

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2020

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:40 AM

District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Media – HB Dodds

Front Desk Clerk –

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Susan Long, John Gulich, John Kennedy, Andi Rice

## Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and meeting minutes from March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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. Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes."

## Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Bills Approved with the exception of Cat Financial.

## Meetings:

-General Municipal Election – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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## Health Department:

-Susan Long presented the commission with the Covid 19 order extension to sign. This has the expiration date of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Susan said this is different than the state order, the governor already stated that this will need to be extended. She can come back and shorten if necessary. Susan said we have our 2<sup>nd</sup> confirmed case of Covid, this is contact to the first case. They have self-quarantined the whole time. There are 2 people still waiting for results. Some tests are taking 2 days some others are taking 8-9 days for results. Commissioner Kliethermes asked what is the time of contact to symptoms? Susan said 2-14 days, some now are 3-5 days. I encouraged testing with the contact case. Commissioner Griffin asked if the 2<sup>nd</sup> person is the person quarantined with the first? Susan said all I can say is contact. Andi Rice asked if Susan could say what they symptoms were. Susan said it was a one-time fever and dry cough. HIPPA is my top priority with Covid. She did notify first responders in the area with information. The numbers are still growing from this. She had a call with DSHH and other local health departments. Calls are coming to 911 and health department with inquiries and are trying to get answers to people. Cole county issued a shelter in place order. Having issues with teenagers having parties and people not social distancing in stores. Still trying to get PPE.

-Commissioner Griffin asked for the door procedure to be explained for the press.

-Susan Long said she spoke with the commission about locking the building. The recorders office and the collector office monitor the door. If someone does come to the door, we ask what department they need, we call that department and have someone escort them. For EWIC we are loading 3 months of benefits onto their card. Any high-risk cases that we monitor will be done by phone. We are trying to minimize anyone coming in. We will start to rotate staff between the clinic and working from home hopefully by April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

-Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve to extend the Covid 19 order until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Glavin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes"

## Building and Grounds:

-John Kennedy said the smoke detector in the main courthouse first level has been rewired and the elevator will go to another floor where the smoke detector is not going off. It is working the way it needs to.

-John Kennedy asked the commission for a master key to enter the offices in the building since he does not have one. Commissioner Griffin asked how he got in on the weekends? John Kennedy said that he would call someone to let him in. Commissioner Griffin said if there are any issues to call him. We don't need too many keys out.

## Road and Bridge:

-Foreman Ron Kempker presented the Foreman's Report for March 24-March 31, 2020. Moving down and working in 300 area of Meta. Rock in 700 work is progressing. The lease grader in Chamois has a hydraulic leak it was looked at March 30<sup>th</sup>. It is the steel hydraulic line over the engine compartment. The new line is ordered and repair will fall under warranty. Will need to bring to shop for clean up when repair is done.

-John Glavin said that CR 734 needs gravel. Ron Kempker said he would address it.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said it would help to shovel the gravel out of the pipe when done. Commissioner Glavin said it wouldn't hurt the landowner to shovel either. Commissioner Griffin asked what good is a pipe if you don't keep it clear? Commissioner Glavin said that's why the owner buys the pipe they maintain it. Commissioner Griffin asked you don't think it's the grader operator responsibility to open the pipe? Commissioner Glavin said no, it never was. Commissioner Kliethermes added the ditch is part of the road. Commissioner Glavin said that these guys have enough to take care of with the roads. Don't need to add more onto them.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said we have a road and bridge foreman that will haul rock. Commissioner Glavin said that John Jaegers has a big bar 5 miles from town. That way we aren't hauling from Freeburg. Commissioner Kliethermes said I don't think they did from Freeburg. Commissioner Glavin stated they did last year.

**MU Extension:**

-John Gulich provided updates to the commission about his retirement and MU Extension office. The office has been closed since March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The office phone is being forwarded to Abby Scheulen, and she is also checking the mail. Lydia is a new hire and is correspondence with different contacts. She won't be here in the building until next month. Extension office is following safety procedures, which doesn't mean we are not working. We are trying to get online programs working that don't involve face to face meeting. Because of Covid the university has put hiring on hold for 2 months. Have one good applicant for my position. Nothing done now to replace him, could be late summer. Lydia will be serving as extension staff person. John will be working with grant management and stay updated. Alice has submitted her resignation; her new position was delayed due to Covid. She is willing to stay through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. One commissioner will most likely be on the hiring counsel to help fill his position. Lydia will be a good contact for any questions.

**911:**

-Andi Rice presented the commission with the closed meeting minutes from the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting and also the agenda for the meeting April 1, 2020. Andi asked if we need a closed session to approve the minutes? Commissioner Griffin said no we can approve them now.

-Commissioner Glavin made a motion to approve the closed meeting minutes from the 911 advisory board meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Kliethermes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how to do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes"

-Andi Rice spoke to fire chiefs and law enforcement no one is doing medical calls except EMS. She has ordered 2 phones for the 911 trailer. It is now equipped with one full set up and needs one more. The cost of one phone was \$1200 and two was \$1800. The radio system is around \$10,000. This includes 1 laptop, software, license and foot pedal. Is this ok to purchase? Commissioner Griffin asked only 1 laptop? Andi said yes just one, nut it can be used for other things also. Commissioner Griffin said I don't have a problem with it. Can't put a price on safety. Commissioner Kliethermes asked how soon would we get it? Andi said if we get ordered the laptop ordered this week and the software in, hopefully next week.

-Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve purchase of radio and mobile unit equipment. Commissioner Glavin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how to do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes"

-Andi Rice said the goal is to separate shifts, and not be separated from family. It is not healthy to be in one area for a long period of time.

**Old Business:**

-Commissioner Griffin said we have still heard nothing from Westphalia.

**New Business:**

-Commissioner Griffin said he received a call from Eric David with the US Census to set up a phone meeting, is it possible for Thursday? Commissioner Glavin said 9:00 sounds good. Commissioner Griffin said he would see if that time works.

**Public Comments:**

**Adjournment:**

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. Commissioner Glavin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how to do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes."

  
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Presiding Commissioner