

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
February 9th, 2021

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:30 am
Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw present
Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present
Media – HB Dodds
Front Desk Clerk –Brooke Dudenhoeffer
Present for all or part of the meeting: Mike Bonham, Ron Hoffman, Ron Kempker, Kim Sallin

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for February 4th, 2021. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes. Commissioner Kliethermes seconded the motion. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes all stated aye. All opposed, none.

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-MRPC spoke with Commissioner Griffin via telephone about getting broadband (Whisper) in the area. There is a list/board of people who would like bring back broadband, all commissioners are on that board to support having broadband in this area. Concerns of stepping on feet with local companies. The local companies are welcome to join conversations as well.
-Commissioners were pleased with tax distribution
-McClure bill signed.

Meetings:

-February 12th, 2021 in honor of Lincoln's Birthday our office will be closed
-February 15th, 2021 in honor of Washington's Birthday and Presidents Day our office will be closed
-February 16th, 2021 9:30 am Secure-Tech presentation with Travis Schaffer and Steve Kirby
-February 18th, 2021 10:00 am virtual audit discussion

Road and Bridge:

-Kempker handed out the road report.
-Kempker reported graders are being maintenance while we have this snow. We have been putting salt on the roads and doing cinders as calls come in. With temps as low as they are salt won't activate as well.
-Commissioner Griffin said I got a call from Don Brandt about CR621, the Swan Creek. There is some debris catching on under the bridge trapping tree limbs and other debris. When you get the chance, please take a look at that so when spring rain comes it's not catching under there.
-Kliethermes said the sign from Pentecostal bridge, we had thought it was at the Westphalia Historical Society, it is at Road & Bridge shop. Kliethermes confirmed with Kempker that the sign is broken in 3 pieces. Kliethermes asked can it be put back together? Kempker said yes. Kliethermes said I have gotten lots of feedback with people wanting pieces of the bridge but I've been telling them that the company will have the bridge and they can contact the company so they can get what they want from them. Kliethermes asked so we should give the sign back to the Historical Society as it is? Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to return the sign to the designated recipient at the Westphalia Historical Society. Commissioner Trenshaw seconded the motion. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes all stated aye. All opposed, none. Kliethermes is to arrange that meeting.

Building and Grounds:

-Courthouse has an EOC generator. Courthouse generator needs some slight repair. Part is ordered.

Sheriff:

-Applying for several grants dating from Oct 2021-2022, Grants are for DWI enforcement (includes fringe and overtimes), Data Projects (includes e-ticketing), hazardous moving violation (includes radars), Blue print for safer roads (includes overtime/JR Deputy program).
-Sally port building is up, looks good but they brought the wrong door.
-Water bill had increased due to a stool leak. This is being worked on.
-Need to address a soft water system for next year budget for the jail.
-Jr. Deputy graduating at St. Joseph on 3/3/2021 @ 6pm and Fatima on 3/4/2021 @ 6pm. Linn and St. George starts the program on 3/17/2021 for 8 weeks then a graduation TBA.

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Health Dept.:

- Vaccine clinic was done yesterday and got the eligible school staff members vaccinated.
- Clinic from 12-5 at Linn Elementary School.
- Administered 115 total doses total, 34 of those were 2nd doses. Currently we only 19 active cases which is a good decrease. One more death is reported. Vaccine is supposed to be good for the new variant of COVID-19. This new variant is much more easily spread than what we have been seeing.
- Flu numbers are down
- Part-Time nurse hired to help with vaccine clinics. Employees are working very hard and trying their best. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the Health Department.

911:

- Ron Hoffman asked can we raise the green address sign from \$15.00 to \$20.00 to cover costs. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve to increase the price of green address signs to \$20.00 per sign. Commissioner Trenshaw seconded the motion. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes all stated aye. All opposed, none.

New Business:

Old Business:

- Commissioner Griffin had Jerry Baker look into the road behind the building. It is an alley that the city owns. This is where fire lane signs will be placed.

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

- With no further business the commission meeting adjourned at 9:25 am. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes all stated aye. All opposed, none.


Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner