

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

June 25, 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: Susan Long, Tim Neuner

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda. 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:

-Pre-bid meeting commission room July 8th, 2020 3:00pm

-2020 BOE Hearing July 14th, 2000

-Open bid meeting commission room July 15th, 2020 3:00pm

-Primary Election August 4th, 2020

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

Road and Bridge:

Building and Grounds:

Health Department:

-Susan Long said 39 people were tested on Saturday and all were negative. Got a positive and one contact and that's the result I'm waiting for today. Did have contact out of the county. So, I have another I am following. I spoke to John Deeken yesterday with Linn Lions Club about the fair and he has been in touch with me the whole time. Going to put out some guidelines and advisory for that. Received an anonymous call with concerns about the fair. They are using the same carnival company from Jefferson City. Had concerns about the mud bowl and spoke with John and he said let people know how to protect themselves. He said let people know what you expect of them for this event. The 4th of July stuff for Jefferson City had nothing about social distancing or wearing masks. They are expecting 50,000 people. Businesses continue to call for clarification. Fair will be as safe as people make it. Quaker called yesterday and wants to start to bring people back they had stay home because of the high-risk age group. I told them it would be safe. The county has the 2nd lowest behind Gasconade County in cases. After hearing from Owensville, we will have the lowest in Region F. Talked with Carl and told him to emphasis social distancing and masks if possible. Want to emphasis personal responsibility. This building is being cautious about it. County employees are doing what they need to. I am watching and monitoring data.

-Susan Long said I talked to Ron Hoffman and want to do drive thru flu clinics for back to school. I have identified 4 places to do it starting the end of July. I would like to purchase a large tent to use for the clinics and also portable pods sites. Would like to use CARES Act money. Purchasing PPE, masks and gloves. For shots I know if that's something we need to draw up vs a prefilled syringe. Preparing the best, we can for Covid. Anticipating more flu shots. Don't expect Covid until next year. Commissioner Griffin said the shots. Long said yes. Set of 2 shots. Will come up Tuesday with an update. Griffin said is the tent something you can purchase and turn in since you be will be doing that shot. Long said that shot will probably be something they provide to everyone like the swine flu. Still need gloves and supplies. Will have an issue with storage. Josh has been generous with me storing things at the ambulance district when needed. The size I'm looking at is the one they used. Going to have people with large vehicles. Looking at the whole county to use not just the health department. Can be used for incident command center. Would like approval since not in the original budget. Diana and I will work on getting a price and bring it up Tuesday. Griffin said did you know for the CARES Act you would need the receipt. You ordered masks one time and didn't have the invoice. Have you spoke to Haviland down here? Long said yes, I ordered them 2-3 weeks ago. Waiting to come in. I want to be able to present that all together on Tuesday. Tim Neuner said if there are any questions on the paperwork talk to Kelly down there. Might need to amend the budget for CARES funds. Long said when we still had the stay at home order in place the hairdressers were going to open illegally until they found out the fines. That was Amanda Grellner that did that. Those are huge purchases that were not in my original budget. Has potential multi-function for the county. Griffin said this can be used at different locations. Long said I would like one similar to the National Guard. Neuner said something you can work under and drive under.

-Susan Long said we get water samples from various city water plants to test. Would like to be a drop off. Commissioner Glavin said I think its great. Long said I forwarded and email to Larry and Darryl. Will have to ask Andi since I didn't get a cc on that. Will ask to send

to city mayors and check and see when ready to do that. We're the most likely drop off each month for the water samples. Any questions for me? Commissioner Kliethermes said back to the fair again probably the best thing they can do is get information out. But even though we push for social distancing are those seats going to be wiped down after each ride. Long said I'm checking on that. If it were me, I would have my own hand sanitizer, wipes and a mask on. They've obviously had to take extra steps too. I asked John to check into.

-Susan Long said I received a complaint about Joes Market early on and Elisha went down and the lady there got very upset and started crying since they were doing what they had all along. Told he to put up a sign and she did. There were no more complaints. This is the biggest issue even with Quaker, emails were sent to the employees. I have sent out letters for schools and another that parents will need to sign. Callaway County wants to spend \$10,000.00 on thermal scanners for students in each school. That's great unless parents find their child is running a fever and give them Tylenol. I have a draft copy now. Parents need to be responsible for their child. Private business has the right to say what's right to do. Doing a lot of hand holding. We're watching things. Would like to see more masks consistently.

-Susan Long said Lucy Brenner called this morning. She would like to attend the advisory board meeting with State Tech. Want to talk about students coming in from all over and into the county. After school shut down 1 student tested positive for Covid and had to drop off a uniform. Have legit concerns for students coming here. Will let you know when the meeting is set up.

Old Business:

New Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said we have a new application that has been approved and sent to us from MRPC for Linn R-2 school requested and approved \$4248.25 of the CARES Act funds. Any questions or concerns. Commissioner Glavin said it seems pretty straight forward.

-Commissioner Glavin made a motion to give R-2 on CARES Act \$4248.25 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 Griffin said he went to the MRPC meeting yesterday that was at the courthouse. The lawyer, MRPC director Bonnie Pergie and project manager Kelly Sink were there with commissioners, county clerks, and treasurers to answer any questions. A lot of things were brought up about business application they put together. The business application is out now and there are some things needing to be looked at. One county put a ceiling on how much they would give a business. The limit they set was \$25,000.00. Talking with our treasurer and the limited amount of businesses there's no need to put a ceiling in our county. Do you think we should put a ceiling on businesses here? Also, businesses cannot receive for lost income. The state treasurer previously said it read yes you could but it has been changed to where you cannot. Sanitizer, cleaning supplies you can. If you laid a worker off you can recoup unemployment tax. You can't on lost wages. Commissioner Kliethermes said you can't assume the amount. Griffin said they stressed to counties a single audit every year by itself. Get it all lined out and the money assigned. Kliethermes said the audit costs. Griffin said yes, we need to look at that down the road. Kliethermes said so its going to be our responsibility to get an auditor not the state. Griffin said that's right. Need to get and independent auditor. It was a 2-hour meeting, good questions and answers. I did ask Kelly Sink about if our drop box qualifies and she said yes, plexiglass and everything is covered. Need to put the receipts in there. The parochial school stuff sent stuff and had questions on what would qualify. Don't want to pay out something purchased and find out it doesn't qualify. People are liable to pay money back. The lawyer Travis Elliot was there working with some counties that wanted a little longer contract on business. Where you could go after a business and put liens on property if they didn't pay money back, they took. I don't feel we need to go there. Kliethermes said back to the original question with putting a ceiling on businesses, you said the treasurer doesn't feel there was a need for our county. I think we need to decide that before. Griffin said we need to take a vote on that. How do you feel about this? Commissioner Glavin said I think \$25,000.00 is fair enough. Kliethermes said setting at \$25,000.00 is what you're saying. Glavin said yes. Kliethermes said I don't know how fast that money will go but setting a limit will give more people a chance. Don't set a limit and we can have more people coming in. There's no maximum on there at this time. Griffin said not that I know of. Kliethermes said so if 2 people turn in huge amounts there will be people who won't get any. There's only a couple of big businesses in the county. Griffin said let me ask Tim to come in and comment. Glavin said if those big businesses come in there won't be any for small business. Kliethermes said I agree with that. Glavin said if we set a cap and then a future date, if there's some money left over. Were not done with this yet especially for the schools of there are future bills. Just keep sending them in. The second wave could be worse than the first. Griffin said we will vote on one way or another to put ceiling on businesses. John says \$25,000.00 that's what Washington County did. There's a lot more businesses. I just said talking with you yesterday we felt there was no need for a ceiling in our county. Tim Neuner said I realize this is early in the process. It depends on how many businesses submit applications. It's not going to replace lost income. I don't know if that will work. I expect that will change. The original that was put out and came with the application you signed said it will not replace income due to being shut down. Then you may have to put a cap on it. Griffin said we do have an application from a county entity for \$61,000.00. I have not seen it yet. Neuner said that's not a county business. Its up to you guys. I'm sure Washington County had more of a pile than we do. Might be something to talk to Bonnie about and how she feels with being the administrator. They way they talk it changes every day. Griffin said while I was there, he had 11 changes. Neuner said Like Travis said yesterday he read all of the paperwork that came with the original application. And it says replace income from being shut down and then on a conference call last week it said does not replace lost income. When it comes down to business its about the income. If you don't have income you can't pay employees. Griffin said the only thing a business can recoup is unemployment if you had to pay for that. Neuner said or if you didn't lay people off. The way that sounded was if you kept people on payroll you could use that to reimburse payroll. But right there that sounds like replacing income. Its so messed up. Not sure if you need to put a cap but if you are going to you need to be quick. Once you get the first application and pay a person \$30,000.00 you can't cap it. I

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would talk to Bonnie and Tammy. Griffin said I will get a hold of them and see what they think. Neuner said I would talk to different commissions and see what they are doing. Talk to Maries County and Washington County. Glavin said we have a couple of good size manufacturing companies. Neuner said Quaker and Diamond went through with minimal interruption. Glavin said but it covers laying people off. Neuner said yes it covers unemployment insurance. That's what I understood yesterday. If they were kept on payroll, they could recover that. Glavin said would the cap be affected that. Neuner said yes, read through the draft of the rules. Its still a draft. He was making changes as we were at the meeting. Griffin said it was a good meeting, but there were more questions than answers. Neuner said they could have gotten questions all evening. Griffin said we will hold onto business applications until we know. Neuner said do we have a business application in black and white. I know we put one out but it keeps getting changed. Kliethermes said its kind of hard to cap it when we don't know what the end will be. That will be a big thing if they don't accept loss of income but how do you show it. Compare to a year ago that month. Griffin said they contradicted themselves and I expect people to challenge. Susan Long said I know with this they had small business loans available and quickly ran out, that's totally separate from the CARES Act. Neuner said my understanding is small business loans would keep your employees on payroll to pay that, but that money ran out. The first draft read like it would replace income. If you had to shut down it would replace income. But now it doesn't qualify. Kliethermes said the MRPC meeting with Ed talked about that. Money is out there that people can get but have to pay back. Its like a 2 1/2% loan. Right now, the minimum is \$15,000.00. Neuner said I think a lot of that was small business boost loans. There is no clear decision. Kliethermes said there are ones who qualify with the minimum, maybe a lot of them just need \$5,000.00. Neuner said I don't think hairdressers would be lined up for that. BJ's was shut down but had a trickle coming in. Kliethermes said I heard from a couple of hairdressers we could get this money but have to pay it back. I would think they would need to prove loss of income. Neuner said and right now it doesn't cover it. Long said that's like with the state telling people to get back to work but collecting the \$600.00 on unemployment where is the incentive. If I could get free money vs. a loan, I would do that too. Neuner said the state treasurer, Travis the attorney, Larry from Phelps County at the meeting and just from 1-3pm there were 11 changes. Long said I wonder if it should be a proportioned thing due to the size of the business. Are they putting in claims for extra equipment and supplies or unemployment claims? Neuner said I thing hairdressers had to buy masks and sanitizer that qualifies. If restaurants had to buy more to go boxes, I think that qualifies 100%. If you give a lump sum will they need to have a single audit, because then you need to give enough to pay for the audit. Long said that stimulus that came out wasn't much. Yes, we took that payment but were able to keep working. Glavin said the sales tax went up quite a bit due to the stimulus. Thing is after its spent watch the sales tax. Griffin said do you all think news has gotten out in the county to our people that the money is available. Long said Andi has a list of email addresses that she can send that out to. Also sending a text message. Sent something to the churches yesterday. She has the means of reaching businesses. Kliethermes said what about the county website. Long said Nicci is really good about posting, Neil at the UD also. I can put on the health department website also. Neuner said is the county getting together what they need to be reimbursed. Griffin said getting the receipts and everything. Neuner said I know Andi purchased equipment for down there and I told her to put it in a Covid file. Long said the other thing we can do is I am waiting on a test result on my contact. Should have today. Could do another Facebook push out and you can come on and speak about this. Griffin said that's a good idea. People need to know this is available. Long said I have been told these are being seen all over the country.

-Commissioner Griffin said we will wait on business applications until I talk to Kelly Sink and I will get with Andi on the 911 website for reach out.

-Commissioner Glavin said Tim Neuner came in this morning and said the fuel tax is down. Might want to scale back future purchases to be on the safe side for road and bridge. 2 months it has been down. Commissioner Griffin said he also said it could go back up in August. Will have to wait and see. Glavin said we need to take caution on how long it takes from the time you put gas in your tank and the money to come here. Might take 3 months.

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 9:50 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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