

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
November 23rd, 2021
1:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin
Eastern District Commissioner John Trenshaw present
Western District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present
Media – HB Dodds
Commission Clerk – Janice Frank
Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Justin Carnes, Ron Hoffman, 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 November 18th, 2021. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.

Meetings:

-Nov 21-24, 2021 MAC Conference
-Nov 25, 2021 and November 26, 2021 CLOSED in observation of Thanksgiving
-Dec 21, 2021 MU Extension Meeting 6 pm
-Dec 24, 2021 ALL county offices CLOSED in observation of Christmas Day
-Dec 31, 2021 ALL county offices CLOSED in observation of New Year's Day
-Feb 8, 2022 MRPC Hazard Mitigation Planning 10:30 am

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to sign the Rayfield Service Agreement with Osage County to maintain county agency communication equipment, i.e., antennas and towers instead of putting out for bids each time maintenance is needed, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.
-County Clerk Nicci Kammerich submitted request to the Commission to limit the dollar amount of purchases on the county credit card without Commission authorization. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve a \$500 purchase limit on the county credit card without Commission authorization, Commissioner Trenshaw amended this motion to approve a \$500 purchase limit on the county credit card to a \$500 per purchase per item limit, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.
-Commissioners reviewed timesheets. A motion was made by Commission Kliethermes to approve timesheets, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.
-Commissioners reported attending the MAC Conference was beneficial this year. Referred that the conference was the best they ever attended.

911:

-Ron Hoffman reported that he received an employee resignation.
-Commissioner Griffin asked Hoffman to review the bylaws of the 911 Advisory Board regarding the appointment of a new member.

Road and Bridge:

-Ron Kempker provided Commissioners with Road Report for November 16-22, 2021.

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- Kempker reported the department is currently preparing equipment for winter. The department hopes to have equipment winter preparation completed within the next week.
- Kempker reported that a new employee with a Class A license has been hired, no start date has been determined yet. Kempker reported that this puts department at full staff, however, he will continue to advertise for anticipated/future vacancies. Kempker reported that he has been made aware of an upcoming resignation/retirement without effective date. Notice was given verbally. Kempker will request employee to submit a written notice of resignation/retirement. Commissioners will discuss with county attorney whether an employee is required to submit written notice of resignation and if County could withhold pay until such notice is received from employee.
- Commissioner Kliethermes relayed to Kempker that he received permission from a resident to cross onto their property to access CR 608 to replace a culvert. Kempker will investigate the department's need for chipper service and cost estimate to perform work. Commissioner Trenshaw asked Kempker if department needed to purchase a chipper. Kempker responded that a purchase would be unfeasible for the county give the limited amount of time the department would need one.

Health Dept:

- Kim Sallin reported the department is in the process of revamping their system that provides COVID case numbers and information regarding breakthrough cases.
- Sallin reported the county to date has had 2049 reported COVID cases. The department administered 107 doses of COVID vaccines and 16 influenza vaccines in the last week. Currently there are 36 active COVID cases in the county, 3 of which are currently hospitalized. Sallin also reported 2 additional deaths from COVID in the last week.
- Sallin reported the department is preparing for the Shop With A Hero event next week and remains busy with contact tracing, vaccines and other health services.

New/Old Business:

Adjournment:

- The commission meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Trenshaw. Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Trenshaw, Commissioner Kliethermes and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none


Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner