

# Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

## September 18, 2018

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer at 08:32 AM

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance

District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Voter Registration/Front Desk Clerk Leslie Goodenough on duty

Media represented by Neal Johnson

Present for all or part of the meeting: Foreman Ron Kempker, Jerry Bryan, Josh Hatfield, Jason Backes, Presiding Commissioner-elect Darryl Griffin, Travis Massman, County Clerk Patrick Steele, Election Support Deputy Clerk Amber Hamilton.

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:** Agenda for September 18, 2018, approved. Meeting minutes for September 13, 2018, approved with changes.

### **Bills, Notes and Communications:**

#### **Meetings:**

**Box on County Road 319:** First District Commissioner Glavin requested topic to be placed on agenda for discussion. Box culvert on County Road 319 to be inspected by Commission and Road and Bridge to assess needed repairs. Box is 4.5 by 10 feet in size. Top of box leaning by 7 inches, and believed to be unsafe. Commissioner Glavin ready and able to inspect box today with Road & Bridge Foreman Kempker, but Commissioners Kliethermes and Dudenhoeffer unavailable today to gauge condition of box. Pricing for materials to be determined. Commission will schedule day and time in near future for all three commissioners to go and inspect box with Foreman Kempker.

**Tracy Winslow:** was not present, but Linn Lions Club members Josh Hatfield and Jason Backes were in attendance to voice their support for legalizing ATV use on county roadways, so that their club ride events can be legal if and when held. Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Backes brought up facts that other counties, including Maries County and Gasconade County, have legalized recreational ATV use on their county roads, and are not anymore worse off for having it legalized than before. If Osage County legalizes ATV/UTV use, County can still only collect \$15.00 in permit and inspection fees for each vehicle, and administrative work for each vehicle would be an expense that consumes most or all of that fee. Jason Backes and Josh Hatfield, as members of Linn Lions Club, said that the ATV ride events that they would like to host are solely for the benefit of raising funds, all of which goes back to the local communities, and if recreational ATV use is legal, it would generate a large turnout, which equals money for the local community. First District Commissioner Glavin remains opposed to full legalization of ATV use in a recreational sense, but willing to approve a one-day permit for special events, such as an ATV ride for the local Lions Clubs. Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer and Second District Commissioner Kliethermes are less opposed to legalization, but continue to be cautious and examine all aspects of the process. The commissioners have been consulting the Osage County statutes and researching the matter, with Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer confirming that he conferred with Maries County elected officials at the most recent MRPC meeting, and said that he was told Maries County has not had negative issues since legalizing. Election Support Deputy Clerk Amber Hamilton raised the question of how will law enforcement monitor ATV ride events if they are held, and will that cause the Sheriff Department's resources and staff to be pulled away from other parts of the county on those dates; also, if an emergency call does come in, will the law enforcement staff monitoring the ATV ride have to abandon their assignment in order to respond to a call elsewhere in the county, if such were to occur. She also reiterated common opinion that recreational ATV use is

already happening, legal or not, and so legalization seems best route for county. Waivers used for Lions Club ride events were discussed. Presiding Commissioner-elect Darryl Griffin asked what some of the differences between Gasconade County statutes, Maries County statutes, and what Osage's statutes would be. Community public hearing was again suggested, this time by Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer, to gauge how much support public has for the process, and keep constituents informed and heard.

**Assessed Valuations:** Public hearing for Osage County and Osage County Common Roads set for September 20, 2018, at 9:00 AM, in Commission Room at Annex Building.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Department Reports:**

**County Clerk:** County Clerk Patrick Steele told Commission that assessed valuation figures for Railroad and Utilities has been corrected, and public hearing set for Thursday, September 20, is ready. Informed Commission that Amendment I has been struck from the ballot for the general election in November, and Cole County Fire Department, which serves 26 properties in Osage County, is on the ballot for tax increase.

**Road & Bridge:** Weekly report submitted to Commission. Department safety meeting held on Friday, September 14, 2018. Foreman Kempker reports the safety meeting went well. Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC has materials for asphalt rejuvenation project on Lewis Trail and Scenic Trail, and obtained signature from Commission to begin. Although Second District Commissioner Kliethermes's name is on sign-off sheet, Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer placed his signature on the authorization form. Road & Bridge staff members Debbie Mehmert, Dave Otto, Paul Bryan, Bradley Sneller will take tour of Callaway Power Plant on Friday, September 21, 2018, from 9 AM to 12 PM.

**Other:**

-Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer received forms on retirement from CERF program, but remaining Commissioners have not received anything.

-**Port Authority:** Cleared by MODOT to continue researching port locations along local region of Missouri River, for the time being.

-**MMSWMD:** Executive Board Meeting September 19, 2018, at 1:00 PM, in Columbia, at City Hall.

-**West Central Commissioners Association:** Quarterly meeting September 27, 2018, in Clinton.

-**Proposition D:** McClung Park in Jefferson City will have a panel of engineers to answer questions about the needs of the district on October 9, 2018, from 12:30 to 3:00 PM.

-**ASIST:** Suicide Educational Training held on October 9 and 10, 2018, 8 AM to 3:30 PM. Cost is \$50.00. Contact 911/Emergency Management Director Andi Rice to sign up.

-**Pipeline Safety:** Meeting October 11, 2018, at 11:30 AM, in Hermann, at Hermann Hill Village.

**Public Comments:**

**Adjournment:**

-With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Glavin, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes, followed by three ayes in roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 AM.



Dave Dudenhoeffer  
Presiding Commissioner