

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

October 27th, 2020

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:41 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, Rachel Lehmen, Julie Brandt, Bobbi Price, Melissa Karst, Joyce Gentges, Kathy Robertson, Megan Reichart, Nicci Kammerich, Susan Long, Kim Sallin, Bonnie Pergie

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for October 20th, 2020, October 22nd, 2020 and the closed meeting minutes for October 22nd, 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 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."

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Griffin said we have an email from Nicki Holtermeyer from courts.mo.gov regarding an over charge to the juvenile court system for \$14,441.61. Commissioner Kliethermes said the question was did we want a check for it. Commissioner Glavin said yes one check. Griffin said I agree with John. Will take a long time to use that credit. Glavin said I think you need to call Gasconade County. I think they need to see a bill from us. Griffin said this is from the court system? Glavin said yes. Griffin said it says they over charged us. I don't know if we would issue a bill. Glavin said you need to have on paper a transaction was made. Good idea to call Gasconade for their input. Kliethermes said where did that come from? Griffin said the court. Kliethermes said the Gasconade County court is wanting to know how we want the payment. Griffin said I'll run it by Nicci. I don't know about what the charges were and how you put over charged. Who would have the breakdown? I spoke to Nicci, she is sending a bill right now and requesting one check.

-Commissioner Griffin said I received an email from John Gulich. MFA has purchased a plastic recycle project today and requested reimbursement for \$10,000.00. Mike Rost was going to build a shelter around the bailer. Will be operational by mid-November. Has been approved to purchase. Good use for farmers that have extra plastic laying around.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said on the Jim Butler bill there is tax of \$40.79, that should not be on there. Commissioner Glavin said installation of 3 outlets and charged to JR60 for the sheriff's office. Commissioner Griffin said he would need to get approval through the commission. Kliethermes said it could have been building maintenance. Glavin said he needs to use his own funds. The \$243.00 for Schaper's Electric, I know he wasn't approved for what he did. If he came in and talked about what he wanted to do we could have worked something out. He doesn't have the authority to take it off JR60. Griffin said its not on his list. Glavin said who ordered it in the first place? Griffin said I don't know its not on the sheriffs list. I don't see this anywhere on any of these folders. 911 is changed to \$8,640.26 less the tax. Schaper's Electric don't pay it. 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 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."

-Commissioner Glavin made a motion to pay the health department payroll. 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."

Meetings:

-November 3rd, 2020 General Election. NO MEETING

-November 23rd-24th, 2020 MAC Annual Conference virtual

Road & Bridge:

-Foreman Ron Kempker presented the commission with the road report for October 20th, 2020-October 27th, 2020.

-Ron Kempker said Friday I went out to get truck 49 the new tractor. Turned in the signed title to the clerk's office. It's at the shop, going to install a radio and worked on a couple of other things yesterday. Putting county logo and truck number on it, getting the paperwork established for the truck also. Talked to them up there about the trailer which would be number 24, being built as we speak. Should be off the line on the 29th or 30th, then goes to the paint shop. Don't expect to see it until the 2nd week of November. Have 2 or 3 other counties that are being built, a lot of them are going to this system. Any questions on the truck? Commissioner Griffin said how did you title that truck? Kempker said it's up to you. All he did was sign it over. Griffin said make sure its Osage County Commissioners. Nicci Kammerich said is there a loan on that or did you pay straight? Griffin said we paid straight. Kammerich said ok, what is the value on it? The insurance needs to know. Griffin said whatever we paid for it. Kammerich said \$48,000.00 I will let her know. Griffin said you have the trailer coming but that will be separate. Kempker said you should have the bill of sale and release. Kammerich said yes it was all together.

- Ron Kempker said as of yesterday we did get 2 trucks set up and prepped for snow. 2 plow trucks are ready to go.
- Ron Kempker said for the graders per this covid picking up we are keeping everyone separated. Been out cleaning ditches and culverts. Working on ditch lines and filling in deep spots.
- Commissioner Kliethermes said you haven't gotten applications yet for anybody? Ron Kempker said no. I also put a help wanted sign in the driveway. Commissioner Griffin said have you went out to State Tech? Kempker said yes, I went and talked to them last week. I redid our job description with them.
- Commissioner Griffin said this brochure from Battle Armor Design in Batesville did you get one. Ron Kempker said I'm not sure.
- Commissioner Glavin said #32 the blue Pete the driver side back is slick. Ron Kempker said its on our list.
- Commissioner Kliethermes said do you have enough material on hand for this winter? Ron Kempker said ordered salt that's coming. Have on order from St. Louis. Assume it will be here within a week.
- The commission had a conference call with MRPC and MODOT about road conditions and needs around the county. Preston and Anne were on the phone while Bonnie Pergie was here in person. They wanted to find out what the priorities. Safety improvements on 89 is the highest. Last year numbers were provided for just priorities, this year they brought numbers for all needs. Some projects have been moved out. The list was gone over with the road and bridge needs for the county. No new items were added. Commissioner Glavin said Hwy Z from 100 to the tale end is in bad shape. CC gets a lot of traffic and needs an overly. Preston said CC is getting a 1 inch overlay next year. Bonnie Pergie said to add Hwy Z from 100 to the end to the list. Commissioner Griffin said Westphalia near the soccer fields is important. There's been a lot of accidents there. Also, Hwy 50 by the school. The area is growing and becoming a problem. Have concerns about the speed limit out there, needs to be slowed down. The top priority list is #1 536 which is the 2 way left turn through Westphalia, #2 502 with 525 which is Hwy 50 and intersection improvements for Rte. CC and CR801, #3 504 with 538 which is Hwy E and 63 and the spot location improvements for Hwy 63 and #4 which is Hwy 89 to widen the shoulders.
- Commissioner Kliethermes said I am waiting for an answer about signing the paperwork for CR631 bridge in Rich Fountain. They signed it but didn't release it to me. Its been a couple of weeks. The attorney has been out on leave and when she comes back, she will contact me.
- Commissioner Kliethermes said I stopped Thursday and talked to Amanda. She said she thought she heard from the trucking company attorney on the bridge. She sent me an email of Friday. Commissioner Griffin said should we have Amanda reach out to them? Kliethermes said if they get us the information on who to contact, we could or should we have her. Should get something going.
- Commissioner Griffin said I have an email from Preston Kremer one of the commissioners asked the condition of the roof on the bridge over Baileys Creek in Gasconade County. The load is rated 666 which is considered satisfactory.

Building and Grounds:

- Commissioner Kliethermes said I received a text message form the company in Springfield that was going to do the tuckpointing. They were wanting an email address so he can send something so it was broken down further. Tuckpoint and plain or with the ribbon. What he sent me says tuckpoints with the ribbon, chip out the mortar, wash mortar and seal 100% is \$153,616.00. To clean, chip out mortar point, wash is \$151,663.00. Another is just tuckpoint \$146,000.00. Also says he would send bids on partial. That's what I have.

Health Department:

- Kim Sallin said we have an extension of our advisory. Amanda Grellner looked this over. Commissioner Griffin said when do you need this signed, can this do on the agenda for Thursday. Susan Long said I think we need to at this point put a mandatory mask. Sallin said current population we are #1 in the amount of cases and almost #2 in double the cases. We have 700 cases per 100,000 and the next is 440 cases. The stats change daily. Explosion of cases over the last 2 weeks. Griffin said we will look at Thursday and put on the agenda.

Assessor's Office:

- Commissioner Kliethermes said the assessor brought keys for the Durango and the jeep. One was in the assessor's name and the other the sheriffs. He said he talked to Amanda about accepting and not accepting the bids. We should wait to hear from Amanda. He's indicating we advertised to be sold on a sealed bid that we cannot reject the bid. Commissioner Griffin said usually its put in there we reserve the right; it wasn't in there? Commissioner Glavin said he called me and said he put a bid in for \$1000.00 more than its worth. We can't vote, it's a bid. Kliethermes said he called me also. The question is can we reject the bid, don't know if we can or not. Griffin said we need to contact about all county vehicles and make sure they are in the commissioners' name. For the sheriff and the surplus vehicles are they in the sheriff name or the commissioners? If were paying the insurance it should be in the commissioners' name. Glavin said with some of these grants they can only be in the sheriff's name. Griffin said he needs to pay the insurance. Kliethermes said there is a copy of the ad and it didn't say we wouldn't reject bids. Griffin said we should have put the ad in the paper ourselves.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Griffin said we reached out to the local parochial schools about the cares funds. Commissioner Kliethermes said I did speak to a principal from Rich Fountain yesterday and she said to check with our lawyer. The big question would be the federal tracking of the money. That would be what they look at.

New Business:

- Commissioner Griffin said we have cares requests. Commissioner Kliethermes said Maries County Ambulance has one in there from our county since they service part. Griffin said it says in that contract you don't double dip. Kliethermes said on here the description is a mechanical CPR device 3.1. Maybe they are requesting another one. Is that clarified so they don't get in trouble? Commissioner Glavin

said with batteries what does that have to do with covid? Griffin said maybe it was for a battery-operated temperature readers. Griffin said Studio 116 is approved for \$5,057.38 for loss of revenue. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to pay Studio 116 \$5,057.38. 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." Osage County Health Department is approved for \$3,898.53. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to pay Osage County Health Department \$3,898.53. 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." Maries/Osage Ambulance District is preapproved \$16,098.34. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to pay Maries/Osage Ambulance District \$16,098.34. 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." State Tech is approved for \$111,352.69. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to pay State Tech \$111,352.69. 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."

Public Comments:

-Julie Brandt and other concerned Fatima parents came in today to speak about their covid concerns and the school. Brandt said I wanted to talk about concerns parents are having in Osage County. Want to work together to find a solution. How do we keep our kids in school? We understand we need to follow the guidelines set by the Osage County health department who is not following the CDC and DHSS on quarantine. Our question is why? Cases in Osage County quarantine for 19 days or more set by the health department, the government quarantines for 10 days. The CDC guidelines constantly change. Counties around us have a health task force and Osage County can benefit from the same. Task force can work with the health department for consistency, and help reduce stress. A physician, nurse, school administration, law enforcement, lawyer and some parents can make up the task force. The team would answer to the commission and the health department. Rachel Lehman said I've been an RN for 22 years. The quarantine procedures and school age children in Osage County don't make sense. The school setting provides educational instruction, social skills, a safe environment, and nutritional needs. The CDC states covid 19 is low risk for school age children. Transmission among children is low and not the primary drivers of covid 19. Current quarantine guidelines have negative consequences. Those who test positive are fearful of reaction from peers. Increased isolation is causing teen depression, anxiety and even suicide. Per the Osage County health department quarantine paper sent home with students there is an average of 20-25 students quarantined per contact. States 1 positive has 60 contacts. Several students have been quarantined 2-3 times. Some students missed up to 30 days the first quarter and never had symptoms. Every 1 out of every 320 students tests positive. On October 26th Osage County had 517 total cases with 2 deaths. Our main goal is to keep the kids in school and decrease the disruption in learning. We are looking for consistency for our local schools that would decrease the days in quarantine. If students wear masks and stay 6ft apart they shouldn't have to quarantine. In rooms where you cannot be 6ft apart they should wear masks. The guidelines are not a one size fits all approach. Needs to be a balance with the health department to keep community safe without life changing chaos. Need to have consistency when calling about positive cases. There is inconsistency with contact tracing and quarantine, need a system of checks and balances. Per the CDC contact starts from day 1 and ends 14 days later. The current Osage County health department contact is inconsistent with the CDC. Kids have been called on day 10 to quarantine and that is unacceptable. Would like to have an Osage County discipline team in place. The team would comb through the ever-changing CDC data, review Osage County data and make unified decisions on protocol that is best for our community and school districts. Newton and Butler counties have eased quarantine protocol and have had great success. Please look at creating this team so it may benefit our schools. Commissioner Griffin said when this started Susan, law enforcement, Amanda Grellner and the commission all met. When it comes to requests for contacts people refused to give information to the health department. Susan has consulted with us and didn't do it herself. Lehman said I just think there needs to be a task force to go over the always changing information. Needs to be someone from school for their input, needs a physician. Needs to be a community wide decision. Griffin said Susan contacted some school administrators and they cooperated and some didn't. She has tried numerous times. Brandt said why is Osage County not following the CDC guidelines? The easiest thing is wear a mask and be 6ft apart. Why is this not done in school? Susan Long said ask the schools. I was in Fatima giving flu shots and constantly had to ask students to space apart and wear a mask. Talked about making students essential workers. I want to keep kids in school as much as possible. We need to have cooperation also. I've had parents not respond to calls and emails. My job is to keep them in school. Amanda came up with guidelines that were sent home to parents. Brandt said that's why we are asking for this team because all this shouldn't fall on one person. One person should not make the decision for a 14,000-person county. It should be a group that comes together, goes through the data and makes a unified decision. I think that it would be better accepted by the public. Andi Rice said having a lot of kids when calling on day 13 to release them they start to develop symptoms. Lehman said just because we are quarantining a kid at home doesn't mean they don't have exposure. Rice said that can be true. Day 12-13 is when they show symptoms. I spoke to Dena Smith from Linn R-2 with Chuck Witte they are not interested in having kids wear masks. If not interested the school year has been hard enough already and teachers don't want to constantly tell them to put their masks on. Brandt said I spoke to Chuck and was told if wearing a mask and 6ft apart they don't have to quarantine. Getting conflicting stories. Rice said I have a release from Cole County that cloth masks are not effective. Griffin said how do we enforce the guidelines with your task force. School administrators have pushed back. Lehman said do you have a task force that's been on covid? Griffin said the

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sheriff, health department and the commission has met a number of times. We have asked schools to participate, we can't make them do it. Brandt said the Osage County health department says if you wear a mask and less than 6 feet you have to quarantine anyway. I talked to him yesterday. Long said the mask is not an absolute. Brandt said what would you feel is safe if following guidelines. Rice said Osage R-2 has less than 15 cases, R-1 had 10, St. Joe 5, Fatima 50 plus, St. George 0. The difference at St. George is they mask up. Brandt said Fatima will have more because of being a bigger school. Lehman said need to keep healthy kids in school. Can something be put in writing to schools what is protocol. Rice said there are parents who are monitoring their kids on quarantine. Unfortunately, there are parents who are not. Asking do you want a separate set of rules for school age children versus adults. Lehman said yes. Rice said for quarantine contact wise? Long said this falls down to the parents. Brandt said there needs to be give and take. Can we look at school kids and lessen the number of kids as contacts. Long said where are we seeing these positive numbers in schools now Kim? Sporting events, parties, funerals, what else. Kim Sallin said coming from weddings. Long said we go back when doing contact tracing 2 days and ask where you were, who you were with, were you social distancing and wearing a mask. Sallin said we go through a list of known exposure for 7 days. CDC gives us a list of questions to ask. At Fatima teachers are not essential workers but still ask them to quarantine for 7 days and then come back. Brandt said I don't get the quarantine. What would you find acceptable for kids? Long said I would love to have a meeting and I'm not opposed to the task force. Would be nice to have some pressure off the health department. We are looking at the CDC, talking to school superintendents, consulting with other health departments, and DESE. I would be happy to have something like that. Rice said had a zoom meeting with school board members, none of this came up. Attempting to reach out to others. Lehman said it does make it difficult when kids on quarantine they don't have classes. Not allowed to test. It's a mess and trying to get through. Rice said are you asking for an order or advisory? Brandt said we want something for the school. Griffin said we all have the same goals to get our kids educated and be consistent. Our health department is working hard and need to get everyone in the same room so the story is the same. Susan and Kim are open to suggestions. If we had a meeting at night would you ladies get some of the school administrators to participate? Commissioner Kliethermes said I agree with that. If we can't get those people to sit down with the health department and set something up, we will get nowhere. Strongly suggest you encourage the administration. With doing an ordinance there's no way to enforce it. The sheriff's department has said they don't have the time or manpower. Will not come out to issue a ticket to a parent or student because of not wearing a mask. There has to be cooperation. I see your point. Griffin said we can set something up during the day or night. Have a representative come in, we can't have 30 people the room isn't big enough. You all have good ideas. I know one person who would be interested in a task force and that is Lois Jaegers. And I'm sure Dr. Rakestraw. Kliethermes said I would love to have Lois participate. Griffin said please talk to the school board. We will get something worked up. Rice said we can't make people do anything, its up to the parents to enforce it. Kliethermes said the school administrators need to be involved. Rice said clearly, they are not being told.

Adjournment:

- The commission meeting adjourned and went into closed session at 11:30 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."

-The commission meeting resumed at 11:52 am. With no further business the commission meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm. 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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