

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
December 21, 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, Nicci Kammerich, Denise Nolte, 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 December 16, 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:

- Dec 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM Collector Denise Nolte, County Clerk Nicci Kammerich, and Prosecuting Attorney Amanda Grellner to discuss clerical salary increases for 2022
- 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:

- Following review of bills received, Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to approve bills for payment with the exception of the bill received for \$209.40 for cell phone fees for the County Coroner, 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.
- Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to accept the payment of approximately \$74,000 for the removal and expenses to date for the Pentecostal Bridge but not accept the liability as recommended by Attorney Clement, 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

Road and Bridge:

-Ron Kempker presented the Road Report for December 14-20, 2021.

-Kempker presented the commission with six bids received for slab replacement on CR 722, the new slab will be the standard width of 20 feet with a box culvert. CR 722 may be closed approximately 60 days depending on weather conditions.

Bids were received from:

- BuildTec Construction, LLC for \$34,900
- B & P Patterson Concrete & Construction, LLC for \$32,900
- C & C Concret , Plumbing and Backhoe Services for \$28,638
- Mitch Bonnot Excavation, LLC for \$27,500
- Miller Construction for \$22,520
- Stricklan Foundation & Flatwork, LLC for \$15,500

Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to select and approve the bid submitted by Stricklan Foundations & Flatwork, LLC from Vienna, MO for \$15,500 to replace the slab on CR 722, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes.

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Commissioner Griffin asked all in favor say aye. Commissioner Kliethermes, Commissioner Trenshaw and Commissioner Griffin all stated aye. All opposed, none. Kempker indicated he would notify Stricklan of their selection and request that work begin as soon as possible.

-Commissioner Trenshaw asked Kempker to start the bid specs for the concrete work needed at the courthouse.

911:

Ron Hoffman provided the Commissioners with a list of pro's and con's of the Intrado 911 Phone Service verses the current service provided by SolaCom

-Commissioner Griffin asked Hoffman to go with him to Surplus Property in Jefferson City to locate and purchase a new desk in the Commission Meeting Room for the Commission's clerk.

-Hoffman commended his staff on their performance and willingness to work when needed. He also reported that he has not had to mandate staff to work overtime to fill open shifts.

-Hoffman asked Commissioners to sign a grant for \$448.36 to purchase tires for a trailer.

Health Dept:

-Kim Sallin provided the Commission with Covid updates. To date there have been 2596 Covid cases in the county. Currently there are 44 active cases (7 of which are breakthrough cases), 3 active cases are currently new hospitalizations of unvaccinated residents over the age of 60, the death count in the county remains at 28. Sallin also reported the department administered 137 Covid vaccinations in the last week, 20 of which were pediatric vaccinations. The county Covid vaccination rate is currently at 41.7%. No reports of the new Covid variant Omnicron. Sallin reported a Covid clinic was held at Fatima Schools on December 20, 2021 and a Covid clinic will be held for county's Daycare Providers on December 21, 2021. Sallin stated her department is down one employee so the department is behind on virus contact notifications.

-Sallin reported 2 new flu cases in the county bringing the county's total flu cases to 6 to date. The department administered 13 flu vaccinations in the last week.

-Sallin reported the Linn Police Department will be providing active shooter training at Linn R-II Schools on January 3, 2021. Training will be for teachers and staff. No students will be present. The County Health Department has been asked to participate and will assume the role of uniting students with family members. Commissioner Trenshaw expressed concern that the school is located outside the city limits and the Sheriff's Department active shooter training may be different from the City's.

New/Old Business:

-Nicci Kammerich and Denise Nolte (and on behalf of Amanda Grellner who was absent) presented a request to the Commissioners to increase the hourly wage rate for 17 clerical positions in all departments from \$11.39 per hour to \$12.39 per hour. This would create an annual increase of approximately \$2100 per position. Kammerich reminded Commissioners these clerical positions have not had a wage increase since March 2018. Nolte stated that increases to the minimum wage rate has created a need to keep county wages competitive. Commissioners responded that they will review and consider the request and have a decision by 2022 budget preparation time. Commissioner Trenshaw asked for a listing of all staff in these positions with their current wage rate and cost estimate of the wage increase.

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:45 am. 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