

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

April 2, 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 –

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Susan Long, 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 31st, 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:

-Checks signed

Meetings:

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

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Health Department:

Building and Grounds:

Road and Bridge:

-Foreman Ron Kempker provided an insurance document from Breneke Construction to the commission. Ron said that everything is normal and moving along. Commissioner Glavin said they are trying to get the truck 38 done this week.

911:

Old Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said we have still heard nothing from Westphalia. Commissioner Kliethermes said he drove to the road yesterday and it is a little rough. All we can do is wait. The city needs to step forward.

New Business:

-Eric David from the US Census spoke with the commissioners today via phone conference. Eric asked if his former colleague Dane Brown met with the commission and asked what he could do to help with outreach and tools to get accurate count for county. He can forward commissioners email that has links and important information regarding the current state of the census. Commissioner Griffin said yes he did come and do a presentation, it was very good and has been several months. Eric asked if the commission presented any form or letter to Dane? Commissioner Griffin said no, its been reported in the minutes of meeting and the newspaper reported he was here.

-Eric David explained the history of what the census is and funding allocated annually. April 1st, 2020 is Census Day. He said that Osage County is fairly average on response so far at 23%. He asked the commission on how to reach the community to get an accurate count. Commissioner Griffin said I know Commissioner Kliethermes received an email and would like to know how you got the information? Eric said it sounds unusual, the 2020 census does not ask for bank information or political donation.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said it asked us to fill out the census online and the website to use. Eric said yes we do have online my2020census.gov. It is beneficial with the situation going on. Cannot mail to po boxes, since that it not the standard residency where you want to be counted.

-Commissioner Griffin said when Mr. Brown was here he said the census was hiring. Osage County was \$15 per hour and Cole County was \$16 per hour. Is there a difference in pay due to the area? Eric said it is based on different factors. Some areas it's \$18-22 per hour may have gone up since then, it factors the number of applications, number of workers needed, and the number of rural addresses. We are still recruiting workers. Commissioner Glavin said you got everyone home and cant knock on door. Eric said their goal is to reach areas that are harder to count, some areas may not have access to the internet. Missouri is reporting well. Linn is 23% this morning.

-Commissioner Griffin asked when the mailings are going out a week or two? Eric said the first mailing was March 12th, 2020 and several more would take place. Non response will generate follow up mailers. Commissioner Griffin said he has not received anything yet, but has a PO Box. He would go online and complete the census. Commissioner Kliethermes asked what are the mailing dates? Erica said the first were between March 12th, 2020 and March 20th, 2020.

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Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 9:35 am. Commissioner Glavin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. 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."


Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner