

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

October 8<sup>th</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: Ron Kempker, Susan Long, Andi Rice, John Kennedy

## 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 I have calls into CPA's and have not heard back from them yet for the single audit. Waiting to hear.

-Commissioner Griffin said are there any questions or concerns on the sales tax distribution notices. Commissioner Glavin said that original is not going up as fast as the other ones are. Prop P would have to get \$88,000.00 the next 2 months. So, we get low balled and, on the record, we did not low ball that tax. We overestimated. Have to bring in \$176,000.00 by the end of the year. Don't think its going to make it. JR60 number looks good but we really went after that last month.

## Meetings:

-October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10:00 am Transportation needs meeting with MODOT 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:

-Ron Kempker said we have been able to work on the slab at CR235. Got the center piece and will try to do repairs on it. Commissioner Griffin said how long do you predict it will take to get done? Kempker said hope a week, by the end of next week. If everything goes as planned.

-Commissioner Griffin said did you get your new vests in? Ron Kempker said yes, transferring everyone into these vests. Griffin said are they class 2? Kempker said they are bright. New MODOT bridge inspectors prefer this type.

## Building and Grounds:

-John Kennedy said yesterday they started on the roof. It's going good. Ran into a situation where concrete was distressed and cracked. Looking at it there was moisture damage. Had to take the old concrete off and there is an asphalt roof under the concrete, on top of the original roof. Hard for them to have a bond with the new roof. Had to jack hammer the concrete on top of the asphalt roof then hammer drill to chisel the asphalt roof. Should be done by tomorrow. Commissioner Griffin said they found out there was a trough originally also. Kennedy said John said looking at the blue prints the east and west sides by the front of the building there used to be 2 drains for the roof. The roof sloped to the front then a concrete trough on the front. Over the years they blocked the west side off and used the east side for the rain water to go into that. Something that needed to be addressed. There is a new drain on it. I poured water down it an looks good to go. Griffin said it sounds like they kept stacking on the old roof instead of taking it off. Kennedy said some of that concrete is 6-8 layers. A lot of that concrete turned back to sand because of the water. Going to put the overlay and get the proper slope and then get the roof on. Griffin said they will probably finish today right? Kennedy said looks like it. They won't have too much to finish if tomorrow. Thought it was going to take longer finding what they ran into.

## 911:

-Andi Rice said I don't think Larry was included in the email from MRPC regarding the updated hazard litigation plan that is due in 2022. They anticipate starting to work on in 2021. She sent the contract to review with the commissioners. The presiding commissioner attends the meeting where the contract is signed. There is a significant cost but only done every 5 years. The cost is \$7,333.33. I would start reviewing that now. There are certain things you go through every 5 years and identify what wasn't done.

-Andi Rice said I noticed on the expense report emergency management is at 100%. As you all know we spend most of our money up front. I knew it was going to be close. Most of the money is pass though the county. Did a breakdown of where we should be when you remove the pass-through funding. Should be around 87%. I manipulated the clerks report which is no fault to theirs. When you look at the bottom and see we spent \$4,800.00 on the panic button for the school they reimburse all that money. For the chairs we got the grant from Ameren. When I remove that amount it lowers the percentage. There was an issue with the chairs, they were paid for twice. Equipment and expenditure the cost surprised me with Central Electric for the Loose Creek warning siren. Three rivers had donated the installation in the past and did not have do that this year. Central Electric sold us the pole, picked it up and delivered. The cost was \$3,137.00. Not what we

had anticipated. Mobile safety should have been a pass line item and it wasn't. Should only be \$4,900.00 that's the rain mobile safety for Osage County. The other amount is a pass-through line item. Overall, the percentage should be 87%. Not 100%. As a reminder the county does not pay a dime into emergency management. I don't like going over budgets but 911 will happen until we amend the budget.

Kliethermes said that pole for the siren came through the other day. It was not cheap.

-Commissioner Glavin said the 911 tax is coming in pretty good. Andi Rice said yes, it is up this year. The September funding was the highest its ever been. Commissioner Kliethermes said comparing last year reports in October to this year and shows \$70,000.00 ahead. Glavin said with the 911 tax it went up faster this year. Rice said there's no roll back on that. Glavin said \$19,000.00 the original was \$41,000.00. 911 is \$43,000.00 a year ago and up to \$64,000.00. Kliethermes said we talked about that before, maybe it's the way it's collected. Glavin said between 911 and the original is utility taxes. Rice said what do you mean the original? Glavin said the original sales tax. Rice said 911 has everything on it. Kliethermes said maybe with people home its higher.

-Andi Rice said did you get the request from MRPC yet? Commissioner Griffin said yes, we have it right here. Rice said any questions on that? Griffin said got to vote on it.

### **Health Department:**

-Susan Long said I have a proposal. I talked with Nicci this morning and she's had some people who had close contact. Concerned about elections and people coming in to vote. Feel like we should go back to the people needing to wear masks to come into this building and the other. We are requiring people to wear a mask if coming into our office and if they don't have one, we give them one. But I think in the best interest for the county employees in all buildings the public part is to wear masks when they come in. Commissioner Griffin said so are we going to post this on all the doors? Long said post on the doors, send it to the newspaper, post on the websites for health department, county government, 911 and Neil is always good about the UD. Open to discussion on this. Nicci called and had some concerns but she has older people coming in to do absentee voting. Thoughts about masks in the buildings? Commissioner Griffin said I'd say it's a good idea. You don't want people sick and shutting down. Long said I recommended to Nicci they don't have everyone in the office. We can't afford to lose the clerk's office with the election coming. Can't afford to lose any of the departments. Griffin said do we want to use the doorbell again? Long said no, just the masks. We need them to be able to come in and vote. The masks will give the protection needed. Don't want to prevent anyone from voting but need to do it safely for everyone. Commissioner Kliethermes said I have no problem with it. Griffin said if there is something, they need to drop off we have the drop box. Good idea now until whenever. Kliethermes said at least until there is a reduction in the numbers. Keeping everyone safe and setting an example. Commissioner Glavin said I have no issue with it. Have taxes coming and will have people get accustomed to wearing a mask in here. Andi Rice said I would suggest putting X's on the tile when the taxpayers start coming in. They need to know 6ft apart from people. That line gets long. Start that now so people know. Long said that's easy enough to do. Have signs posted on my door saying no more than 2 people in our waiting room. Kliethermes said hoping we can convince people when it gets closer to tax time to use the drop box, as long as they pay by check. Rice said don't they do online payments now? Glavin said yes, they can mail it in too. Kliethermes said some people especially older come and pay every year. Long said that's where we tell them where the health department is and they know what building it is. Kliethermes said use the mail, drop box, and online. Long said the other we can do is designate one door as an entrance and the other an exit. There's not a lot of room in that hallway. Rice said come in the side door and leave the front. Kliethermes said especially since that side door has the handicap. Rice said that means you would keep the front door locked at all times. Yes, you can use the side door. Easy enough to post a sign saying using the side door. Kliethermes said staff wearing masks we would wear them coming in the building. Do we keep them on throughout the meeting? Long said that would be my recommendation. Also getting into flu season. We have our 2<sup>nd</sup> case. High dose did arrive yesterday. Griffin said would we put a station by the door for people who don't have a mask? Long said the hospitals are telling people coming in they should wear their own mask. Hard to believe people don't have masks by now. Afraid people will grab handfuls of masks. Rice said then you will still have people who will say they forgot their mask. Griffin said think we should try it and if it becomes a problem. Glavin said those masks I think the cares act will pay for them. Long said there's 50 masks to a box and its finding more when someone just takes them. Griffin said you are on camera when you come in the door. Maybe put a big sign that says if you don't have a mask call this number and we will bring one to you. Kliethermes said I agree to that. I understand about people taking the whole box. Griffin said I have no problem signing this. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to require masks to be worn in the annex building and the courthouse. 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." Glavin said take it one step further and include road and bridge. Long said I put Osage County buildings.

-Susan Long said we are probably up to 220-230 cases. Probably 70 or 80 active cases right now. Doing some serious thinking about an ordinance for next week. People we are talking to are going to large gatherings, no attempts at social distancing or mask wearing.

-Susan Long said I'm trying to get caught up on the school kids. I was threatened again with a lawsuit. A new nurse was hired to help with the covid investigations. Do have nursing students coming in to help also.

-Susan Long said I put on the agenda for Tuesday that we designate all school personnel as essential personnel. Would like to do that officially. Had a meeting Tuesday evening with the schools. Have a good plan in place. Linn R-2 and Fatima have gone to virtual learning for the older kids. Parents who have been threatening I have been in touch with Amanda Grellner on that. She is aware of the situation and prepared to take action.

-Susan Long said flu clinics are going well. High dose came in yesterday. Kaitlyn is doing well with the flu clinics and I might have her start contacting businesses when she is comfortable.

-Susan Long said we are emailing parents when going through contact lists and sending letters of quarantine. We call before they are due to be released and make sure the parent and school get the release letter. Getting a good response so far. Trying to get through kids faster.

**Old Business:**

-Commissioner Griffin said I spoke with everyone about the virtual meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. I spoke to several elected offices and there was only 1 that said they would be willing to be a delegate, our collector. I'll put her name down and get signed. The commission needs to select a delegate amongst us. Commissioner Kliethermes said that was my understanding one of us is to be a delegate also. I would nominate you to be the delegate. Commissioner Glavin said I second. Griffin said Denise Nolte is the elected official. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve Denise Nolte as the elected official. 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."

**New Business:**

-Commissioner Griffin said we have new cares requests for the health department \$4,858.84 and Osage County 911 \$10,913.72 that are preapproved and the request from Loose Creek Community Center on the playground equipment. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the cares funds requests for the health department \$4,858.84 and Osage County 911 \$10,913.72. 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." Griffin said for this Loose Creek Community Center \$24,215.03 do we want to table this and see how it comes out in the end? Glavin said I talked to a nurse about this and unless you want to stand on top of and disinfect everything. Seems like to me someone is trying to get some playground equipment. Griffin said so do you want to deny it? Glavin said might get in trouble with the auditors on it. If we move a motion it needs to be positive not negative. Just won't be addressed. Griffin said what do you want to do with this? There is a form here to approve or deny. Glavin said might as well deny it because we can't vote on something that's not a positive motion. Griffin said you either vote to approve or vote to deny. Glavin said inaction is a no. Griffin said I thought it was a positive to purchase something and vote to deny it. Glavin said if you don't get a motion it's an automatic no. Griffin said so they don't deserve an answer. If you vote no MRPC can contact them. We will let it sit there then. The person requesting deserves not to be left in limbo. When I spoke to Kelly Sink at MRPC people are requesting to be notified. Glavin said I move a motion to put Loose Creek playground equipment to a vote. Griffin said what are we voting on? Glavin said the playground equipment for Loose Creek. I put it up to a vote yes or no. That's a positive motion. Griffin said I don't understand. Glavin said if those people want a yes or no this is the only way to do it. Griffin said so your motion is to not bring it to the floor. Glavin said I'll bring it to a vote. I vote no. They have a definite no. A motion is positive. Griffin said I wouldn't even second it.

**Public Comments:**

**Adjournment:**

-The commission meeting adjourned at 9:46 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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