

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Dodd's

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. 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:

- Commissioner Griffin said today is the last day to get proposals in for the single audit. Will move forward on Tuesday on what we are going to do. Commissioner Kliethermes said have we had any responses? Griffin said some people called and asked. Haven't seen any packets in there.
- Commissioner Griffin said I received an email from MRPC about the online single audit training with BKD this Friday 10:00 am.
- Commissioner Griffin said the retirement party for Jeri Voss is this Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 from 2:00pm-5:00pm.

## Meetings:

- October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10:00 am Transportation needs meeting with MO-DOT and MRPC
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 General Election. NO MEETING
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 MAC Annual Conference virtual

## Road and Bridge:

- Commissioner Glavin said Arnold Swanky wants to put in a private pipe across the road. Commissioner Griffin said did road and bridge contact him? Glavin said no, I told Ron he better get down there. All on their ground. There is a deep ditch. Commissioner Kliethermes said on one side of the county road? Glavin said yes. The road has 2 ditches in it. Basically, he wants to take all the water to one side. Kliethermes said he's wanting to divert the water from one side to the other? Glavin said it will work. He said he would buy the pipe. Griffin said whose property is he diverting it to? Kliethermes said he said he owns both sides. Wonder why he wants to have all the water on one side. Glavin said his reason is he wants a private pipe in and put it across the road. I told him yes. I can see his point of view to get rid of that deep nasty ditch. Kliethermes said he would do above his drive. Glavin said below his drive a little bit.
- Commissioner Kliethermes said we never did complete the change on putting in the pipes. We brought up and discussed but never finished. Commissioner Glavin said I thought we voted on it. Kliethermes said no.

## Building and Grounds:

- Commissioner Kliethermes said I got a call yesterday from the stone mason who is going to do the tuckpoint on the courthouse. They were out here a couple weeks ago and took a piece off the top of the baluster to match the color. They said they needed the dimensions of the base and would be here at 10:30 am today. Don't know if he will just measure or pull the base.
- Commissioner Kliethermes said I set up a time and date for Monday at 11:00 am in Jefferson City with Rebecca Howard. They are going to sign their easements for the bridge on CR631. At that time I will forward that to Mr. Luebbert and also the recommendations from MODOT.
- Commissioner Glavin said I got a call from someone who lives on CR715. They are very happy with the road was done and praised road and bridge.

## Assessor's Office:

- Commissioner Griffin said we have a copy of the letter from the tax commission for the \$25,000.00 request out of the assessor's fund. Commissioner Kliethermes said in the memorandum it says residential index adjusted to 2.74. What was it before? Griffin said I can run down there and ask Jerry what the current rate is. 2.48 is the current rate. The tax deal sets that. Ambulance, fire department, schools and they average that out. Commissioner Glavin said it last year they raised the levy's because the money wasn't coming in. Griffin said they said they have no control over the state tax deal. Kliethermes said it mentioned in the letter about depreciation of property tax down last year. Glavin said I don't see how you can fix a levy without messing with taxes. It determines the amount of money you need. Last year everyone was getting less money so it got adjusted so everyone raised the levy to get things straight. Mess with it again it will affect the incoming. Kliethermes said so if he raises that should bring in more money then? To make up the shortfall? Glavin said yes, that's where we set the levy for it. Raise the levy to make up for that shortfall. Kliethermes said I hate to say we have nothing to do with that, it's the state tax commission that sets that.

## 911:

-Commissioner Griffin said do you have anything for us Andi? Andi Rice said the closed session meeting minutes. Griffin said we will take a look at them. Rice said I thought we were going into closed session. Commissioner Glavin said if there are any changes, we need to have a closed meeting. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the closed 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."

-Commissioner Griffin said I put an ad in the paper. It will run October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The deadline to apply is October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 4:30pm.

-Andi Rice said Tyler lock and key texted me and said he would call when he got back to the office. I want to make sure you want keypads like what is on the outside of our door on the 3 doors. Commissioner Griffin said the one with the double doors there's something. Rice said he will just have to come look at it. I will talk to him and let him know.

## Health Department:

-Susan Long said we will probably be up to 160 cases by the end of the day. Been having issues with incorrect addresses. Have cases at Fatima, Linn R-2 and Holy Family. We are still attempting to follow. These kids have a lot of contacts, had some younger but most are high schoolers. Some exposure in the classroom but most are from going to parties. We spend 15-20 minutes per call going through getting information, provide education, and sending letters of quarantine out is very time consuming. We have been cursed at, cussed at and threatened by some of these parents. I understand their frustration. Commissioner Griffin said when you say threatened do you mean physical harm? Long said no, I would report that. They are letting off some steam but I have new nurses working on this. Parents are not sending letters of quarantine to school and still sending their child. We are now going to fax them automatically to schools. I understand they may have problems but they were warned of the contingencies. I am going to be picky on the advisory since that expires Tuesday. Thinking hard about what to put in there. Going to consult with other counties and see what they're doing. Fatima 7-12 grade started distance learning on Saturday and will continue for the next 10 days. Some schools are being lax and not enforcing the mask rule. Not having to wear them on the bus. I will be presenting something next week.

-Susan Long said I'm sure you saw in the bills I was able to purchase 5 laptops in case. I picked up 2 printers last night and the other 3 are coming. Getting everyone switched over to work from home. Still need to get a couple cell phones.

-Susan Long said flu shots are going well. Did 200 at State Tech. Will be at St. Mary's this afternoon for children, faculty and the public also. Scheduling a flu clinic, a day.

-Susan Long said the new nurses and staff working well. Our new clerical is getting the flu shots entered into Show Me Max. The grant we received said they need to be entered within 7 days. Still looking at hiring more temporary people.

-Susan Long said Ron Hoffman looked at some trailers. Need to take the SUV down to get a hitch put on it. He did the research for me.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said I saw something for October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is the flu shot day. Susan Long said I will start at 911, then head to road and bridge, the courthouse and then this building. I want to get the county employees covered early. The high dose was supposed to be here September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and I have not received them yet. They said it was delayed a week. Kliethermes said wanted to see if you have both doses. Long said it should have been here, I ordered them in January. My other 500 should be here by Tuesday next week.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said is the fridge set up now to hold if the power goes out. I know there was a problem with it before. Long said that happened right after I started and was out of warranty by 2 weeks. Using a surge protector. Have storage set up with St. Mary's and Capital Region if needed. Have the alarm system on if it goes out or if the door is open too long.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said in a case where a family member had Covid and supposed to return to work today. This individual's spouse had it now. Is it a potential to get it again? Susan Long said right now the CDC is saying at you have at least 3 months antibodies for protection from it.

-Commissioner Glavin said how many active cases? Susan Long said I would say 30. We had one yesterday with no contacts and we have some kids with 25-30. We had 1 death; I was notified yesterday afternoon. That makes 2 now. 2 are in the hospital.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said I would like everyone to support our health department. They are not out there to cause trouble.

## Old Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said we still haven't heard anything from the parochial schools on the care's funds. Commissioner Kliethermes said have you checked with MRPC? Griffin said no I haven't. Kliethermes said my understanding was the state treasurer was going to issue a letter. Don't know if that was done. Griffin said I will try to find that out too. Kliethermes said you would think they would respond. They are going to run out of time.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said you never heard anything back from Westphalia? Commissioner Griffin said the email to the lawyer, no we didn't.

## New Business:

-Commissioner Kliethermes said have you heard anything from BKD the auditing firm in Springfield? Commissioner Griffin said my understanding is the request comes in, we pay it out and they send the information to them. Kliethermes said has there been anything discussed with the cost to the county? Griffin said not that I know of. Signed up everybody. Kliethermes said not knowing what that is, not

having anything or the single audit and not knowing that cost. The only thing is the health department can get up to 15%. We need to know what we have left to spend. Griffin said a lot of unanswered questions.

**Public Comments:**

**Adjournment:**

-The commission meeting adjourned at 9:41 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."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Griffin", written over a horizontal line.

Darryl Griffin  
Presiding Commissioner

