

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

May 7, 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:

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

Commissioner Griffin asked for a motion for approval of today's agenda and meeting minutes from May 5th, 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 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 Griffin asked if everyone if they wanted to see the copy of letter Jerry Baker, Assessor submitted to Caterpillar for the contract agreement to get the tax redone on the lease for next year.

-Commissioner Griffin asked if everyone had looked over the Sales Tax Distribution. Commissioner Kliethermes said sales tax came through for us again. Commissioner Glavin said the original tax for the 2nd month in a row doesn't have tax on utilities and went up \$5000. Utilities didn't go up that much. Losing only \$58.00 on new ¼ cent tax is something to celebrate. \$692.00 loss on the J.R. new ½ cent it's still. Kliethermes said all of the sales tax combined lost \$900. Glavin said gaining about \$19,000. With the stimulus most people are going to spend that, most people spent it before they got it.

Meetings:

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

-General Municipal Election June 2nd, 2020

Road and Bridge:

Health Department:

911:

Old Business:

-Commissioner Griffin asked if everyone read the article in the UD on Westphalia. I sent an email to the attorney. He said he would get a signed copy from them. That was 3 weeks ago. The ball is in their court.

-Commissioner Griffin asked if anyone wanted to see the DBE forms about the bridge.

-Commissioner Glavin said he got a call asking if they were changing both of the bridges at the same time. I said the same contractor is working on both bridges. They are going to put one bridge up and then the next. Talked to the bus company in Chamois and told them when they take down Shawnee Creek, I would let him know. Commissioner Kliethermes said the same contractor is doing the Shawnee Creek Bridge. Glavin said yes. One person asked they thought the funding for Shawnee Creek. If they funded it, it's going in. Kliethermes said it was funded.

-Commissioner Griffin said we received 4 bids for the bridge. Commissioner Glavin said 3 of 4 were at or below. Griffin said they came right in at the engineering estimated cost. Glavin said it's all local, MERA is the one we hired.

-Commissioner Kliethermes said that everyone is wanting the asphalt in the county fixed. Saw something where MODOT talking about resurfacing projects for chip and seal if the road surface is good. It's cheaper to do for MODOT at \$15,000 per mile. Full asphalt overlay is \$55,000 per mile. Commissioner Glavin asked if that was a state bid? Just like with buying equipment can it be the same as asphalt? With their cost being \$15,000 we try to that and it's higher. Kliethermes said what we pay around here is a lot higher. Saying \$15,000 can be worth looking into to redo one road a year. Something to look into. Commissioner Griffin said \$55,000 on asphalt is cheap. Kliethermes said when the estimate was done for CR401 through Loose Creek the estimate at that time for chip and seal was \$25,000 per mile. Griffin said with the petroleum prices down it might have changed. Kliethermes said the gas drop happened over the last month. Contractor doing these last fall could be the difference. Talking about \$10,000 difference on a mile.

-Commissioner Griffin said waiting to hear from MRPC. They should have something worked up on the applications for people to fill out and turn into the county for reimbursement of costs relating to the virus. I will touch base with them on Friday. Commissioner Kliethermes said he saw an email that said they were going to be handled by phone conference and then another email that said meet with county if open. Griffin said Tim, treasurer was going with MRPC so we are consistent. Kliethermes said it's definitely the way to go. Saw on tv some businesses that were non-essential are going to file lawsuits against the state.

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New Business:

-Commissioner Kliethermes said he read in the paper about the Westphalia road situation. They said that they would hire a private contractor to haul some rock in and get a farmer to grade it. Commissioner Glavin said that wouldn't be a bad idea, it frees us up. Kliethermes said it's just the idea they are trying to say we aren't working with them when we are. Commissioner Griffin said it's already been approved. It's all on them.

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

-With no further business, the commission meeting adjourned at 9:07 am. Commissioner Glavin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Griffin asked "Commissioner Glavin how 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