

**Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**8:30am**

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin

Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw present

Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Media – HB Dodds

Front Desk Clerk – Brooke Dudenhoeffler

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Ron Hoffman, Kim Sallin, Travis Holtmeyer, Tim Neuner, Mark Baker

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:**

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for June 3, 2021.

Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes all stated aye. All opposed, none.

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 CLOSED meeting minutes with some minor changes. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve the CLOSED meeting minutes from June 3, 2021 with those changes made. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Griffin how do you vote? Commissioner Griffin responded yes. Commissioner Trenshaw how do you vote? Commissioner Trenshaw responded yes. Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote? Commissioner Kliethermes responded yes.

**Meetings:**

-June 9, 2021 12:00 MRDC Zoom Meeting for Commissioner Kliethermes

-June 10, 2021 4:00 TAC Meeting

-June 10, 2021 6:00 Operations Meeting

-June 10, 2021 7:00 MRPC Board Meeting

-June 15, 2021 9:00 Kelly Sink from MRPC to discuss American Recovery Funds

-June 16, 2021 3:30 Caucus Zoom Meeting

-June 17, 2021 8:30 West-Central Quarterly Meeting

-June 22, 2021 6:30 MU Extension Council Meeting

**Bills, Notes and Communication:**

-Commissioners received a revised May balance sheet

-Commissioners signed the Personal Real Estate deletions additions supplementals

-Commissioners received a "Thank you" letter from the Gasconade County Enterprise Zone for the \$500.00 contribution.

-Commissioners received the Sheriff's monthly report and inmate census.

-Commissioners received the county expenditures. Commissioner Kliethermes said that the RAVE looks bad since they wanted only ONE check, but in the end, it is a wash, everything else looks fine.

-Commissioners report receiving \$1,322,277.00 from the American Rescue Funds along with \$9,975.00 in CART Funds. Commissioner Griffin has gotten lots of inquiring questions about how the county can use and if the county was able to help some of the towns. Griffin told them he had limited guidance and is waiting for further detailed guidance from MRPC.

-Bank Bids were opened at 10:00 promptly. Bids that were received was; Legends Bank of Linn MO and Mid-America Bank of Linn MO. Commissioners reviewed both bids. Trenshaw commented "We should read the rates of current and purposed." Trenshaw said "Legends Super NOW Account pays +10 bases points over 91-day treasury rate, Mid-America is +23. On certificates of deposit, Legends Bank is +10 basis points above the 91-day treasury rate, Mid-America is an accumulative of +61 with +28 for deposits of \$50,000 or less for 91-day treasury rate and +33 for deposits of \$50,000 or more for the 91-day treasury rate. Mid-America pays +8 points above the bill rate in the Wall Street Journal. Safety deposit box of various sizes, is free for both banks but with Mid-America is 8." Baker said "We

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are flexible but it only states needed of up to 8 with varying sizes.” Trenshaw continued saying, “Legends is +10 but never less than 0.25% on Super NOW account.” Neuner mentioned “Basis points as if the 91 day is 0 and Mid-American is +23 and legends would be 0.25? That is my only comment on that.” Commissioner Griffin asked if the other commissioners would entertain a motion to choose which bid they would like to go with. Trenshaw asked “We are required to go low bid, aren’t we?” Neuner reminded the commissioners they have the right to refuse any bank bid but it’s up to you guys. It’s your call. Trenshaw said “It’s 4 years right, but after 2 years if you’re dissatisfied you can renegotiate right?” Neuner said that’s right.” Trenshaw said “There is a big difference in the CD’s. Tim how many approximately do we have and how much are they worth?” Neuner reported “4 CD’s close to approximately, not to quote an exact amount of \$525,000.00” Trenshaw said “I hate to make more work for anyone but this seems like the best thing for the county to do.” Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to switch from Legends Bank to Mid-American Bank since it’s the best bid due to lower rates. Commissioner Kliethermes second the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Griffin how do you vote? Commissioner Griffin responded yes. Commissioner Trenshaw how do you vote? Commissioner Trenshaw responded yes. Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote? Commissioner Kliethermes responded yes.

-Bank change is as of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025. Commissioners thank and appreciate both banks for their bids. Mark Baker shook hands with the commissioners and thank them for their time and consideration and their decision to switch.

-Neuner mentioned to the commissioners “Mark Baker will have to present the securities to cover the money by July 1, 2021. Legends still has the contract until June 30, 2021. I believe it is 65 days to transfer money. The Sheriff and recorder don’t have to change banks.” Trenshaw said “All we voted on changing was the Super NOW account, CD’s and Passbooks.” Neuner said “The ACH deposits might be tricky. Dragos (credit card machines) needs to be switched over and a lot of accounts will have to be changed but we will get to work. Credit cards as well.” Bonham asked about the collections. Neuner said “That will have to be switched over and notify the current accounts.”

-Commissioner Griffin asked the other commissioners about their opinion on the contract documentation provided by Amanda Grellner for purchasing property. Commission would like to give the seller a copy and MRPC as well since they are to guide us on distribution on the funds. Good faith money will be placed prior to for inspections. Kliethermes asked Trenshaw “who do we contact to get an inspection done?” Trenshaw has a number from the bank for whom the bank uses.

-Trenshaw said he was notified that the hallway in the stairwell at the courthouse is nasty. Needs paint and some TLC. Griffin would like to do a walk through and possibly look at hiring someone to do the painting due to possibility of needing scaffolding.

-Commissioners reviewed bills. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to pay bills, second by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes all stated aye. All opposed, none.

### **Road and Bridge:**

-Kempker handed out the road report for the week of June 1-7, 2021

-Commissioners were asked to sign a “Thank you” card for Howard Laughlin for his 26 years of service.

-Kempker said trucks are being moved as much as possible. Hauling rock today on county road 806. Addressing upcoming changes in the safety meeting Friday at 2p along with some of the crew’s requests. Commissioners are welcome to attend.

-Still short on staff. Kempker will continue advertising but with new pay scale.

-Commissioners thanked Road and Bridge removing the bushes at the courthouse in front of the antenna fence.

-Kempker was asked by Kliethermes about the asphalt/chip and seal and if he had heard anything back on it. Nothing has been communicated back from the Jefferson City office yet but Kempker might go to their office to get an update.

-Kempker said the cinder shed is completed.

-New pay increase starts on June 21, 2021 due to pay cycles.

### **Building & Grounds:**

-Commissioner Kliethermes asked Commissioner Griffin if Kennedy had gotten a price quote for another company for the window cleaning/deck treatment. Griffin said he had not heard anything yet.

### Health Department:

- Current COVID cases are at 5 active cases in the county. With 4 probable positive but not confirmed. 16 deaths. The county has about 38% initiated (age 18+) vaccine and 32% completed (age 18+).
- Health Department will have a booth for the Substance Abuse Awareness Walk on June 19, 2021 at 10:00 with games for children. Limited services will be available or available to be scheduled.
- MCH Grant is still in the works.
- Kim asked if commission would approve her to work from home a few days this summer so that she can catch up on some work without distractions. Commissioner Griffin said he has full confidence in Kim and since she is the director of the Health Department, they support her. Griffin and co-commissioners said they appreciate her asking permission, but they support her fully. Sallin said that Kandiss Hoffman is a huge asset to the Health Department and is picking up so fast.
- Sallin reports there are some meetings that are now in-person so she will be attending some of those. Commissioners will support Sallin all they can.
- Sallin would like to present information possibly this Thursday to talk about keeping some of the temporary staff (to enter information into EpiTrax, a state website) and talk about the advisory ordinance.

### Sheriff:

- Sheriff Bonham reported that Osage County has been facilitating for City of Owensville courts and he is picking up those costs. There is a statute that says he can charge \$2.00 a case for other counties. The accrued money would be put into inmate security funds. They are doing about 100 cases every 2 weeks. In order for us to charge the \$2.00 it has to be a county ordinance by the commissioners. Grellner needs to be contacted to be able to follow through with this. This will help recover some money. Copy of statute is to get to Grellner to review an advise on.
- Griffin mentioned sign steeling and needing help with catching the thief. Bonham will be willing to help as much as possible. Bonham is baffled as to why people are steeling the signs. Bonham said "We can try to put up cameras." Griffin asked "What the fine is for having stolen signs. Mandatory community service or a day or two in jail? How do we solve this problem?" Bonham has no magic answer. "Depends on the judge as the punishment. We can make a plea to the public but that could be a long shot." Sheriff agrees this is a big problem within the county.
- Bonham reports that methamphetamine is at a lower cost for street value. This is affecting us. Bonham said "It used to cost more making it harder to purchase but now with the lower costs it's easier to afford and accessible. I just wanted to make you aware of this."
- Shooting in Jefferson City yesterday. Bonham had no further comments on the case due to having no further information than that released already by JCPD and State Troopers.
- Commissioner Griffin let Bonham know the week of June 14, Pro-Fence will be here to do work. Dudenhoeffer to email Andi when we know a for sure date for parking purposes.

### 911:

- Hoffman said Travis has replaced 104 road signs including 51 private and 53 county roads. This does not include the missing ones. Travis said if the private drive is ¼ mile long, the road needs to be a special name and not a county road number. Travis has looked at different prices for signs, aluminum and plastic. Trenshaw asked if 911 needs a budget out for cameras? Travis said that he would take on that project that but it's been tried and a previous land owner said that 911 was tracking her entering and exiting her property. Hoffman said he has already exceeded \$3,000 out of a \$10,000 budget and it is only June. Travis reports reaching the budget every year and there have been years when he asked for more money. Trenshaw suggested using or reaching out to a local person to order signs in bulk to help with cost. Travis has looked at plastic signs but they break easier. Hoffman said scrap yards are queued to report stolen road signs or bulk aluminum. Hot spots in the county for sign theft is Dreamers Lane, County Road 805 and County Road 420. Citizens are asked to notify county staff such as non-emergency 911 or even commissioners, when they notice signs are gone. Hoffman and Travis would like to see that if someone is caught that there is some sort of punishment. Without some of these signs it makes it hard for EMS and callers to navigate their location for dispatch in case of an emergency.
- Commission and 911 request that if anyone sees a sign to report it.
- Public Safety meeting scheduled for next week Thursday.
- Hoffman has received one application in. Waiting to scheduling an interview.

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-Hoffman had an active shooter meeting to prepare for the active drill. Sallin asked to be involved in the actual active shooter drill at Osage County R-1 and R-3 on August 20 and 23, since she plays an active role in the reunification side. Hoffman will engage with whom is setting up and will discuss having Sallin there as well.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Adjournment:**

-The commission meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Kliethermes all stated aye. All opposed, none.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darryl Griffin', is written over a horizontal line.

Darryl Griffin  
Presiding Commissioner