

**Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**November 19<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: John Trenshaw, Andi Rice, Valerie Prater, John Kennedy, Susan Long, Michael Bonham (via telephone)

**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 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 I have an email from Lucas at ABC News, it is a request for cares act funding information. Do we want to tell him to call Kelly Sink at MRPC? Andi Rice said is that a sunshine request they sent? Griffin said yes. Rice said that probably falls outside the scope of your contract with them. There could be a cost. Griffin said I will find out about that.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said she stuck that trailer bill in with the regular bills. Commissioner Griffin said that should be with the cares funds. Take it out. Commissioner Glavin said there's 3 for the sheriff on cares act also. Building and grounds also. Valerie Prater said my understanding is we pay it then get reimbursed with building and grounds cares act. We pay Johns because the amount is small and then Andi resubmits them to MRPC. I don't cut checks unless you tell me to. Commissioner Glavin made a motion to pay 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."

**Meetings:**

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

-November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020-November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Closed for Thanksgiving – No Meeting

**Road and Bridge:**

-Commissioner Griffin said I called MFA Fuel to see if they were willing to bid on the fuel for the graders and the county trucks. They said they would happily bid. I will pass this along to road and bridge. Commissioner Kliethermes said been through this over the years. What I hear from road and bridge is certain companies will only fill certain tanks. If we accept a contract from a company, we will need a new tank in Loose Creek.

**Building and Grounds:**

-John Kennedy said they got the caps off the front porch. Started at 12:00pm and didn't get them off until 2:30pm. Estimated the stones at \$500.00. Those guys say there are 900-1000. The top caps are 6ft long and would like to cut them in half so they are manageable. All the other stones on the brick are 3-4ft. For safety and easier to move they want to know if they can cut them. Commissioner Glavin said I don't see an issue. Commissioner Kliethermes said the only thing that came to mind was having a 6ft long piece and the baluster fits into that. Cut that in half will that do anything to the stability of the baluster. Kennedy said on the caps there is a center pin and they will pin them when cut. They will put in a spring-loaded pin so they lock in place. They had to cut the pin to get them off yesterday. Commissioner Griffin said I don't have a problem with it as long as its secure. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to cut the 6ft pieces to 3ft. 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." Kennedy said I'll ask them when they will be ready to put them back on.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said we have a new contract from Verslues on the tuckpointing. The original amount was \$8,415.00. We voted and said we couldn't do that. Sent an email explaining that to Verslues and they sent a response back. I received an email from the architect yesterday and he talked to Les and thought to do at least the 40sq feet above the roof for \$560.00. I wasn't going to say yes before bringing it to the other commissioners. If we agree we just need to sign this and send back to them. Commissioner Griffin said that's a lot better than \$8,000.00. Kliethermes said we still have \$2,077.53. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to do the tuckpointing above the roof. 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."

### Health Department:

-Susan Long said we are going back to phase 1 November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020-December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Glavin made a motion to sign phase 1. 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."

-Susan Long said did you want to discuss going back and updating the previous order for locking the doors? Do you want to do that today or wait? Commissioner Griffin said let's wait. Long said that way I can advertise it. Griffin said put a big ad in the paper. Commissioner Glavin said signs also. Long said Amanda said as long as we have signage we are covered. Griffin said make sure you put a date in when we are going to start. Long said probably November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 or December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### Old Business:

-Commissioner Griffin said we have the service agreement with Rehagen that Larry got back to us. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to sign the agreement with Rehagen Heating and Cooling. 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 will wait until we get our last days in and next week go through the cares act requests we have. There are 3 invoices for the sheriffs' department. Andi Rice said he had preapproval from MRPC. Griffin said he didn't for \$32,685.00. MRPC notifies us, you provide the receipts and you pay out. Everyone goes to MRPC. They are tracking it and reporting to BKD. Michael Bonham said I will submit the invoices to MRPC. Rice said they are going to keep and pay them. Bonham said what should I do with the current ones? Griffin said they all go to MRPC, even though they are preapproved. Commissioner Kliethermes said we actually shouldn't pay them until we get the report from MRPC. Griffin said everything needs to be submitted in 2 weeks. Bonham said Andi if you can make sure they get where they need to. Rice said the trailer has not been preapproved. Susan Long said we have been doing that. She just got through October. Griffin said everything needs to be preapproved. Rice said bigger stuff we wanted preapproval for. Griffin said they go to MRPC, they send to BKD and then to the state treasurer. When the audit happens, everything needs to be done correctly. They send us a balance sheet with how much is left. Kliethermes said I thought everything went through there. Rice said there is pending and paid. Each office holder needs to keep up with what needs to be done. I would tell MRPC you want a better breakdown. Griffin said MRPC has the copies of all documents. Commissioner Glavin said they are allowed to spend the money off their budget and get reimbursed.

### New Business:

-Valerie Prater said I have the new insurance rates through Aetna. Did go up a significant amount. We have 2 individuals with cancer and the rates went up. Last year you did \$425.00 instead of \$442.00. This year Ronnie and Nicci suggested you go to \$475.00 each month per employee. For long term going to \$475.00 you won't have people drop insurance. Its going up to \$1,389.86 for family from \$1,120.00. Several put family on the insurance. Have a fear people will drop because they can't afford it. Commissioner Griffin said how many people are on the insurance. Prater said there are 43 people enrolled. You get a refund of \$12,630.00. The amount on the insurance will change with adding and removing employees. Commissioner Glavin said so we get a refund of \$12,00.00 next year. Prater said that is my understanding. Glavin said if we go up to \$475.00 its going to cost us \$13,800.00. I think that's cheap to keep an employee. Prater said you have a fair amount of employees with their children on the insurance. I would hate to lose them because they can't afford it. Glavin said would be hard to get an employee also. Griffin said how many are not on the insurance? What is the potential for people to go on? Prater said the health department has temporary employees so they won't go on the insurance, part time wont either. Commissioner Kliethermes said I agree with John on one hand but on the other is the feeling of giving the other people 5% because they don't take the insurance. Andi Rice said what happened to the form fire everyone filled out? Prater said that went to Aetna. We bid it out to United and their rates were higher. Aetna was the cheapest rate. Your plans will stay the same. Rice said do they have the option to change plans? Prater said yes, open enrollment starts next month. They offered to come down and meet with each employee. Griffin said what do you do for the 30 or 40 who don't have insurance? Prater said but it's offered to every full-time employee. Glavin said it's a benefit you don't have to use it. If we don't get decent insurance, we won't get anyone in here. Kliethermes said that's true. Griffin said you can't count on the refund each year. I don't mind giving more for the insurance but what are the people who don't have it going to say. Prater said people who don't have it can sign up. Don't want them to feel left out but they know the county pays. Rice said we talk about this every year. Glavin said health insurance is one we never want to lose. He recommended going up to that? Prater said you guys did \$442.00 last year and he says \$475.00. Everyone gets similar salaries except for taking the benefit. They are offered the insurance. If they deny it that's their choice. Kliethermes said its my recommendation at this time for the \$442.00. Prater said what if you do \$450.00 instead of \$475.00? Glavin said that's what we did last year. We split the difference. Prater said or \$465.00. Either way it's a big increase to the employees. 43 people right now have the insurance, if people drop it will go up. Griffin said I understand paying more to the insurance but for the people who don't have, it needs to be fair. Glavin said last year we split the difference and that was fair. Rice said its hard to make a decision on this today. Prater said if you want to wait until Monday on this then decide. Griffin said we can come Monday and vote. 8:00am and talk about it. Prater said I will put on the agenda.

### Public Comments:

**Adjournment:**

- The commission meeting adjourned at 10:03 am for closed session. 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."

-The commission meeting reopened at 11:37 am. With no further business the commission meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm. 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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Presiding Commissioner

