

**Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**December 14, 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

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:**

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and the meeting minutes for December 7, 2021 and December 9, 2021. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes for December 7 and 9, 2021, 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.

**Resume Meeting:**

-Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion to re-open the public meeting at 9:40 am. Commissioner Trenshaw made a motion to re-open the public meeting, 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 16, 2021 Porter, Berendzen & Associates, P.C. Meeting at new Health Department Bldg. 10 am
- Dec 16, 2021 Missouri DHSS Director visit/tour of County Health Department 12:30 pm
- 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:**

- Ameren notified the Commission by letter that they will be in the county trimming trees.
- Signed Sheriff's Department Checks

**Road and Bridge:**

- Ron Kempker distributed Road and Bridge Department Report for December 7-13, 2021.
- Kempker reported a successful safety meeting was held on December 10, 2021. Discussed with Commission that the safety meeting addressed the 3-inch depth at which roads would be plowed during snow removal.
- Commissioner Griffin expressed the Commission's gratitude to David Dill for 41 years and Howard Laughlin for 25 years of service with the Road and Bridge Department.
- Commissioner Trenshaw reported that he received positive comments from a resident on road work performed on CR 420.

**911:**

- Ron Hoffman shared with the Commission a preliminary storm damage report for the county for December 10, 2021.
- Hoffman reported that he attended the Emergency Management Director's Meeting in Callaway County.

### **Sheriff:**

-Sheriff Bonham reported damage done to Isolation Cell #1 in the county's jail. Repairs costs will need to be added to next year's budget.

-Bonham reported a successful Junior Deputy Graduation for Fatima School was held on December 13, 2021. Bonham also reported Junior Deputy Graduations are forthcoming for the Sacred Heart and St Joseph Schools.

### **Health Dept:**

-Kim Sallin reported 2547 Covid cases in the county to date. Sallin reported there are currently 29 active cases in the county, 6 of which are breakthrough cases, and currently 3 hospitalizations, 1 hospitalization involves an unvaccinated resident under the age of 21. Sallin reported 129 Covid vaccines had been administered bringing the county's vaccination rate currently to 41.4%. Sallin reported no flu cases currently and the department administered 18 flu shots in the last week. Commissioner Trenshaw inquired if the recent increase in COVID cases was due to the new virus Omicron variant, Sallin reported that it was not and continues to be the Delta variant.

-Sallin reported that Missouri DHSS Director Donald Kauerauf would be visiting/touring the county's health department on December 16, 2021 at 12:30 pm.

-Sallin also reported County Health Department part-time employee Chelsea Smith will be recognized for an award for her work with Covid at the Linn R-II Schools. An awards ceremony is being planned at the school.

-Sallin reported the dog involved in recent biting events has been apprehended by Sheriff's Department and is being held.

-Commissioner Griffin indicated he spoke with Kelly Sink about using grant money while using ARPA funds for the negative pressure room for the Health Bldg. Ms. Sink indicated to Commissioner Griffin that she did not foresee a problem with using grant funds and ARPA funds at the same time as long as it was appropriate under the bylaws of the grant.

### **New/Old Business:**

-Commissioner Griffin shared a letter received from the University of Missouri, School of Medicine notifying the county that there would be an increase in the fees for autopsies performed. Griffin stated this will need to be addressed in next year's budget.

-Commissioner Griffin stated he was concerned about the 500 drops in the county's census. He is going to check the census website for dispute procedures.

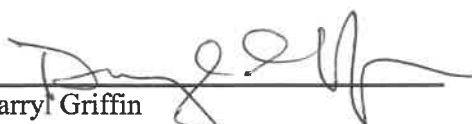
-Commissioner Trenshaw reported that he spoke with a local contractor regarding the cost of concrete replacement for the Courthouse parking lot. The contractor indicated roughly \$40,000 should support replacement cost. Trenshaw indicated this would give the county an idea of what to expect when bids are received.

### **Adjournment:**

-The commission meeting adjourned open public meeting at 9 am to go into a CLOSED meeting (Statute 610.021.3). 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.

### **Final Adjournment:**

-The commission meeting adjourned at 10:30 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

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