Kliethermes said no problem. Commissioner Glavin said those were his. Commissioner Griffin said no they were the ones from the upgrade of the others. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to donate the computers to a public identity.

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-Commissioner Griffin spoke about the Tipton MoDOT letter. This also has the email for the advertising for the bridge project.

-Commissioner Kliethermes asked if this is done by the engineer? Commissioner Griffin said this should be done by McClure.

-Commissioner Griffin said he received information about the sheriff's office and courts from other counties Franklin etc. What to do with staff with what is going on?

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 11:10 am. Commissioner Glavin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. A roll call vote was taken. Heather Gyorkos asked "Commissioner Glavin how to do you vote?"

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