

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

July 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: Rhonda Voss, Andi Rice, Susan Long, John Trenshaw

## 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 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."

## Bills, Notes and Communication:

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

## Meetings:

-911 advisory meeting EOC room July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30pm

-Emergency Management Meeting August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 11:00am-2:30pm.

-Primary Election August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

-Renew Agreement with Ameren and Osage County August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Road and Bridge:

-Commissioner Griffin said we have an agreement written for the Maries County commissioners to sign for Turkey Hill Road.

Commissioner Kliethermes said when he brought that agreement in, he did say there are 2 trucks in the shop. Truck 32 is at Sheppers, the main seal is out. Griffin said the sterling truck the dash is all cracked.

-Commissioner Griffin said I spoke to Aaron McVicker and the BEAP studies are completed on the 2 projects CR306 and CR274A. He will be here Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to present the reports. Commissioner Glavin said talk about the CR319 BEAP study. We did agree on that also.

## Building and Grounds:

-Commissioner Griffin said after talking to Kennedy this morning on the performance audit the question was asked about locks and how many keys are out. Did some checking and looked at different systems for locking. Looked at St. George school and they have a fob. When the power goes off the doors unlock. Talked to Ron Hoffman and showed me you have to run a wire. Its an electrical magnet. He took me down to the firehouse and they have a one programmable and also takes a key. Found they are workable for them. If someone loses a fob its 16.00. After looking at the push button like the firehouse I think it could work for us. Original cost was \$900.00 through a key shop. Can buy on Amazon for \$400.00. Think we need to look at. 4 doors need to be secured. We don't know who has keys over the years. Need to look at. Departments have sensitive files. Documents who comes in and what time. Money available in fund for the building. John Trenshaw said it shows what time of day? Griffin said we do have cameras also. Commissioner Glavin said would be worthwhile to look into and get prices. Money in AX 08 fund for this building. Commissioner Kliethermes said I like the push button idea. Not real expensive and works well. Griffin said the sheriff doesn't have access to the building. 911 does have push button. Didn't realize with the fob that when power is out, you're out. I'll look into that. Glavin said we need to look at securing the circuit clerk office also. Griffin said I think the sheriff is working with another company over there. Will have to get with him.

## Health Department:

-Susan Long said Amanda is on vacation but did look over the paperwork. The one dated July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 is what I updated. There is also a form for tracking symptoms of employees or office holder and copy of what Amanda made changes to. All are incorporated in. Andi did you have any comments? Andi Rice said no. Asking all employees to come into business with a mask on. Is that right? What is day 1, 2 etc.? Long said the days coming back. Amanda did say don't need to sign anything. Will be up to the direct supervisor to enforce this. If it becomes an issue the supervisor can have them quarantine if mask is refused. Easily go on vacation and distance and have minimal risk. Nearing the end of vacation season and hope this is a precautionary measure. Added a form to report consistency. Some doctors order immediate tests, some insist on a week. The reason for the week is most people develop symptoms 5-9 days after exposure. Rice said the last line says if tested the employee may work with a mask during this time? Long said unless they develop symptoms. Otherwise we penalize them to get an answer. We have consistency with the form. Rice said if they wear a mask for 14 days why would they need to be

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tested? Long said some people want to be tested but doesn't get them out of quarantine sooner. If you test early it may not show up. Commissioner Griffin said I see where you changed to decline if you want tested. If required the county will pay for it. Long said will add that wording in there. Not going to get a test without a physician order. If you identify as a contact you quarantine for 14 days. Rice said and if quarantined you use sick leave? Long said yes. We have 1 new case yesterday and 3 new today. Will be getting worked up today. 1 closed yesterday, another is still having symptoms. Seeing more household acquired. Nothing still from fair. Dr. Strong at State Tech is on vacation this week. Trying to get something set up on a morning next week.

-Susan Long said we start back to school clinics next week.

-Susan Long said we are continuing with dog reports. They are ignoring the health department and the sheriff. Drafting a letter of quarantine for dogs. There are state fines and penalties. 1 dog bit one person twice and another last month. Letters going out on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. We are following state statutes.

-Commissioner Griffin said I read the revised vacation leave policy. Looked good to me. Susan Long said its in the first paragraph if a test is requested by supervisor the county will be responsible for the cost. The last paragraph the employee or health insurance carrier would be responsible for cost of test if employee decides to be tested. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to adopt the vacation policy for Covid 19. 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."

### Old Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said I called MRPC and spoke to Kelly Sink about the Cares money and see if we can put a cap overall. \$25,000.00 per request and put an overall cap and she said yes. What kind of cap \$50,000, \$75,000.00? Commissioner Glavin said say \$100,000.00 and go from there. Get into December and see if there's money in the fund. If there is release the cap. Griffin said I think \$100,000.00 is too high. More comfortable \$50,000-\$75,000.00 range. Glavin said do you want some type of cap so everyone can share this fund. Cap is to protect small schools but you don't want to hurt the big ones either. Griffin said small business will request now too. The last 3-4 months we have money. We can change the request again to get rid of the money. More comfortable at \$75,000.00. Glavin said \$75,000.00 is good. Commissioner Kliethermes said I can agree to \$75,000.00. Griffin said I will have to let her know. Commissioner Glavin made a motion to put cap of \$75,000.00 on Cares fund. Commissioner Kliethermes 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 Griffin said the 2-week intervals per request is on the MRPC website. With that said I looked at the other request from Immaculate Conception was received July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. That was 25 days ago, beyond 2 weeks ago. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the #9 request from Immaculate Conception. 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." Kliethermes said if you add together, they were under the \$25,000.00. Glavin said Chamois was \$25,000.00. With the cap the 2 weeks isn't required anymore if they want \$75,000.00 at one time. Griffin said leave for now so it's not confusing.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said I called the architect back on what we discussed about the courthouse improvements. Will set up a meeting with Verslues and get back with us. Would want to meet with the architect and Verslues on what we can do and not do.

### New Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said Nicci gave me and email from the state leasing coordinator wanting to know if the county has room to house one state staff member. Would be a small office in a common area. I don't know of extra room we have. Commissioner Kliethermes said not in this building. Griffin said do you think I should reach out to them at the courthouse and see if anything there. Kliethermes said is that building leasing. Griffin said it says facility management, design and construction. Kliethermes said thought they had plenty of space there. Griffin said probably looking to vacate space to get out of other parts of the state. Kliethermes said with people working from home heard a lot will probably become permanent and the state will get out of leases. If they put employees in county offices for free it benefits them. Commissioner Glavin said if we leased office space, we wouldn't do it for free. Griffin said from the email they are looking at free space. Kliethermes said just like highway patrol, they don't pay and these people wouldn't pay either. Griffin said I'll check with the courthouse but the general answer will be no. Glavin said can't really give them free office space. Should be a flat no. Griffin said it doesn't say anything about renting or leasing. Like Larry said we don't charge highway patrol or university extension office. Kliethermes said highway patrol was brought up one time that they should pay and it was shot down.

-Commissioner Griffin said MRPC has a meeting scheduled in Argyle July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 9:30 am. I will call and see if they are still having.

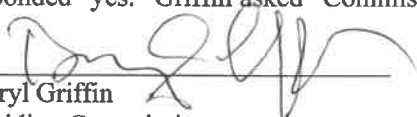
### Public Comments:

-Rhonda Voss said highway 50 and CC not new it's a deathtrap. Parents are in and out of there numerous times. Countless people have close calls there. Matter of time when someone gets sued due to an accident. 55mph through there is dangerous. Can't think of one community that has a college and no stop light. Do you know of any? Commissioner Griffin said no. John Trenshaw said the grade school kids are out there. Voss said to me all we brag about is Linn State Tech, but we are not taking care of people or their safety. Why don't we have a stop light? Griffin said I spoke to Preston Kremer a MO-DOT engineer and he said they did a study when Dave Dudenhoeffer was

here in 2017 and another. Said now they want to wait with the public school going to 4 days a week and see if that helps. Also, State Tech around the curve going east talked about adding an entrance. Its \$180,000.00 to put a light in and then the maintenance. We don't put stop lights on highway 50. No one will come out from MO-DOT due to the virus. Voss said if I were a parent of a student who wanted to attend State Tech and heard how unsafe the roads were, I would think twice. Griffin said suggested if we get the bypass, they can redo the entrance. When they put the other school out there it added to the problem. Voss said seems like all talk and no action. Doesn't matter about a 4-day school week. Griffin said 55mph is too fast, needs to be slowed to 45mph. Needs 35mph through there. Get a petition and give it to MO-DOT. It took Westphalia a long time to get the speed limit lowered. Voss said it has to change. Do I get the community together? Do I call KRCG and have them come down there? Griffin said it wouldn't hurt. Voss said it's a dangerous situation for everyone. Trenshaw said trucks run through there at 70mph. Voss said Josh said whatever I do he would back me on it. Griffin said I'll back you up too. Talked to MO-DOT and Tom Hurst and everyone wants to do a study. 2 have been done now and want to wait for the school. Like you said do people have to get killed. Voss said even if they put something in place until the study is done. Griffin said call the news people. Voss said you go to the door and it says no public. I filled out the complaint form on the internet. Commissioner Glavin said every year they come out and plan on what they spend on roads. I think August they are coming out. Kliethermes said August or September, will have MRPC people with them. Glavin said that would be a good time to get everyone here. Griffin said I'll let you know when they are coming. I wouldn't wait until September, needs to be done now. The commission would love something done but MO-DOT says another study. Glavin said the meeting is where we set the priorities. Get as many people together. Voss said wouldn't you want the light at 50 and CC? Griffin said that was the problem. Slowing down speed is one thing and the highway patrol to monitor more. Just got CART fund reports and gas tax is down because people and not going anywhere. Money is down, funding is down. Kliethermes said 50 and CC has been a priority on the list for a long time. Griffin said you need to get MO-DOT or the news to find out what they aren't doing something. Trenshaw said get everybody together and get a study done by an engineer. Voss said I don't tell me the driveways are the issue. Griffin said my first thing would be go after the speed. Growing so much out there and will get worse. Behind you 100% for 35mph. Voss said I don't know if that will fix the problem. Still congested there and have to gamble. Griffin said a light there and have working during certain times. I asked and they said \$180,000.00, I forgot what the yearly maintenance was. Trenshaw said Osage County is paying enough on has tax. There's enough gas bought in this county to pay for it. Glavin said you are talking about state tax. With taking CC if someone in the nursing home need an ambulance its all backed up. Griffin said I'll support you with the speed limit or the light. We don't have the money to help. Glavin said it needs to get higher on the list. Griffin said the list he showed you is 8 counties, Phelps, Maries, Osage, Gasconade, Crawford. All of them vote on what's the priority. They take care od their group down there. Kliethermes said we don't get the attention that group does. Andi Rice said have you heard anything from getting the annexing back? Griffin said haven't heard. Rice said they were supposed to annex all that in. Trenshaw said they don't have a fire hydrant system out there. Griffin said rural water #3 pays for that. Our lines are not big enough for a hydrant. Rural water #3 looking at building a tower out there. Talked to an engineer so a firetruck can back into in and fill. City would annex in and have to provide fire protection. Rice said why would they need to provide fire? Griffin said because its rural water #3 property. Can't take the water territory away. Rice said who builds the hydrants? Griffin said you can't hook onto rural #3 lines because they will collapse. Trenshaw said they would have to run 10-inch lines. Griffin said El Sever has a pond if they have a fire. State Tech has the stand pipe with water, that's their fire protection. Can't hook onto the lines. Rice said did this come from Linn Fire? Griffin said that's state law. A well line run to highway 100 was \$600,000.00, that was a new 8-inch line and only 1 1/2 miles. That's why #3 is looking at a new tower. Voss said everyone knows its an issue. Kliethermes said been trying to do something and keep hearing excuses. The ideal thing they said was a roundabout. Have to reduce the speed but doesn't make sense on a state highway. Voss said the stop light is the solution but yes very expensive. Griffin said I would love to see a stoplight. There is a problem at subway and Fairview church road. I went to city hall and said something about the apartments there and the trash cans. Ron Hoffman complained about the fire hydrant getting blocked. Voss said I think a light there, at Johns, and CC to get people to slow down. Griffin said if there is a grant, I will help you pursue. Glavin said I talked to John Libbey state representative of transportation committee. Carol Bax in Westphalia knows the problem. Griffin said Tom Hurst on highway transportation bill is good to talk to. No grants right now. Call Tom Hurst and the media.

**Adjournment:**

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 10:29 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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