

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2020

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin at 8:30 AM

District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Media – HB Dodds

Front Desk Clerk –

Present for all or part of the meeting: Susan Long, Andi Rice

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and meeting minutes from April 14th, 2020. Commissioner Kliethermes made a motion to approve the agenda and the meeting minutes. Commissioner Glavin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was then taken. Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how to do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes."

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Commissioner Glavin made a motion to approve timesheets. Commissioner Kliethermes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how to do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes"

Meetings:

-General Municipal Election – June 2nd, 2020 the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is May 20th, 2020

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Road and Bridge:

Health Department:

-Susan Long said she has spoken with Martha Ray and Edna Kliethermes with the food pantry regarding food shortages. They have emergency food boxes available and have their hours of operation. Received additional information for anyone with housing needs, gas money or energy assistance. Wants to let everyone know to fill out the census form.

-Susan Long said there are still 5 cases in the county. Was notified of a new case, the person lives in Cole County but has connections to Osage County, have been in communication with Cole County.

-Susan Long brought up a copy of the amended stay at home order to discuss. Long said Amanda Grellner went through and everything looks to be in order. Long said Cole County is rescinding order but the state order is still in effect. The governor plans to reopen the state and should have plan by weeks end for direction. Should be released by next Wednesday to public for guidance. For Region F some counties have orders and some don't. Commissioner Griffin asked all ours are staying in place just extended 2 days? Long said yes. Griffin said it's confusing since Cole County is doing different things than Boone. Will put this on the agenda to vote on at Tuesdays meeting.

Andi Rice said yes, a lot of people are confused. The local started and then the governor order. That one trumps the county.

-Susan Long said they have gotten comments on social media on opening the county. The majority are in support of the order and are worried about what would happen if open too soon. Most test kits not approved by FDA for symptomatic. Has been in touch with medical director. Still many unknowns.

-Commissioner Griffin asked about the reimbursement email. Andi Rice said she is responsible for county agencies not the city or emergency response agency. So, if they have fire or ambulance, they need to do themselves. It's a simple 1-page document. Has been documenting and will apply when its time. She will do for Susan and the Sheriff's office. This should be for any expense incurred from the county. Susan Long said she has copy of John Kennedys bills.

-Susan Long said the concern is the lack of lines items for the monies to local health departments. Doesn't know what will come to the counties. If we vaccinate the whole county there are 14,000 people. We do have pods in place and normal supplies in. We don't have 14,000 needles or syringes on hand. Osage County seems to be last in line. There will most likely be competition for the vaccine and will concentrate on higher number areas. Masks and gloves are still in short supply. Sending supplies to Joes Market today, having to share supplies with essential businesses.

-Commissioner Griffin said on the RPC conference call there was debate on distribution of money to county. I need to call our state representative and encourage others to do the same. Susan Long said the funding was regionally 5 years ago with Ebola. There was \$20,000 for 13 counties. Region F updated equipment with those funds received. Commissioner Griffin said he understands and will fight for us. Tell them to contact legislation and tell them don't forget about small towns. Long said she is watching and making sure numbers

are correct. Andi Rice asked do you want to collect information or turn in all at once? Commissioner Griffin said don't you have a date its due by. Rice said just the one turned hers in 6 weeks ago. Long said she didn't know if we should accumulate until a certain day and turn in.

-Andi Rice said there is a company out of Arkansas but has business in Osage County they are trying to get 1000 N95 masks for us. Spoke to them and have not been delivered yet. Long said she has requested a grant to be able to fit test the masks. Law Enforcement, fire, janitorial and 911 staff have potential to become sick since the masks are not fit tested. Commissioner Glavin asked are there businesses in county where you need to wear a mask to make purchases? Rice answered not to her knowledge. Long said it is not mandated, the CDC says wear a cloth mask in public. Commissioner Griffin said in Walgreens they all had masks on also, Walmart having employees wear masks and take temperature before going into warehouse. Rice said they take temperatures everyday when they come in.

-Susan Long said asymptomatic testing going, will show a lot more people had might have had virus and showed no symptoms. With this being a new virus not sure of immunity in people. People are being tested in community not getting the negative results. A vaccine is several months to a year and a half away. Still a lot of unknowns.

911:

-Andi Rice brought up the medical director agreement for the commission. It has Dr. Rakestraw effective today if signed. The rate is the same as Dr. Steenburgen. He chose quarterly and also lists his role. Commissioner Griffin said this will be put on the agenda for Tuesday. This way everyone has the opportunity to look at.

-Commissioner Griffin asked Andi Rice if they received the laptops. Rice said there was 1 radio and 911 laptop not ordered due to grant. We ordered the phone at \$1200 instead of a \$20,000 laptop. The grant is a 40/60 match, it was getting a phone that works and don't need 4 backup pieces. May not apply for grant, don't want to spend money that doesn't need to.

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 9:55 am. Commissioner Glavin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how to do you vote?" Commissioner Glavin responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Kliethermes how do you vote?" Commissioner Kliethermes responded "yes." Griffin asked "Commissioner Griffin how do you vote?" Commissioner Griffin responded "yes."


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Presiding Commissioner