

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

April 7, 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, Cindy Hoffman

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and meeting minutes from April 2, 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:

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:

-Susan Long stated there are now 4 cases of Covid in the county. The 4th case is community contact. With the case investigation she has requested an address for an individual this person came in contact with. She will probably drive out and do a visit with this individual with social distancing. Long said she issued masks to all county office with instructions on how to reuse. Have been receiving phone calls about what makes a business essential vs non-essential. There are 5 cases of harassment and or threats against county employees or first responders. They are from people who feel they are exceptions to the rules, all serious cases are turned over to law enforcement.

-Commissioner Griffin asked if these are harassment about the virus? Long said there was a case with law enforcement when they arrived at the address and the resident said they tested positive. There was no positive case there since the address is not flagged for it.

-Commissioner Kliethermes asked what are the terms of release for the tests? Long said it took 12 days in the 3rd case to get the lab results. With mild cases it shows within 2 weeks from date of symptoms. If you have no fever and no Tylenol for 3 days you are not tested. Some cases show the test is negative, get symptoms and then test positive. We are dealing with whooping cough, allergies and the flu also.

-Commissioner Kliethermes asked about picking up another person to work. Long said she is watching work hours. Elisha is monitoring emails and Facebook from home. It's hard to stop and train anyone new. I will be requesting nurses come and help when the vaccine is available, will need help with the whole county. This started on the west coast and then east, now it's filling in the middle of the country. Bigger cities are higher risk, we are early on this.

-Commissioner Griffin said that you all are putting in a lot of hours and don't make yourself sick. Long said this has been a group effort. Having a few people who don't play by the rules. There are 300 nurses in the county going to work and doing what they need to. Trying to keep everyone safe.

Building and Grounds:

-Commissioner Griffin said there are no bids regarding the wall for 911.

Road and Bridge:

-Foreman Ron Kempker presented the commission with the Foreman's Road Report for March 31st-April 7th, 2020. Kempker said they are running the regular routine and maintaining good progress, the dry weather and less cars on the road help. From the report you can see a bunch of rock has been hauled, taking care of worse spots first and others as we go. We have 2 private drive culverts on CR524 and CR516, waiting for the locates to get done. Will try to fit them in this week. Kempker asked if there were new constructions specs? Commissioner Griffin said no, we will go with what we have. Will get them typed up and faxed over to you.

-Ron Kempker said they are social distancing which is taking longer to service trucks and equipment. Usually there are 2-3 guys working and now with one it is still getting done, just taking a little longer. The health department did bring out masks for the guys to use.

-Commissioner Glavin said CR319 needs a little rock, at the first turn get off 100 need to build that up a little bit, the potholes are bad from the cars. CR233 and CR232 by Jim McCuskey need material.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said he got a call about a pipe on CR521 located 3/10 of a mile off 63. Have repaired another out that way that was washed out. Has photos of the pipe. Its located in a low place in the road, part of the pipe is sheared off and lying in the ditch. Its rusted up pretty bad.

-Commissioner Griffin said he received a call from Ken Johns on CR315 wanting to say thank you and compliment road and bridge. The area has a lot of improvement.

911:

Old Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said we have still heard nothing from Westphalia. Griffin said he would email the law firm today.

New Business:

-Cindy Hoffman said the doorbell downstairs is working well. Had a visit twice on April 6th, 2020 from Jeff Wolfe. First, he asked that the cars parked over there to move, the second saying there are new renters in the building next door and said he did not want anyone parking between our building and his. Commissioner Griffin asked if they were county employees or the public. Hoffman said they were employees. I told everyone not to park there. Wolfe didn't want anyone to park there because the grass is starting to grow. Hoffman said the next time he comes over she will say she doesn't know who the car belongs to, when Wolfe came over, he wasn't nice. Commissioner Griffin said he would speak with the department heads and let them know. Commissioner Kliethermes said he needs to put up no parking signs to.

-Cindy Hoffman asked if the concrete is the county property? Commissioner Griffin said the handicap is on their property. We sent a letter asking if there is a compromise to add rock or purchase the property, and have never received a response. Commissioner Kliethermes said we can tell him to put up no parking signs and tell our people not to. The public we can't tell every person not to. Commissioner Griffin said he needs to put a sign that says customer parking only.

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 9:10 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."


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Presiding Commissioner