

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
December 28, 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, Sheriff Bonham, Ron Hoffman, Kim Sallin, Dave Dudenhoeffer

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for December 23, 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 31, 2021 ALL county offices CLOSED in observation of New Year's Day

-Jan 3, 2022 **CLOSED MEETING** Pentacostal Bridge 3 pm

-Feb 8, 2022 MRPC Hazard Mitigation Planning 10:30 am

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Griffin reported Nicki Holtermeyer will be emailing a breakdown of a bill received for Juvenile housing fees. Commissioner Griffin recently communicated with Matt Wright regarding the change to the age consideration for a juvenile which changed from 16 to 17. This may create an increase in juvenile housing expenses incurred which will need to be addressed in the budget.

-Commissioners reviewed Sheriff's Department Timesheets. A motion was made by Commission Trenshaw to approve timesheets, 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.

Sheriff:

-Sheriff Bonham reported that Canine #1 had recently left the county, Canine #2 in custody was released to different owner, however, the animal remains in county. Sheriff Bonham stated his department charged \$22 per day to board and care for the animals while in custody.

Road and Bridge:

-Ron Kempker distributed to Commissioners the Road Department Report for December 21-27, 2021.

-Kempker confirmed that Strickland Foundation & Flatwork, LLC was notified of their selection for slab replacement on CR 722. Kempker also stated that thank you letters were sent to the bidders not selected.

-Commissioner discussed a bill from CAT for leased equipment that have been purchased. Kempker will contact CAT to have bill rescinded.

-Kempker reported that the department has been working on budget and warned Commissioners of fuel and tires increased expenses. He also expressed concern about the availability of maintenance supplies, tires and parts for equipment.

911:

-Ron Hoffman reported that he has finished the Emergency Operations Plan due in January. Hoffman stated work continues on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan and the department's budget. Commissioner Kliethermes asked if other entities in the county (fire departments, water districts, etc.) have been asked for input on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Kliethermes was concerned with their need for generators to operate during hazardous conditions.

- Hoffman reported that he will be advertising to fill a dispatcher position.
- Hoffman reported that the 911 Emergency Center will be taking over dispatching for Osage Ambulance on December 30, 2021 at 10 am.
- Hoffman stated he is working on county road sign replacements and is planning a day in the near future to put up county road signs.
- Hoffman stated that the county needs to be more proactive in making accommodations for shift staff to meet with insurance and retirement representatives.
- Commissioners asked Hoffman for his input on the installation of a Mailroom located in the Annex building for county offices. Hoffman stated that space may be available in the Health Department when their offices are vacated. This has potential of saving the county the rental fees associated with renting a mail boxes at the post office.
- Commissioner Griffin communicated with Kelly Sink about whether ARPA funds could support the costs associated with converting to the Intrado 911 Phone Service.

Health Dept:

- Kim Sallin provided the Commission with Covid updates. To date there have been 2624 Covid cases in the county. Currently there are 33 active cases (8 of which are breakthrough cases, total breakthrough cases in the county are 138), the death count in the county increased from 28 to 29. Sallin also reported the department administered 85 Covid vaccinations in the last week, 19 of which were pediatric vaccinations. The county Covid vaccination rate is currently at 41.8%. Sallin reported that the new Covid variant Omnicron has reached the county.
- Sallin reported 3 new flu cases in the county bringing the county's total flu cases to 9 to date. The department administered 7 flu vaccinations in the last week.
- Sallin reported Covid clinics will be held on January 4, 2022 from 3 pm to 6 pm at the Westphalia Lions Club in Westphalia and at the Meta Fire Station on January 11, 2022 from 3 pm to 6 pm in Meta.
- Sallin reported that the CDC has released updated quarantine guidelines. Sallin will be presenting the new guidelines to the Commissioners as soon as they are made available by the State Department of Health.

New/Old Business:

- Dave Dudenhoeffer, former Commissioner, stopped by to visit with Commissioners.
- Commissioners received an invitation to the January 4, 2022, Drug Treatment Graduation at the Courthouse.
- Commissioner Griffin reported that the State of Missouri will not be refilling a vacant position in the Circuit Clerk's office.

Adjournment:

- The commission meeting adjourned at 10:10 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