

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022
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 Dodd

Commission Clerk – Brooke Dudenhoeffer

Present for all or part of the meeting: Justin Carnes, John Kennedy, Kim Sallin, Kyle Towles, Ron Hoffman

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for January 27, 2022. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve today's 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:

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

-Feb 8, 2022 Dept of Agritourism quarterly meeting 5:00pm

-Feb 10, 2022 NO COMMISSION MEETING

-Feb 11, 2022 All offices CLOSED in observation of Lincoln's Birthday.

-Feb 21, 2022 All offices are CLOSED in observation of President's Day.

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioners signed checks.

-Kennedy contact Kliethermes about a heating unit proposal. John Kennedy stated that he had a price to repair the current unit which would cost \$3,711.00.

-Commissioner Kliethermes noted that the various documents had been gathered for the lawyer for the Pentecostal Bridge law suit. Kliethermes stated

-Kennedy was notified that elevator inspections are behind and fire extinguishers are being maintenance.

-Commissioners reviewed expenditures and balance sheets.

Road & Bridge:

-Justin Carnes represented the road and bridge department in place of Ron Kempker. Carnes handed out the road report. States the guys are preparing for the upcoming weather; reports of ice 0.5-1.5in ice and snow 8-12inches.

-Carnes was advised to let the snow fall then do a "cleanup" afterwards, but if we get 12 inches or so then it might be more work.

-County road 802 was mentioned to the commission via email. Commissioner Kliethermes asked Carnes to take a look at the county road.

911:

-Hoffman has not heard back from Intrado yet.

-Hoffman would like to start identifying team leaders which would put pay for those people at \$1.00 more an hour. This will be presented at the advisory council.

Health Dept:

-Sallin reports 93 active COVID cases reported in the last 7 days. Total of 19 flu cases have been reported.

-Sallin presents the increase in drug activity within the county. Lt. Kyle Towles and Sallin have come together with statistics. The cost of drugs has decreased due to the readily availability. Sallin presents a potential helpful tool, TruNarc for law enforcement to help them do their job safely. Sallin asks for ARPA funds to pay for the device or multiple devices. Each device is around \$21,000.00. Lt. Kyle approached the commissioners with further details to

answer questions. One-year replacement warranty, lifetime software updates, training provided, water resistant and impact resistant. This is a laser machine making it to where officers do not have to touch or expose themselves to the substance being tested if the container, containing the substance, is clear. Sallin feels this would be a good tool for the county due to the amount of drug encounters the officers have. Sallin reported speaking to the Sheriff's Dept in which the officers noted they encounter drugs at least every other shift and recently an officer was hospitalized for an accidental overdose at a traffic stop.

New/Old Business:

Adjournment:

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:50 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