

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

October 29<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 Dodds

Front Desk Clerk – Heather Gyorkos

Present for all or part of the meeting: Michael Bonham, Kim Sallin

## Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the closed meeting minutes of October 27<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."

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## Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Checks signed.

-Commissioner Griffin said the 911 advisory meeting is November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30pm

## Meetings:

-November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 General Election. NO MEETING

-November 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 MAC Annual Conference virtual

## Building and Grounds:

-Commissioner Kliethermes said I received a text message yesterday afternoon from Springfield on the tuckpointing. In the text it says they will be sending a formal proposal was sent to us to look at.

-Commissioner Griffin said I asked 911 if they've had any leaks and they said no.

## Health Department:

-Commissioner Griffin said I can see you are extending your advisory until November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Kim Sallin said that what I came up with because we are getting a lot of complaints from the community because the previous has expired. I consulted with Amanda Grellner and decided to reissue the old advisory. However, Susan, she wants to go back to phase 1. Which is still an advisory. Commissioner Glavin said not the direction we want to go though. Sallin said we did have our numbers double in a small time. Businesses call and want direction from us and they use this as the guideline. They want the backing from the health department. She wanted to retract her mask ordinance.

Griffin said I read that and I think I would appeal that everyone respects people but I don't think we can enforce it. It would create a legal challenge. Should we put ads in the paper reminding people to wear their mask? I went and talked to the UD and the banner on the bottom of the front page is \$250.00 for a 2-inch ad all the way across. And you can put please wear your mask or some type of message. Do you think something like that will work? Sallin said my thought is people know we should be wearing masks and especially if less than 6 feet apart. The people who aren't going to do it, aren't going to. And the people who are its becoming a habit to us. I don't think it would hurt to have a reminder. The Osage County health department urges you to wear a mask. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to put a 1-week ad in the UD. Commissioner Glavin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken. Commissioner Griffin asked

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Griffin said I think people are dismissing some of this but we had a big spike in the county. Our coroner Lois Jaegers said people are having parties and that's where it is. Sallin said its going to get worse with the weather changing and parties now inside. The numbers will be worse. What do you think of the for immediate release, that does urge not to have gatherings. Griffin said I agree not having 25 people outside of normal interactions. Sallin said I didn't put it out since we didn't discuss it Tuesday. Wanted to know your thoughts. Susan did retract the mask mandate because she would have to go to the city council. Commissioner Kliethermes said to get a handle on this people just need to do their part. Sallin said this advisory can be signed today or wait until Thursday? Glavin said we don't have a meeting until Thursday. Griffin said we can sign it today. Kliethermes said we talked about it. Commissioner Glavin made a motion to sign the extended advisory of phase 1 from November 12<sup>th</sup> 2020-December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 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

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-Kim Sallin said the state has taken 70 cases to do the contact tracing to help is get caught up. A lot of people are getting contacted by the state. Most of them are old cases of quarantine and isolation already so we can deal with the new ones. However, the regulation for a child's covid case is we start within 24 hours and received 6-7 child yesterday. We didn't have anyone to work covid. I stayed late and did the best we would. Commissioner Kliethermes said the nurses that Susan brought up are they working now? Sallin said Kaitlyn does

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immunizations and was gone all day. Katie was answering the phones. The other nurse is full time at Linn High School. The other contractor has a full-time job. Kliethermes said I didn't understand if Kaitlyn Peters was still doing that. Sallin said Kaitlyn is running the immunization clinic which is full time itself. Kliethermes said who shut down Fatima again? Sallin said they called an emergency board meeting yesterday. From November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is virtual learning because they didn't have enough staff. Sallin said we are following the CDC guidelines to a T. I called Gasconade County and they are doing the same. Commissioner Griffin said I'm glad you took the time to call our neighboring counties. We appreciate the moms coming and hope they get involved with the school. We need them to help us. Sallin said the nurse at Fatima had a conversation with MSHAA and if the child is on quarantine per MSHAA they cannot participate in sports, that's includes practice. Griffin said that's not the health department. Sallin said we are quarantining anyone who is 6 feet from anyone. Those are the CDC guidelines. We are just following what we have been handed. Griffin said I hope people will be responsible and understand too. Kliethermes said that's what makes it hard it I have my rights and its hard to control it. Sallin said we get so many complaints about Thriftway. Had people tell me they would rather go to Walmart. Griffin said they have the cart wipes and hand sanitizer; employees are wearing masks. Sallin said I don't want to see any of our small businesses suffer. Griffin said I would hope our businesses here would do more but if it's a financial burden they can apply for the small business through the cares act. Commissioner Glavin said I do see at Thriftway sometimes they wear them, sometimes they don't. Sallin said they were good and compliant with the shutdown. But when it ended the signs went away. We had a conversation with them and they feel its up to the individual to wear a mask and not force people to social distance. Can request to wear a mask. The mask helps slow the spread but does not stop it. Glavin said if people see people wearing a mask, they are more comfortable. If people don't have them on, they won't wear one.

### Assessor's Office:

-Commissioner Griffin said we issued the checks for the 2 new vehicles, the 2017 Jeep Renegade and 2004 Chevy Blazer. On the other vehicles what do we want to do since we rejected the bids? That was allowed. Amanda Grellner checked and we could reject the bids. Commissioner Glavin said we can talk to a car dealership to sell them of for commission. Griffin said I wonder if the one vehicle would be ok, the Durango. Glavin said you don't need a vehicle at road and bridge. They have the 550 out there. Commissioner Kliethermes said we can ask and see how much they would use them. Glavin said if you take ownership of it you have the insurance and the upkeep. Kliethermes said advertise a different way. Glavin said we want to sell them for what they are worth. That way its fair to the taxpayers. Griffin said I don't know if any of the dealers here in town would be interested. I think Horton has a better grade of vehicle. Kliethermes said I heard Butler say if you don't buy, we will buy your vehicle. Griffin said I will check with Andi and see about putting it on purple wave. I don't know how that works. Glavin said they come down and take pictures of it and put on bid. Griffin said what about ad finder? Glavin said the buyer pays the commission. Kliethermes said what will we do with the Jeep title? There's already a signature from Wilbers on here as the purchaser. Will have to find out how to change that. Griffin said we need to get with Jerry and ask him about the titles. Kliethermes said the ones he's getting need to be titled through us. Griffin said all vehicles we pay insurance on need to be titled to the commission. So, I asked Andi to check the vehicles in her department and there are 3 of them. They are titled Osage County, Osage County Emergency Management and Osage County 911. There's no consistency. Kliethermes said my thought right now is leave it alone, it was done years ago. To change the title will cost money. Griffin said might want to think about putting it in a commissioner's name. If it were involved in an accident they can come after who is on the title. We will find out more about purple wave. I told Jerry about the titles. Amanda said it should be in the assessor's name because its coming out of my fund. It can be Osage County commission and put assessor behind it. He had no problem with it.

-Commissioner Griffin said I spoke with Andi about purple wave. She said you call them, they come out and take pictures. Also, if we do that to wait. She has the old computer stuff to take pictures of. The buyer pays the fee but you have to take what it goes for. Is that something you want to do? Commissioner Glavin said yes. Commissioner Kliethermes said I would take a shot at it. Griffin said she has the computer stuff and people from the county offices dumped stuff also. Need to get it cleaned up and out of there.

### Sheriff's Office:

-Michael Bonham said we have several more requests coming from MRPC for approval. There are 3 more. The courthouse has gone back to phase 1 per the supreme court order floor 2 and 3 are not allowing more that 1'0 in the building because of increased covid numbers. I think the order ends November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

-Michael Bonham said I contacted Wegman they should be here around the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> for the flooring. Since the other said February. Trying to see what we can do to get the epoxy done on that.

-Michael Bonham said we were also awarded with a soft target grant \$9544.00. Commissioner Griffin said what is that grant? Bonham said its anything for infrastructure. We went with surveillance equipment. Its already been approved. Was talking to Tim on how the deposit would work from the state to the account and draw on that. Hoping we would get in the next budget cycle. Will add the line for the budget as well as the cares fund line. There are 2 other grants out there. In process of applying for one of them. It will cover additional overtime because of our policies changing it will provide double time instead of time and a half. Will be paid with grant monies. Already been doing this with many other grants you've signed off on. We send the request to the highway department. Any questions for me? Commissioner Griffin said thank you for applying for those grants and saving taxpayers money. Wondering I received a call from the clerk's office about a probation officer wanting to rent this room. They can't use that building anymore? Bonham said they have their own office. Griffin said I told Valerie that. They wanted to rent this room and I told them absolutely not. I didn't know with the building being lowered from 25 to 10 had anything to do with it. Bonham said this is the first I'm hearing about this. Juvenile officers have their own office. Probation and parole have their own office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. They can use the hall library also. Griffin said when you go out to calls do you wear masks and gloves just in case you have someone who is positive? Bonham said its up to the individual officer. We have our own covid 19 policy

that has been in effect since March. It's the officer's discretion. We supply the gowns and gloves to each officer. We encourage gloves to be worn in any situation. They can make their own decision on a mask. In the building they are required to wear a mask. Griffin said so I know when you stop a car, they wear gloves so I don't see why they don't do it as a preventative. And also, if they get sick from a suspect who does that fall on? Bonham said we are in public safety so there are risks. They do wear gloved in a search situation. They are not required but encourage to wear gloves, we supply them as well as masks and gowns. Where does it stop, do we make them wear face shields? The court has been wearing masks since they came back in. Griffin said I understand both sides. We are the commission and public servants wanting people to wear them why wouldn't we do that to set an example. When you arrest someone can you make them put a mask on? Bonham said with the cares act that why we applied for plexi glass cages for the cars. So, they can be isolated in the vehicle. We think the officers are smart enough to look after their own health. We are not going to enforce a mask mandate, but if the health department wants to be the mask police go ahead. We don't have the manpower or the resources.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Public Comments:**

**Adjournment:**

- With no further business the commission meeting adjourned at 9:52 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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