

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2021
8:30 am

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, Ron Hoffman, Sheriff Bonham, 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 30th, 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 Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none.

Meetings:

- Dec 10, 2021 Road and Bridge Safety Meeting
- Dec 13, 2021 Fourth Quarter Emergency Management Coordinator Meeting 11 am
- 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:

911:

- Ron Hoffman
- Commissioner Griffin asked Hoffman to relay to interested parties that the Commission approved of the appointments of Josh Krull, Art Mueller, and Carla Butler to the 911 Advisory Board.
- Hoffman expressed concern about employees in the Sheriff's and Dispatch Departments inability to only carry over 5 days of vacation in accordance with the employees manual. Hoffman reported the Sheriff's and Dispatch Departments are unique and were unable to fulfill this limit. Commissioners stated they have in the past provided some exceptions for these departments and they would consider requests from these employees to do so.
- Hoffman reported that shift workers are having issues with meeting with the county's health insurance agent. Hoffman reported that he approached the agent about making himself available for shift workers during shift worker hours. The agent was in agreement to do so.
- Hoffman reported that he is working on getting Hazmat Mitigation materials out to responsible parties.
- Commissioner Griffin asked if the county's emergency vehicles were in good condition, Hoffman responded yes.
- Hoffman reported that progress is still being made on the distribution/installation of sanitizer stations.

Road and Bridge:

- Ron Kempker reported that the entire Road & Bridge Department's crew were working today to finish repairs on CR 742.
- Kempker reported it's been found beneficial when training new staff to run two graders machines together during training.
- Kempker reported progress is on-going to the culvert on CR 608.
- Kempker reported that he received confirmation the certified letter sent to CAT to proceed with the purchase of two leased graders was received on November 17, 2021. Kempker reported he has been in contact with Jordan Davis from CAT, and Mr. David has made a request to the financial coordinator to proceed with purchase.
- Kempker reported that parts are finally in for the repair of the truck in for servicing.

-Commissioner Trenshaw asked why the department did not respond to Mr. Kell's repeated requests for maintenance records for CR 517? Kempker stated the Road and Bridge Department did have phone records to show information had been provided to Mr. Kell.

Sheriff:

- Sheriff Bonham reported work has begun on the preparation of the departments preliminary 2022 budget.
- Bonham reported status of vehicle repairs from deer strikes on two vehicles, repairs on one vehicle have been completed and the other vehicle is waiting on parts for repairs
- Bonham reported his department is looking for new vendors for food preparation for the jail to save costs.
- Bonham reported his department is considering doing away with comp time and going to straight overtime and ways to minimize cost.
- Bonham presented Commissioners with Sheriff's Department Report. Commissioner Griffin inquired what the Inmate Trust Fund was for. Bonham responded that it was the commissary for prisoners. Commissioner Kliethermes inquired about the Board of Prisoners charges for other prisoners from other counties, Bonham stated the county is making roughly 30-40% profit from boarding prisoners for other counties. Bonham shared that suspected there would be additional expense to the department if there was a change of venue for a upcoming criminal trial.
- Bonham reported capture of an abused/neglected dog. Bonham reported that due to the condition of the animal, an officer contracted RSV from the animal. Bonham stated that the animal would be picked up by the Human Society from Union, MO today.
- Bonham asked about when upgrades to the parking lot around the courthouse would begin, Commissioners reported that repairs should be included in the 2022 budget.
- Bonham reported that he has hired a new deputy, Chad Gray, former conservation agent. Bonham stated that he was also considering hiring a former Highway Patrol trooper for jail supervision.

Health Dept:

- Kim Sallin reported to the Commission that she was contacted by Susan Thomas, Public Information Coordinator from the State of Missouri regarding the county's interest in discontinuing the Health Department's separate internet service provided by AT&T and adding the health department to the county's existing internet service provider. Sallin reminded Commissioners that the health department's internet service is paid for and will continue to be paid for by the State of Missouri. Sallin stated the hope for the State was that by adding the health department to the county's existing internet service provider it would reduce the health department's current internet fee. Commissioners expressed whether the county's current internet service would suffer with the addition of the Health Dept and whether the service would be secure for the health department. Sallin stated she would contact the Clerk's Office for additional information and services.
- Commissioner Kliethermes delivered a proposal forwarded by Porter, Berendzen & Associates, P.C., from Central Mo Professional Services for the completion of a topical survey on the lot of the new Health Department building. There was discussion about whether the county surveyor could perform this work and the timeframe with which it would need to be completed. Commissioner Trenshaw sought the County Surveyor's availability and cost factors to perform this task. Commissioner Trenshaw reported that the surveyor could perform the work but he would be 4-6 weeks out for completion. Commissioners expressed concern about the timeframe for completion and if bids were needed to meet ARPA requirements. Commissioners made a telephone call to Jay Berendzen to inquire about the timeframe needed for survey completion and bidding. Mr. Berendzen stated the survey needed to be completed in 30 days and that bids would not be needed as Porter, Berendzen & Associates, P.C. would be responsible for hiring Central Mo Professional Services for the topical survey.

New/Old Business:

- Commissioners to ask Clerk's Office to establish a meeting time with representatives from Mo State Technical College to view the college's presentation for improvements to the golf course road.
- Commissioner Trenshaw would like to add an outside vendor service to the county's budget to haul and place rock on county roads.

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 11:03 am. Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. 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

