

**Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:35 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: Andi Rice, Susan Long

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:**

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Glavin made a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes. 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 Kliethermes made a motion to approve the minutes of the closed meeting from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. 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 Griffin said I noticed the UD is still announcing the MRPC meeting In October at State Tech. It has been cancelled.
- Commissioner Griffin asked if everyone got a copy of the sheriff's report.
- Commissioner Griffin asked if everyone got a copy of the August balance sheet.
- Commissioner Griffin said I saw the ad in the UD for the CPA for the audit. Hopefully will get some response from the 2 papers.
- Commissioner Griffin said Monday the county office will be closed for Labor Day.
- Checks signed.

**Meetings:**

- September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Notice of hearing regarding assessed evaluations 9:00 am
- September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Martha Ray with CMCA to introduce new Community Organizer Jenn Millard 9:00 am

**Road and Bridge:**

- Andi Rice said in regards to the bridge permit I contacted DNR and that's up to the corp. I have a call into them, waiting on answer if we will need additional permits. My permit is done. I'm waiting for the Corp of Engineers permit or DNR permit.
- Andi Rice said I have the permit. DNR contacted the Corp and they said as long as we are not placing fill back into the river while removing the bridge you don't need a 404 or 401 permit. Commissioner Griffin said ok. Rice said if you look at the middle section #3 it says permit covers the removal of a historic bridge across the Maries River that recently collapsed. No fill is allowed in the river when removing the bridge debris. I have left a copy here for Ron. If we have a bridge size, I can add those dimensions to the permit. Commissioner Glavin said that's collapsed? Griffin said probably be on the inspection report. Market value you can put 1.5 million. Glavin said the cost to replace is a different number than what its worth. Rice said I will come up next week to get approved.

**911:**

- Commissioner Griffin said I got your email yesterday from you. It was good to hear. Andi Rice said yes, we got the \$2,500.00 grant from Ameren to replace chairs in the emergency operations center. Once I get that I will purchase them. Griffin said what is the cost on those? Rice said he was going to give me a deal. \$125.00 per rolling chair. \$250.00 package for 2 and give me a discount if I purchased 30 or so chairs. Griffin said that's good. Commissioner Glavin said buy a good quality chair, those will last. Rice said I know. That's what helped my case. I took pictures of all the broken ones. Had those since 2008. Griffin said how long have we had those other ones. Rice said since the inception of the 911 building. Been quite a while. Griffin said thanks for getting the grant.

**Building and Grounds:**

- Commissioner Griffin said did you have any contact with Verslues or the engineer? Commissioner Kliethermes said no, I never heard a word from them. Supposed to start September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and didn't see anybody. Griffin said I didn't either. Kliethermes said I will try to call him.

**Health Department:**

- Susan Long said on the advisory I had to do a small revision. Its something I worked out with schools. Need to get this signed so I can get this out. Commissioner Griffin said ok.

-Susan Long said we are up to 85 cases. Got a phone call this morning and have one from another county but will have a lot of contacts. ---  
-Susan Long said I heard on the news wanting public health to start Covid shots November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Kliethermes said he heard that on Channel 13. Commissioner Griffin said that news release I understand 2 million doses will be available and goes to people who need it first. Long said the initial plan was to vaccinate first responders and health care workers. Hearing there are mild to moderate side effects. I don't know what the moderate are. In flu season you are deliberately going to take out your health care force and then with the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot they could have the same reaction. Cannot get supply for 7 million shots. Not sure how they will do the logistics on this.  
-Susan Long said we are not having any luck with getting nurses to respond to the ad. Suspect they know what our pay grade is. Long said even with flu shots this year I feel I am putting my staff at risk with this. Besides long hours its not knowing if these people have Covid or the flu. Going to think about and try to come up with something but have to increase salaries especially while working on Covid activity. I realize we are in the middle of a budget but have that Cares Act funding. Got to have help with flu clinics and Covid. It's 2 sets of shots on everybody. Commissioner Kliethermes said can you use that 15%? It wouldn't be a permanent raise. Long said yes, can put a special designation on it if being put in a high-risk category. Griffin said can you offer with that funding a sign on bonus to attract somebody? Long said we could do that but I have to think of my other staff and myself. Need to look at something overall. Always have tried to have a conservative budget and stay within it. This is beyond anything we have seen in public health. I'm having a hard time getting supplies for the flu vaccine. I have some but need a little more. I cannot pay anyone more than what I am paying my staff. Griffin said I understand. Cares Act funding Larry should cover that. It will get us through the worst of this and then have to take a look from there. Griffin said it's not over either. The \$71,000.00 grant would help with hiring someone and that was a 21-month thing. So, I think around 2 years is what they are looking at with this. Commissioner Glavin said I don't think its over. Long said what we're seeing the last few days is 20-21 year old. They are from other colleges and universities. Going to parties and not social distancing or wearing a mask. Glavin said we're not over different types of viruses. The next one will be even worse. Have to get things set up to handle from the get go. Long said the entire world is for that too. As soon as Covid is a routine thing the funding will start dropping for public health. We are the lowest paid state per capita for public health. I want to express my appreciation for the support from you all. I will work on a plan to present on Tuesday. Glavin said if planning on upping your pay have it on paper.  
-Commissioner Kliethermes said I was told by an individual yesterday there was someone here in Osage County that tested 7 times and wanted to know in your case count if that was included for 1 or 7 times. Susan Long said one. We are probably well over 100 if we count all the times someone is tested. I had one person with 6 tests until we had a negative. We only count per person. Also, the lab confirmed this is the PCR test. The IG we had one but confirmed negative. When showed on the antibody test as positive they did quarantine. Kliethermes said I heard it was a miserable test. Long said I've had to do it. Commissioner Griffin said so when you have an individual test 6 times how long does that take to quarantine. Long said it depends on the doctor and was very early on. When the CDC required 2 negative tests before going back to work. So, this individual they let him go 2-3 weeks before retesting. Griffin said they were just sitting at home. Long said yes but drawing pay under the Cares Act. We are making sure we get letters of quarantine and isolation out as fast as we can. Also release letters for their employers and schools too.  
-Commissioner Kliethermes said have you heard this morning on the news from Washington University you can test with spit in a cup. Susan Long said that would be nice. I'm sure the college kids would appreciate that.

### **Old Business:**

-Commissioner Griffin said I have not heard anything back from the Westphalia people.  
-Commissioner Kliethermes said I noticed in the minutes John talking about where they are going to put that tower up, on the railroad tracks somewhere. Commissioner Griffin said down 100. Commissioner Glavin said by Wayne Troxels. Kliethermes said down toward Chamois. Just curious what area it was.

### **New Business:**

-Andi Rice said have you received our request from MRPC on the Cares funds. Commissioner Griffin said no I don't think we have. Rice said I submitted 2 of them, and the building and grounds stuff 2 weeks ago. Griffin said 2 weeks. Rice said yes, she said they were 2 weeks behind but asked me yesterday for a bunch of information. I failed to submit something and sent it in. I assumed it would be here today. Maybe next week. Griffin said with the holiday coming hopefully we will have it Tuesday.

### **Public Comments:**

### **Adjournment:**

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 9:31 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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Presiding Commissioner