

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

April 9, 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, Tim Neuner

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and meeting minutes from April 7, 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
- General Municipal Election June 2nd, 2020

Health Department:

-Susan Long came to the commission with an update. We are in an accelerator phase with cases going up. Not sure if we will see a plateau or a drop off in cases due to social distancing. Feels that it is premature of the CDC to start loosening measures. What we are doing is right. The senators passed a supplemental budget, but didn't pass anything for health agencies. Will be submitting extra time and supplies needed to SEMA. The state gets cases of Covid from travel. The county has 1 open case with 5 contacts. 1 contact will not close until next week. A person was tested yesterday; it is a first responder. Waiting for the results of the test. We were able to get hand sanitizer; Tessa is calling to see if anyone in the community needs any. It might be possible to order rapid antibody tests; all we do is a finger stick and results in about 10 minutes. FEMA is showing up where larger PPE orders are delivered and confiscating for themselves. Had an order in place far in advance and cannot get N95 masks or gowns. Checking with the physician that signs our health orders for guidance. Still need first responders to take care of the day to day. They are a top priority.

Building and Grounds:

Road and Bridge:

- Foreman Ron Kempker said maintenance is carrying on as normal. Working on wash outs.
- Commissioner Glavin said CR271 popping off slab again. CR263 the bank is giving away on creek. Going to check today.
- Commissioner Griffin said Dave Siefert on CR208 spoke with Ron, wanting to know if the road could be closed. People going out to the dead end of the road and tearing up the field. Ron stated he had no issue closing the road, told Dave he would need a hearing. Commissioner Glavin said he needs to start with the clerk's office for paperwork to vacate a county road. It needs to be posted for a certain amount of time, needs 12 signatures from the township. Ron Kempker said that they have not maintained that road in some time. It is used mostly at harvest, no residents. Commissioner Griffin said kids getting in there with four wheelers. Possible to use cable across the road to close off. I will return his call. Commissioner Glavin said that there would be a hearing the first day of each term which equals every 3 months. The process takes a while. Commissioner Griffin said it would benefit everyone. Commissioner Glavin said to put some gravel on it before closure. Have to change from public use to private. There is river access. Commissioner Kliethermes said there is no boat access. Commissioner Glavin said it closes right at the river. Don't get complaints about the road since no one lives there.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Griffin said we have still heard nothing from Westphalia. Griffin emailed the attorney for the city. Have received no response for the number 10 item we had concerns about.

New Business:

- Commissioner Griffin asked if everyone looked over the Sales Tax notices. Commissioner Glavin said they look good. Commissioner Kliethermes agreed. Commissioner Glavin said use tax was down.
- Tim Neuner presented the commission with an invoice for the sheriffs' office for the delivery of vehicles. Tim said trying to get check today for that. Val getting the titles over and insurance so they can drive them, Charlotte supposed to fax over. Will bring in then it gets here. Commissioner Kliethermes said the dealer is out of Troy. Wonder why he didn't deal with here. Commissioner Glavin said they must have gotten a better deal. Commissioner Kliethermes said the commission is supposed to sign the contract. Commissioner Glavin agreed.

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Commissioner Griffin asked if the titles are supposed to say Osage County Sheriff's Office? Commissioner Glavin said the titles need changed to Osage County. Commissioner Griffin said the titles should say Osage County Commissioners. Val spoke to Charlotte and she didn't submit the titles yet. If Mike has any questions to call me. These are Commissioners cars.

-Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve to pay Behlmans for the Sherriff cars in the amount of \$64,600.58. 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"

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 9:30 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