

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

February 4th, 2020

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:32 AM

District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Media – HB Dodds

Chief Deputy Clerk – Amber Hamilton

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and meeting minutes from January 30th, 2020 with some minor changes. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda and the meeting minutes. Commissioner Glavin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken. Amber Hamilton asked "Commissioner Glavin how do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Hamilton asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Hamilton asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes."

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Checks were signed

Meetings:

-National Weather Service Severe Storm Spotter and Public Safety Training Class will be February 4th, 2020 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at 911/Osage County Emergency Operations Center (Basement)

-February 5th, 2020 at 6:30 PM is a 911 advisory meeting (subject to weather)

-Commissioners MAC Training is February 12th – 14th, 2020

-All County offices will be closed February 12th, 2020 for Lincoln's Birthday

-All County offices will be closed February 17th, 2020 for Washington's Birthday / Presidents Day

-Kenneth Wade and James Rudy will be here to meet with commission on February 18th, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

-GVEZ Meeting at 1:30 PM on February 20th, 2020 at the Rolla National Airport at Vichy, in the Airport Terminal Building

-February 25th, 2020 is the first day for Candidate Filing for August 4th, 2020 Primary Election

-February 25th, 2020 is the first day to Absentee Vote for April 7th, 2020 General Municipal Election.

-March 10th, 2020 Election day for Presidential Preference Election

Road and Bridge:

-Foreman Kempker asked Commissioners if they would sign a service card for John Strubberg for his 3 years of service.

-Foreman Ron Kempker presented the Foreman's Road Report.

-Jeff Strickland has poured the walls and the floor should be poured today, weather permitting.

-Commissioner Glavin stated that the hill by Harold Dudenhoeffer's on CR 313 is pretty bad.

-Bridge on CR 611 is now open as of Friday, No Semi truck signs have been posted on both ends of the bridge.

-Guardrail on CR 303 has been replaced

-Kempker said that they are preparing for the upcoming snow event. Kempker stated that the weather is calling for 4-6 inches of snow starting tomorrow.

-Commissioner Griffin said thank you to the road and bridge department for placing rock on CR 303 and 403. Kempker stated that the pipeline has caused some of the damages, Commissioner Griffin asked if Kempker was keeping track of the expenses and Kempker stated that he was.

-Commissioner Glavin stated that CR 315 is pretty rough.

-CR 515 is getting rock hauled on it today, Kliethermes stated that it needs more than just rock it needs to be graded as well.

-Commissioner Kliethermes stated that on CR 521 there is tile pipe sticking out from where it has washed out. Kliethermes stated that a post has been placed there to warn people so they don't fall in. Kempker stated that they would address it as soon as possible.

Old Business:

-Commission have not heard back from the attorney regarding the contract for Westphalia.

-Commission brought up the employee manual. Commissioner Glavin stated "the thing is about that manual; any elected official does not have to abide by that manual. That manual does not affect these other elected officials' offices, if they chose not to follow it. Commissioner Glavin stated that the manual only pertains to 911, Health Department, Road and Bridge Department and John Kennedy. Commissioner Glavin stated that any other elected official can adopt the manual or they can have their own. Commissioner Griffin then responded with "So they receive a check from the county, but they don't have to abide by it?" Glavin stated "they are elected officials they can write their own policies. We are not their bosses." Griffin stated "Well that's true, to a certain extent." Glavin responded "well no, that's just the way

it is, of someone is going by the handbook where is the teeth of the commission to enforce an elected official to do with their office? There is none” Griffin asked “So in other words you’re saying that each office that way can give raises, time off, everything?” Glavin stated that the commission is the only one who can raise or lower salaries. Griffin asked “what about vacation, time off, holidays, all that?” Glavin stated “that is also pay and that is set by the commission. But as far as running their office, we’re not collectors, we’re not assessors, we’re not any of these people, like I said where’s the teeth?” Griffin said, “Why wasn’t this brought up years ago?” Glavin responded “It was brought up. Like I said where’s the teeth?” Commissioner Griffin asked “what do you mean where’s the teeth?” Glavin responded, “what’s the punishment of an elected official that doesn’t want to follow the handbook on these things? We’re the only ones who can shut down the courthouse but an elected official can close his or her office” Griffin then asked “and send them home with pay?” Glavin stated “you would have to talk to Amanda about that.” Griffin stated, “well Amanda wrote this manual.” Glavin responded “well maybe so but we have one office that was closed that one day and there is nothing you can do about that. We can close the courthouse but not individual offices.” Griffin stated, “I don’t agree, but uh I’ll make the call to Amanda and maybe she will address it and we will address it Thursday.” Commissioner Kliethermes stated, “No we cannot tell an elected official what to do, but I think the employees of the elected official is still being hired and being paid and in the budget, uh well I’m going to need you to point out to me specifically where you are talking about because I think we are talking about vacation schedules, leave time and things like that.” Commissioner Glavin stated that you can’t tell the employees of the elected officials what to do either. We can’t go into elected official’s office and ordering their staff around.”

- Commissioner Griffin stated that he spoke with Ashley Bax and she informed him that there aren’t currently any grants that the county could apply for but gave him so other numbers to check.
- Commissioner Griffin spoke about the phone in the elevator in the courthouse. Griffin stated that Towner came out and was going to give a bid, but while they were inspecting it, they came to the conclusion that there was no phone wire installed. They are currently awaiting another bid from AT&T.
- Commissioner Griffin stated that there is work being down in the jail with the epoxy floors. Griffin stated that since they have been using grinders and what not that the dust has caused the smoke alarms to go off. After review they have determined that the smoke detectors in both buildings have not been inspected in 12 years.
- Commissioner Griffin stated that he wrote 2 different ads for tuck pointing for the admin building and one for foundation. Commissioner Glavin stated that he remembers a guy talking about maybe putting a sump pump with a steel plate over it. Commissioner Kliethermes stated he vaguely remembers it but couldn’t remember all the details.

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM. Commissioner Glavin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. A roll call vote was taken. Amber Hamilton asked “Commissioner Glavin how do you vote?” Commissioner Glavin responded “yes.” Hamilton asked “Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?” Commissioner Kliethermes responded “yes.” Hamilton asked “Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?” Commissioner Griffin responded “yes.”


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Presiding Commissioner