

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

June 23, 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: Ron Kempker, Susan Long, Andi Rice, John Kennedy

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and meeting minutes from June 18th, 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:

- Commissioner Glavin made a motion to pay the bills. Commissioner Kliethermes 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."

- Commissioner Glavin made a motion to approve timesheets. Commissioner Kliethermes 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."

Meetings:

-2020 BOE Hearing July 14th, 2020

-Primary Election August 4th, 2020

-Renew Agreement with Ameren and Osage County August 11th, 2020

Road and Bridge:

-Foreman Ron Kempker presented the commission with the road report for June 16th, 2020-June 23rd, 2020.

-Ron Kempker said they did cut Old Hwy 50 (Loose Creek Hwy), it looks pretty good. Want to work on the box culvert. Spoke to Jeff Strickland this morning on his bid, its more verbal than anything else. Its real close to Barry Kraus estimate. He's coming in at \$12,500.00. Won't get to for 60 days or after. Commissioner Kliethermes said Jeff is at \$12,500.00. Kempker said yes, 60 days minimum before he can get to it. Almost the same as Barry Kraus estimate, 58 feet of wall 6 feet high, rebar. Concrete is through the county at road and bridge. All set up for the same weight. Wants us to know it will be awhile until he could get to the project. Commissioner Glavin said I'll call up McClure it, better to hear him out. I think one of the ideas is to take the top off, put in a pipe and gravel. Kliethermes said what was the other bid. Kempker said Barry Kraus is at \$12,800.00. He has all the information and paperwork. Said he can get to July 1st, 2020 weather permitting. Take another week to do. Kliethermes said I know they were close. Wondered if he gave you a timeline on the BEAP study. Glavin said they probably in 2 weeks. That thing has been in that shape for years. The BEAP study is being done. If you fix it you are wasting the BEAP study. Kliethermes said I don't know if a pipe will be the answer though. Glavin said a hydraulic study would be done for the pipe. Kliethermes said I have no problem with waiting, a couple weeks if the hydraulic study would be more accurate. Kempker said in my opinion he's a little higher than Barry. Barry seems to be interested in getting the project done. Kliethermes said I would suggest taking the bid from Barry. He's only \$300.00 higher but he was able to come out and look at. Within a couple of weeks, he could get going. The other will be a minimum of 3 months. This would give us opportunity to work with another vendor and be as time goes on using again. Kempker said the other I couldn't get a bid at all.

-Commissioner Glavin said he also said on CR274A BEAP study, he said a large truck would be like 28 ton and a small truck would be 21-22 ton and on the north side of the box could make it turn, very doable. Commissioner Kliethermes said that's the one down where the bridge is. Glavin said a couple weeks ago a fertilizer truck almost got stuck on that box. Kliethermes said these county roads were not built for the new trucks these days. Is he doing a BEAP study on that one? Glavin said yes, we ordered that a long time ago. Kliethermes said when will that one be fixed. Glavin said that's almost done. Kliethermes said that was ordered before this other you are talking about on CR306.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said I was out on Loose Creek Hwy on Thursday and they were out there cutting and saw the brush cutter down. He said there was a leak. That guy is still complaining about needing weight on the truck. Talked to him about down along the slope it wants to slide. Someone said to put a loader on it and I said no. Commissioner Glavin said do you plan on moving cutter between Belle and Bland area. Kempker said yes. Glavin said the last time was years ago. Kliethermes said he was there last year in Bland. Ron Kempker

said they are working in the background. Finishing the are in Chamois around the 200 area, them over to the 800 area. Will take a little while to get that Belle area done. Glavin said take tractor and put bat wing on it. You've got brush growing higher up.

-Commissioner Glavin said do you still have the brush hog at CR274A. Ron Kempker said no, over on CR203 working its way north toward Chamois. Glavin said good idea to brush off where they had the bypass traffic. Kempker said that's a good idea. Maybe I can get it loaded up and down there to cut that. Glavin said at Doc McNally's place they mowed around their bank to make it a little safer.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said got a call on CR514 road off of T. Will be going out there to look at it today. Said one place washed pretty bad. Needs a little gravel in there and there are big dead elms hanging over the road. Wanted to know if they could be cut. Told him I would look at it.

Building and Grounds:

-John Kennedy said this weekend on Saturday the generator at the courthouse failed to transfer power out. Once you go in and manually do it, it works fine. When it sits for a while doesn't transfer. Been happening for a while, first noticed it in November. The jail was out for about 2 hours. No one called me about it. Since then I called about it and said it is most likely not working from the grid to the generator. The generator is weak, does not transfer power back and forth. They think it's from not being worked. I've been transferring the power back and forth for a week, sometimes every 2 weeks. This weekend I didn't have my phone on, I'm not sure what happened. When I saw the text message, I got down there and was back on regular utility. You have to take a wrench and put in that box. Called them yesterday the plan to come out is Wednesday July 1st. Commissioner Griffin said who did you call. Kennedy said Cummings. Have to shut down whatever is on the generator. Its not all the courthouse. Will be the jail, some sheriff, some heating and cooling units through the building. Shouldn't be too long. They are going to take the cover off, clean and lube and see if it will work. Don't think it is anything major or broke because once you work it, its fine. Try this and see what it does. It would be pretty expensive to switch out. Don't know what it is. Told them to price parts if needed but won't know the cost until Wednesday. Andi Rice said so not tomorrow, next Wednesday. Kennedy said next Wednesday. They are booked up. There are 2 switches over there and will do both when the power is off. Rice said any idea how long it is going to be down. Kennedy said I say an hour or so. Guess we'll try this and see if it works instead of taking the avenue to spend money. Going to cost us for them to come out. Rice said so this estimate here is for them to come Wednesday and not replace any parts. Nearly \$1200.00 quote only for labor and travel. I will not be here Wednesday and if the power going to be out for over an hour, I do not want to be called to come in. Griffin said should we reschedule it. Rice said yes. Griffin said push it back a little bit. Rice said if its going to be out and I know you said some parts and if that includes 911. Kennedy said when the power goes out the generator kicks on. It doesn't jump back from utility to power. Griffin said you manually have to do it. Kennedy said yes. Once you do and shut it off and test it, it goes back and forth all the time. But if it sits a little bit it doesn't work. Rice said that's ridiculous he shouldn't have to do that. He did it 2 weeks ago. Kennedy said switch they put in has been there for 15-20 years. Its been in there and when they did all that concrete and sheet rock with the dust. Have 2 switches in there. For some reason it couldn't run everything on there so they ran a 2nd switch with different fuses to run everything. The only thing going was the jail. They had to come in with the 2nd transfer switch. Commissioner Kliethermes said so you're thinking it's that 2nd transfer switch or the original one. Kennedy said the original one. While down they will look at both. Kliethermes said we don't have a cost yet. Only thing he can do is come out, charge us labor and clean it. Kennedy said yes. Rice said looks like what that quote is just for \$1200.00. Kennedy said they did tell me sometimes they run ungodly by themselves. Said sometimes you buy a whole cabinet, rob the switch out and use the parts off of it because it's a packaged deal. Cheaper than buying one switch. So that's why I asked to quote it, if we have to go down that road. Kliethermes said that's an \$800.00 part. I think we should wait. You said if it goes down you can manually trip it. Kennedy said I should have come down and checked it. I wasn't around. Rice said it should be an automatic thing. Kennedy said most likely the guy I talked to said he could do it, but Cummings doesn't want to handle the liability putting it in. So, we will need and electrician to do that switch. Basically, check that out working on the generator but the electrical inside. Kliethermes said I understand that. Rice said I think we should add up all of our invoices the last couple years and see what we paid Cummings. See if its enough to purchase a new generator or get something else. Kennedy said the generator is separate. If we put a new switch its another. Both I believe the switch is good and will replace the generator. If we put a different generator should we get it wired for one switch like originally or two. When they put the ground source on the bottom floor it was a 5-6-foot-tall box with breakers. When putting in the new switch it couldn't reach where it was before they had to pull the breaker box downstairs. So, do you want me to get a cost on what the switch is first. Griffin said before they come in. Kennedy said before they come and clean it. Griffin said might as well and you want to reschedule. Kennedy said probably 2 weeks after that. He is going to be on vacation. Griffin said that would be fine.

-Commissioner Griffin said have you heard anything from Brady yet. John Kennedy said no, haven't gotten back to me. Will give them this week and call them again.

-John Kennedy said the plexiglass dividers we should have by then end of July if not the middle. I called them and they are shut down for yearly inventory. When they start back July 1st we are in the first batch. Griffin said ok, very good.

911:

-Andi Rice said here is an invitation for the August 3rd, 2020 Ameren EMV Meeting. It happens every quarter. They wanted to start inviting commissions to it. If you want to come downstairs to it or call in you are welcome.

Health Department:

-Susan Long said Saturday in the office my copier was the only thing effected. Is there anything else in this building? John Kennedy said the generator in the basement of the building. Long said he said it was because of the surge. Andi Rice said I assume phones went down

right away. Long said I checked mine and there was no problem. Just lost power for less than a minute. Had Elisha keep an eye on the fridge.

-Susan Long presented the commission with a health department monthly report. Long said they haven't had a normal monthly report going through April-May. Obviously not seeing as many people. Stopped nursing students, the last one was March 23rd, 2020. Tessa is doing inspections and trying to stay ahead. Received a report from a gas station in Loose Creek and already followed up on. April with obvious Covid calls. We have resumed the foot clinic and don't have the numbers. People are reluctant to come in. Meeting with school and business outreach for guidance for the advisory that was put out. Meeting with the schools I think that went well. Today I am writing up a letter to parents to keep things consistent. Schools doing what they need to protect the students and the staff. And what we are expecting parents to do. Talked about schools taking temperatures every day. Don't see that feasible. Parents not sending their kids when sick. Something that says we expect students to do and they have to sign and understand. Discussed what happens if there is a case on the school. The health department is responsible for identifying the case, we make the contacts, and you will hear from the health department if your child is exposed. Talked about confidentiality. Got 4 gallons of hand sanitizer to get to the schools. Have N95 masks on order so I can get 2 to each teacher. N95 mask can be re-sanitized 20 times. Will coordinate that so they get the same mask back. Cloth masks keep someone who has it from not spreading around. Try to make sure schools protect themselves as much as possible.

-Susan Long said wanted to share there have been less people on ventilators and the hospital rate is down. Had 37 people tested at the fairgrounds Saturday. The test results take 1 week. Heard from the state there are delays. New Covid test yesterday, 1 active case and contact we are monitoring. Commissioner Kliethermes said that was a separate thing. I had a question is that's from the testing. Long said if getting tested at a hospital they are not confirming your address. The case actually lived in Boone County. Took 2 days but got straightened out. Did confirm the 1 we have does live here and there is 1 contact. If there are any questions call the health department. Kliethermes said they said is it positive because of testing. Long said they told us a week. The state worked with the National Guard and we set up the site. They are contracted with Quest and should be next Monday for the results. Also working on back to school, open houses, shot clinics.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said I had an email saying there are 5 different companies making hand sanitizer and said it was bad. Susan Long said Dogmaster is 80-85% and no problem with it. A lot of health departments ordered from them and had no issues. Constantly getting solicitation emails and reported 1 to the attorney generals office. Getting more PPE as I can order it. Anticipating more people for flu shots. Anticipate having vaccine by the end of April. Looking at flu clinics. Kliethermes said he saw something and felt the flu shot is important. With Covid around one can lead to the other. Long said that is true. If immune system is weak it will allow opportunity. Wanting to get as many clinics done in September as possible. Looking as drive thru flu. Different things for back to school. 8th grade and seniors have mandatory shots. As far as Covid will have more information after Monday. The state is meeting with the CDC this week on Friday and we will have more information on Monday regarding the Covid vaccine. So far, the state is saying a vaccine possible for this fall for healthcare workers. It is 2 shots given 30 days apart. Then early 2021 immunity high risk groups. Don't know what the guidelines are yet.

-Susan Long said it was a good meeting with the schools. Will be talking with John Deeken today about the fair. Emphasis to people I cannot control everything. If you don't feel safe then don't go.

-Susan Long said the pregnancy help center van was here last week. Not sure if they had anyone. Commissioner Kliethermes said I saw them there and wondered that also. Long said they were here last year. If they can help 1 person, I'm all for it.

Old Business:

-Commissioner Glavin said for this PACE thing I talked to Doris Keilholtz and she gave me a number to the Clay County collector. I called her and she said don't do this because it goes on personal property tax. The county collector has to get the money to pay these guys. Problem with Clay County is that the commissioners didn't approve it, the city did. We have to do some negotiating with these city mayors. If a town goes for this were in it. Commissioner Kliethermes said I see what you're saying. Glavin said it's a lien attached to the property and the county collector assesses the taxes. It reads Show Me PACE doesn't provide residential until the local county agrees. Tried to use this with these people and a judge told her she had to collect the funds. Kliethermes said we're not going to do it. We can be forced into it if the city does. Glavin said we have to tell these cities don't go here. There are people losing their homes over this stuff. Commissioner Griffin said the question was asked if they could do business in our county. If we don't grant by the commission they can with the city. Glavin said we are the county not the city. If these guys show up, we need to have Amanda Grellner in here. It's a lot harder to pull the wool over her eyes with being a lawyer than us. Lydia was in a meeting and they do a grant presentation to the community. She's warning us about this stuff. Lydia said they took them to court and its an impossible fight to win.

New Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said we need to review and sign the conflict of interest ordinance for the ethics commission. Commissioner Kliethermes said if we don't sign this, we all need to do the long form. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to sign the new conflict of interest ordinance. Commissioner Glavin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then 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 10:54 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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