

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:48 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: John Kennedy, Susan Long, Ron Kempker, Michael Bonham,

## Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda and the 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."

## Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Griffin said we have a bill for the MRPC membership dues July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020-June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Elected to go with the basic membership \$5,289.05. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to pay MRPC \$5,289.05. 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 we have a letter from Helping Hands Abuse Crisis Center in Hermitage, MO. Wanting to know if we wanted to contribute to their abuse center. Letting us know they are out there. Is there something we want to contribute or acknowledge they are there? Just asking for donations if people make them. Commissioner Kliethermes said is it strictly donation or are they going to file a request to Osage County and send that to MRPC or is it strictly a donation. Wasn't sure when I read it. Griffin said I would say it's a donation. It's a 501c corporation. I don't see anything about cares funding. We know its there and if anyone uses it we can make a donation at a later date.

-Commissioner Glavin made a motion to pay the bills. 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 Griffin said that meeting in Houston was pretty informative. The consensus of the group was to form a committee for the 7 counties in the region, West Plains-Cole County to put a group together on what the funding would be for the project. So, we have to get a board together. Talked about Highway 63 being 2 lanes and wanting to change that to 4 lanes and make an interstate. Thinking that would help the area out. Seems like a lot of counties on board with it but how the funding would happen. Will have another meeting.

-Commissioner Glavin said the line for ads on road and bridge going to be in the minus. Commissioner Kliethermes said will have to take it out of something else. Glavin said you don't have uniforms down \$750.00, That whole block will be over. Asphalt, some left over in labor. Other than that, its workable.

## 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:

-Foreman Ron Kempker presented the commission with the road report for October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020-October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

-Ron Kempker said we have been busy working on the slab on CR235. That's where we have been concentrating most of our efforts.

Pouring the concrete today and will ask if okay to open the road Monday. With the holiday in there and pouring I think we need a couple more days before we put traffic on it. If good will open on Monday. Commissioner Glavin said I went down there this weekend and looked at it. It looks like there is a lot of gravel down there. Kempker said there is. Glavin said front and back.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said you still have no applications for anybody. Ron Kempker said nothing has been turned in. Commissioner Griffin said did you ever hear anything from Linn Tech? Kempker said no I have not. I will double check on that for any options. Griffin said maybe there's a student for part time since you had that. Kliethermes said did you send something up to the school or just put an ad in the paper. Kempker said we called the school. Kliethermes said no response. Kempker said no.

## Building and Grounds:

-John Kennedy said I wanted to tell you the roof is done over there. Looks very good. They were done by 1:00 pm on Friday. Commissioner Griffin said the drains are working good so we don't have water build up. The pitch is right? Kennedy said all addressed and ready to go.

-Commissioner Griffin said you haven't heard anything from the lock man. John Kennedy said no. Has Andi heard from them? Griffin said no, I touched base with her again.

-John Kennedy said an individual from All Rise Elevator has been by here before trying to do elevator service work. We've had Thyssen Krupp out a year ago and it got pricey. Nicci talked to them and got it down again. All Rise is saying they can be cheaper than Thyssen Krupp. The technician I don't think he does the work the way he is supposed to. Been her 1-2 years compared to others he is hit and miss. Compared to what we are paying them, I don't think its worth it. Matt Whaley is a technician who used to be with Thyssen Krupp. He is in this area and knowledgeable. Thyssen Krupp sold out, it was an investment company that bought them. I think since Matt went there; I think it's worth to see what they would charge. It will be cheaper than Thyssen Krupp. Wonder if its okay to get a bid and see what it covers. Commissioner Griffin said I have no problem with checking on better prices. Kennedy said they are big in the St. Louis area, an independent company. Commissioner Kliethermes said the person doing the inspection was with Thyssen Krupp? I have no problem. We should always look for competitive bids. I know the fee comes through every year and seemed pricey. Kennedy said the office out of Ozark was shut down and now dispatch out of Kansas City. They only have 1 technician for this area now. Griffin said the company we are with now said that? Kennedy said yes. This company has been by to talk to me numerous times. Griffin said what is the name of the company? Kennedy said All Rise out of St. Louis. Talked to Nicci about it and will call to see if someone can come down and give us a bid.

### Health Department:

-Susan Long said I have the designation of Osage County school personnel as essential workers. Why the school was not designated in March is beyond me. Basically, I pulled this from Miller County and adapted it to Osage County. Asking if designated as essential and are a contact not cases, they do have to be symptom free, wear a mask around other people while at work and quarantine otherwise at home. Commissioner Kliethermes said this clears up a question I had. Had one this weekend when an individual tested positive why they were out for 10 days to where some contacts were out for 18 days. Long said its 14 days, this is the CDC guidelines. Kliethermes said that's what I told them but wasn't sure. Long said its 10 days for cases but have to be symptom free 24 hours with no fever reducing medication. I held people off longer because they continued to have symptoms. The people losing taste and smell we are seeing more of that can be out for weeks. But as long as we are seeing improvement in that we will release them. It's the people with fevers, and coughing. Those are the ones I am cautious with. We've had people with symptoms passed 3 weeks. Once they hit 3 weeks, they are not contagious anymore. The CDC guidelines 14 days for contacts. We've had people 12-14 days before developing symptoms after their contact. Kliethermes said I thought it had something to do with the CDC and if someone had it prior to the 10 days. Long said 10 days starts from the date of symptoms. We've had people wait 10-14 days before getting tested. We are looking at a lot more. Fatima had a lot of people questioning Commissioner Glavin made a motion to sign for Osage County school workers be designated as essential. 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 Griffin said can you comment on the proper way to wear a mask. Susan Long said it needs to be over the nose, coving the mouth also with the tightest fit.

-Commissioner Glavin said how does it look for the active cases? Susan Long said with the high school kids being out the number of contacts has slowed down, but cases are still coming in. Got 8 yesterday but still 2-3 days behind. Having say that Saturday we were a week behind.

-Susan Long said we did hire 2 additional people. Commissioner Glavin said that's good. Long said contact tracers and help with the flu clinics. Having problem with people not returning phone calls. Glavin said some counties have the National Guard helping them out.

-Susan Long said I made arrangements for another drive thru testing in the county. It will be October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Lions Fairgrounds. Will get advertising out for that. Will be in cars and will not need to get out.

-Susan Long said the flu clinics continue as we speak. Today they are at Chamois school. Commissioner Kliethermes said on the school clinics I was told a couple kids were missed getting shots because they didn't have their paperwork. Is there going to be any follow up or do they need to come in here. Long said I call it the straggler clinic. It is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Had some kids out at Linn High School when we were there, so we make another round. Kliethermes said October 30<sup>th</sup> is for all the schools? Long said yes. Sometimes we have teachers who wait until later. If we need to, we will go back out in November also. Unofficially we have 3 flu cases in the county now.

### Sheriff's Office:

-Michael Bonham said a grant has been awarded to us from the Department of Public Safety through Homeland Security for soft targets. This will be able to bolster the sheriff's office with surveillance. Grant is 100% and no out of pocket cost of \$9,944.45. Pending your signature any myself attending the training we will be awarded this. Commissioner Griffin said what is it again? Bonham said Department of Public Safety through Homeland Security to surveillance cameras for our trailer. When it deploys it has radios and will have cameras for the safety of the occupants. Also have pole cameras to do surveillance if need be. If we set up at the fair, we will be able to see more. It will cut our labor cost of walking around. Its all recorded also. We can retain it as long as we want. We have our body cameras that are mandated by the state. Instead of 7 days we do 30 days. If its evidential value it can be destroyed after adjudication.

-Michael Bonham said you will be getting some requests from the cares act. Should be heading your way. They were put in last week.

-Commissioner Griffin said heard and see you have a couple new people at the jail. Jailer and a person who decided to come back. Michael Bonham said they got promoted. I don't know of anyone who left.

-Michael Bonham said there are 2 other grants out there through Homeland Security and DOJ. One DOJ grant we are waiting to see if its been approved.

-Commissioner Griffin said how is Dragos collection going? Michael Bonham said its underway. They needed some additional information. Going to take awhile to get it all formatted. Trying to figure out how to transfer the information.

-Michael Bonham said will have an amendment to the budget. Collected more highway department grant funds than projected. Deputy supplement grant we are taking in more money than anticipated. They allowed us to pay on the wage increase this year. The deputies are full through July. Were only planning on \$100.00 per individual on the deputy supplemental grant so that's going to be substantially higher than projected. Taking more in which is a good thing than anticipated. Same thing on the jail. Working with Gasconade County right now on additional handling of the city law. The judges in the 20<sup>th</sup> district here have moved the city courts from Owensville to Osage County. They are moving all of their cases over here. Owensville is wanting to put prisoners in our jail versus the contract they had with Maries County. So, our incarceration will increase. Everyday they are here costs. Still working on what that's going to be. Obviously, the minimum will be \$32.50. We normally charge \$45.00 per day if you have nothing with us. Right now, there is no agreement with us. Will work on and hopefully have resolved. Will see some income from that soon. Seen some income from Dragos. There is a lot out there.

**Old Business:**

-Commissioner Griffin said I heard from 1 CPA they weren't able to do our audit because they are limited. Still waiting for the other one and there could be a chance BKD can do the audit if there is no conflict. Bonnie was supposed to get back with us on that. She was supposed to have information on Friday but have not received an email. I'll check with them when I call this preapproval request in. Commissioner Kliethermes said would they do all of the audits in the Meramec region then. Griffin said going to check on it and see.

**New Business:**

-Commissioner Griffin said we have a request for cares funds from Osage County Community Living \$516.74. It is preapproved. The tax is removed because they are tax exempt. Commissioner Glavin made a motion to approve Osage County Community Living \$516.74. 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."

**Public Comments:**

**Adjournment:**

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:51 am. Commissioner Glavin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. A roll call vote was 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."



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