

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
September 8th, 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, Andi Rice, Megan Reichart, Nicci Kammerich, 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 3rd, 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."

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Griffin said we have a letter from DNR dated August 13th, 2020, they are having a hearing on the drinking water plan. Public discussion was August 27th, 2020 10:00 am. Have until September 11th, 2020 to go to government site for comments.

-Nicci Kammerich said the notice for the tax hearing is today. We have property rates and I just want to make sure its alright. It's \$100.00 per assessed value. Took required sales tax reduction like we do every year. If you are good with general revenue and road and bridge estimated revenue and those rates, I just need you to sign. Commissioner Griffin said do we need a motion. Kammerich said you never have before. Commissioner Glavin said we need to have a vote. Commissioner Glavin made a motion to set actual assessments for 2020. General revenue 0.0578, road and bridge 0.2229, and 0.1000 special services. 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." Glavin said so the evaluations went down so the tax went up.

Meetings:

-September 24th, 2020 Martha Ray with CMCA to introduce new Community Organizer Jenn Millard 9:00 am

Road and Bridge:

-Foreman Ron Kemper presented the commission with the road report for September 1st, 2020-September 8th, 2020.

-Ron Kempker said things have been running smooth at road and bridge. No applications have been turned in for the job openings, down 2 employees.

-Commissioner Glavin said you are hauling rock out of the creek near Chamois. Ron Kempker said yes, it is planned. Whippers are running and down 2 people. Glavin said better get gravel on the roads down there or they will be falling apart this winter. Kempker said need to get some help and see what I can do.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said the surveyors are going to be down at the bridge in Rich Fountain on Wednesday to restake it. The landowners had questions about the right of way. I showed them plans and they wanted to see stakes. Talked with the engineer 2 weeks ago and they said weather permitting Wednesday September 9th, 2020 9:00 am CR631. I called both the landowners this morning.

911:

-Andi Rice said I have the floodplain development permit. Only changes made were the couple we discussed last week. Commissioner Kliethermes said this is for the bridge in Westphalia. Rice said yes on CR611 for the removal. Kliethermes said we sign this and you keep on file. Rice said yes, they will ask the county. Kliethermes said I didn't know if we need to furnish one to them. Rice said no unless they want it. But you see it says no fill is allowed in the river when removing debris. If you need to put a platform in the river for equipment to remove then some of these other permits are required. Whoever removes it this might change depending on equipment or materials needed. Kliethermes said if and when it happened, they have the big level spot to set up on. Have to get something done. Rice said have we heard back from Amanda. Griffin said no not yet. Do we need to sign this? Rice said yes where it says signature of owner.

-Commissioner Glavin said tell Travis to go to visit CR420 this morning. Saw the stop sign down again. Andi Rice said is it laying there. Commissioner Griffin said at the corner of Benton going down CR303. Don't know if the contractor did it. Its right at the city limits. Rice said what sign is it. Griffin said CR303. Glavin said this might be the same individual. Rice said CR303 Benton and CR420. Griffin said yes.

Assessor's Office:

-Commissioner Griffin said we have the information from the assessor's office from Hortons for 2 small 4-wheel drive SUVs, 70,000 miles. Approximate cost is \$25,000.00 and arrive in 2-3 weeks. Commissioner Glavin said where is Jerry going to get the money.

Commissioner Kliethermes said tax fund. Griffin said Jerry was going to check the tax fund and see what is available. Glavin said what if he can't get it out of there. Kliethermes said he seemed hopeful he would be able to get it.

Health Department:

-Susan Long said I have the special circumstances for the Osage County health department staff. Talked a little last week and said I would prepare something. I based this on Gasconade County. Rates came from contract signed last week to increase the influenza rates for this. Still haven't had any RN's apply for the position. If we advertise at a higher salary might get some interest. Commissioner Griffin said this is effective when. I should say this pay period, start back to August 21st, 2020. Griffin said to the end of the year unless they extend it. Long said right. Griffin said and you got 71 or \$73,000.00. Long said we got \$10,000.00 for increased influenza rates and \$240,000.00 potentially from the Cares Act. \$71,000.00 for lab capacity funding. Commissioner Kliethermes said RN's are at \$19.76 per hour. Long said \$29.21 an hour for RN's. Right now, they are just under \$20.00. Commissioner Glavin said this is based on Gasconade. Long said yes. Glavin said I have no issue with it. Griffin said it is hard to get somebody. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to raise the rates for the health department from August 21st, 2020-December 31st, 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." Kliethermes said with the surrounding counties offering more money and then the vaccine is available we need to do it somehow. Have the money with Cares. Griffin said that's what it's there for.

-Commissioner Glavin said how many are we up to now. Susan Long said 96, active 16 and 2 more down there to work. Need to revamp the flu clinics, they made the dates further out.

Old Business:

New Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said I got a call from Kelly Sink and she said there was a request for Loose Creek Community Center and wanted to get the commissioners feelings on this. Asked for money for additional playground equipment to spread kids out. Commissioner Glavin said I have no issue with it as long as we take care of everybody else. Commissioner Kliethermes said is this on the school grounds. Glavin said I believe the community center. Glavin said that's not the school grounds. Kliethermes said that might be stretching it too far. Glavin said might be but need to look at these kids could be carriers. Kliethermes said true. Glavin said if Linn wants extra equipment, the city park all the rest of them. Griffin said they were asking if its available. Glavin said might be a number need something in paper form. Griffin said I will try to find out more details. Kliethermes said what concerns me is not knowing what's coming and has higher priority. I'm not against it. Glavin said I would like to see something in writing. Griffin said I will call Kelly back and tell her we would like to see a proposal.

-Commissioner Griffin said I spoke to Michelle Watkins district engineer about Hwy 50 and CC and she said a stop light will most likely be there in the next 5-7 years. Megan Reichart said is there any county land for us to build a playground on. We have seen numbers for \$250,000.00 that cost could almost build the whole thing. But to get this grant it must be built on county land. We applied for the Lions Club grant which is \$100,000.00 and have not heard due to Covid. We need to see if we fir that grant is not if there is land. We looked at McGuire and you cannot build an inclusive and non-inclusive playground next to each other. Is there land they county has, it could open more grant opportunities. Griffin said how much land do you need. Reichart said I don't know the measurements. Reached out and got some of the concrete donated. I can give you the square footage in concrete. 11,438 square feet in concrete is needed. That includes sidewalks. Commissioner Glavin said did it say how many yards. Reichart said no it just says square feet. Glavin said its about ¼ of an acre. Kliethermes said what happened to the old school. I know the antique mall is there. Reichart said that is privately owned. I thought about the city playground but didn't know is that's an option. It can be in any part of the county. Kliethermes said just centrally located. Reichart said off of a main road would be helpful. Kliethermes said if you could find someone to donate a ¼ acre. Reichart said I think if we have to move it I would rather early in the process. I've been reading about that intersection. Griffin said we discussed that a few weeks ago and thought of you. Reichart said it is a bad area. If you come up this anything let me know. Reichart said who owns the land on CR604 by the turnaround. Kliethermes said that is MO-DOT. Ron Kempker said I assume they will keep that for the expansion of the highway. Reichart said if someone donated money to the county would you work with me getting it set up for the playground. Griffin said I would.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said have we seen any of the requests Kelly Sink said were coming our way. Commissioner Griffin said haven't seen them.

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 9:23 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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