

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2020

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:45 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, Michael Bonham

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes from June 23rd, 2020 and June 25th, 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:

-Liability 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:

- Ron Kempker presented the commission with the Road Report for June 23rd-June 30th, 2020.
- Ron Kempker said spraying in process, doing a lot more. Focusing on bridges, guardrails and sign posts. Getting the brush mower in constant motion again. Also, we haven't heard anything on CR306 box culvert. Commissioner Griffin said we are still waiting for that study. July 1st we should have some knowledge on that.
- Ron Kempker said Kevin Ward has his class A permit. Still has training to do for his license. If you see 2 in a dump truck that's what he is training for.
- Ron Kempker said a gentleman brought to our attention we have a speed limit sign missing on CR801 at the school. He thought it was 35mph not sure what the speed was. Michael Bonham said the ordinance says 30. Commissioner Griffin said someone took the sign. That's where the school buses go in and out. Kempker said that's where the kids do track and field. Bonham said you guys have an ordinance that says 30. If there is something special to that I don't know. Griffin said do you feel 30 should be the speed limit by the school or would the school prefer 25. Kempker said personally I think 25 with kids. Griffin said it's a quarter mile stretch there. Kempker said yes, I think so. Griffin said that's the school entrance. What do the other commissioners think? Commissioner Kliethermes said I know the ordinance says 30. If we allow the sheriff department to enforce it there has to be a sign posted. I think it's a good idea. John that is your district, what do you think? Commissioner Glavin said you can go down to 25. The reason we did it was because of accidents. Bonham said we had a bad accident on that stretch and the citizens called our office. We don't have control out there. When you call MO-DOT they said it is a county problem. Glavin said I can say 25 while school is in session. You can put speed signs all you want but have to enforce them. Kliethermes said I have the same thing on my road. See people slow down for the sign and then speed up after it, until the sheriff started enforcing it. Still not perfect but better than it was. Bonham said the only thing is there needs to be that exception on the sign. Kliethermes said the problem with that is kids with after school activities. Glavin said good idea to have the sign up while they're running. Kliethermes said then why not make it 25mph. Glavin said to leave 25mph but I would like the school to be putting signs up. I can see during school in session. Bonham said It would be a lot simpler for only the quarter mile is 25. Glavin said use common sense with kids. Extra warning for their safety. Bonham said would be easier for us if year-round one consistent speed. For only a quarter mile not a big deal. Griffin said and you always don't know the dates they are running special events. Bonham said the residents are concerned and complaining because of the accident the other day. Commissioner Griffin made a motion to make the quarter mile 25 mph and ask R2 school to put up temporary signs. 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." Kempker said put up a sign posting at CR801 that the speed limit is 25. Kliethermes said yes, it has to be both ways. Griffin said I will contact the super intendant of the school and tell her we lowered the limit and put signs up.
- Commissioner Griffin said we have heard from McClure about the BRO-76 project. Bids opening on May 5th. We talked about that. It's just and official letter from Aaron McVicker.

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Sheriff's Office:

-Commissioner Griffin said I know you want to share your email from Dragos with us. Michael Bonham said we have done research and there are a lot of unpaid accounts, around \$100,000.00. Reached out to Dragos and they do have collection services. Between 25-28% they have collected already. Open accounts are due to the county. Trying to work on putting contract together. For every 100 they collect 30 will go to them for collection processing. That's how they get paid. We do not have the staff to do this. Anything we can collect will go back into the county treasury. Will send contract to read over and to Nicci to sign. Otherwise it just sits on the books. Commissioner Kliethermes said realistically looking at collecting \$70,000.00. Bonham said somewhere around there. Kliethermes said looking at the percentage for what they county is doing \$100,000.00 at 30% still \$70,000.00, more to have any other way. Commissioner Glavin said the problem is those guys don't have a way to pay. Bonham said it has worked in other counties. Some will have to be a write off. Doesn't cost us anything up front. Kliethermes said it would take a lot of your staff to do it yourself. Bonham said something is better than nothing and with no up-front cost to the county. Kliethermes said some been there 8-10 years. Bonham said the courts ordered it at some point but now we have to look after ourselves. Kliethermes said we can't add that on like a judge says. Bonham said this is different. This is debt collection. They are full-service banking. Not asking for a vote today, want you to look at the contract. I'm good with it if you are, that way we can move forward for people owing the county. Kliethermes said would this just be on debt we have out there now or anything in the future turned over to them? Bonham said I haven't seen the contract. My understanding is there will be a bill and if we pay it covers the county 100%. Kliethermes said need to see what the contract says if they would do in future but need to turn it over to them. Bonham said if there's something to change on the contract it could be discussed. Money is just sitting out there. Would have to give all files over the last 10 years for collection. Commissioner Glavin said the statute of limitations to go further back is an issue. Bonham said I agree with John we won't collect it all. I spoke to him and he said a contract would be to the county clerk by 10:00am. Just wanted to bring to your attention. Any questions? Kliethermes said we will need time to look at it. Bonham said it may be a rough year and will take what we can get. Griffin said thank you for bringing that to our attention.

-Michael Bonham said we will be ready for the fair. Hearing they are expecting attendance to be down this year.

Health Department:

-Susan Long said I want to reiterate that there are 2 Covid cases in the county. The contacts have been investigated, all have been contacted and are monitoring. 1 is community acquired and no idea where they caught it. Did a Facebook push out strongly emphasize on wearing masks. Columbia is considering an order to wear masks. Personally, I think it will be unenforceable. Jackson County passed one. Have to start encouraging people that its okay to wear a mask. Working on the back to school drive thru immunization clinic. Should have finalized today out to county. Working on guidelines to send teachers, parents and students. Expect parents to talk to students about the differences due to Covid. Talked to owners of the bus company yesterday. In touch with John Deeken. The health department will be at the fair. Will have some masks out there and other items. Going to walk around and see what people are doing and should be wearing masks. Remind about social distancing and wear a mask when in a crowd. The quote is partially ready for the tent and should have Thursday and be back with that. Any questions? Michael Bonham said with cases going up and testing going up but the hospitalization rate is dropping. Long said the hospitalization is dropping and so is the death rate. That's why the state continues to open up. Region F had the 2nd lowest rate last week. Watching the state, county and surrounding areas. Commissioner Kliethermes said I have a comment on cases rising but hospitalizations down. They young people are getting out due to summer and having groups. Long said they trouble with that is the younger is isolating but bring back to grandparent the number will go up. Kliethermes said I see a lot of masks in stores. You talked the last time about a certain one. Long said the N95 mask. Had supplied the sheriff office and EMS. Expect a case or 2 anytime. Kliethermes said that's the mask I would be interested in. Long said the big thing is social distancing. Had a meeting last week and we were all wearing masks. Working with the school board to determine if sick or if they just have allergies. Don't want to keep them out of school.

-Susan Long said I had a call last week from 911. They picked up someone on a warrant from another county who said they were exposed to Covid. Michael Bonham said we have good protocol. We have people who fake illness. We look to make sure people fit the criteria. Long said if any questions please call. Overall, still new virus and learning about it. Caution everyone to do their part.

Old Business:

New Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said we need to vote to renew Kaye Bertels for MRRL Osage board. I guess she is willing to serve again. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to renew Kaye Bertels to the MRRL Osage board. 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."

-Commissioner Kliethermes said we have another application approved by MRPC for Osage Ambulance. Curious I can see disinfectant and gloves we paid for but now they are wanting paid back. Commissioner Griffin said we have the final say so. Kliethermes said do you think people will buy something that big and assume its covered. The parochial school asked if they should get an invoice or find out the cost. Griffin said that was for a cleaning deal. Kliethermes said I can't imagine they can go and buy this thing and assume its going to be paid for. Thinking they are getting an invoice from the company and submitting that. Griffin asked are there ones not approved. Commissioner Glavin said the \$40,000.00 charge on here. Griffin said what I want to do is call and check on that. Glavin said we talked about limits last meeting and need to go that route. Griffin said I do believe on business not on schools. Glavin said this is a business though. Schools are tax funded and for a business they charge. Kliethermes said are we talking about the ambulance thing. Glavin said yes.

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Kliethermes said they can charge. That was my question on there. Griffin said I'll do some checking if that's okay with everyone. Glavin said I know its tax based but they do charge. Not too long ago we talked about money in the reserves. Griffin said I know what you are saying. Will ask the question and go from there. Glavin said that money isn't going to last very long. Griffin said I will ask the question and report back.

-Commissioner Griffin said waiting for small business cap. Talked to him about that.

Public Comments:

-Commissioner Griffin said a representative from Blaine Luetkemeyer's called me and I spoke with them. Wanting to know anything about the census, if anyone spoke to the commission about the census. Told them we spoke to 2 representatives and had received banners from MRPC in St. James and put them in location in the county. John Kennedy put them up for us. Also wanted to know any concerns. I told the CART money was down and told them there was concerns about the CARES money. There was a meeting in St. James 1 week ago and the had 11 changes. Making note to check on the consistency there and the changes all the time.

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 10:03 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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