

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2018

Meeting called to order by Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer at 08:30 AM

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance

District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Voter Registration Clerk Leslie Goodenough on duty

Media represented by Neal Johnson

Present for all or part of the meeting: Jerry Bryan, County Clerk Patrick Steele, Deputy Clerk Nicci Bouse, Election Support Clerk Amber Hamilton, Presiding Commissioner-elect Darryl Griffin, Sheriff Mike Bonham, Austin Johnson, Justin Clocke, Connie Warden, Foreman Ron Kempker, Assessor Jerry Baker.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes: Agenda for September 25, 2018, approved. Meeting minutes for September 20, 2018, approved with changes.

Bills, Notes and Communications:

Timesheets approved.

Meetings:

Justin Clocke: Staff member of U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill visited County Commission for general check in. Asked for feedback that County may have for the Senator. Presiding Commission Dudenhoeffer indicated that there is the usual concerns of bad highways and too many drugs in Osage County, to which Mr. Clocke confirmed that there have been many efforts made, but no headway get through. Mr. Clocke also asked if the Commission had heard any constituent opinions about the Fuel Tax that is on the ballot, to which Commission expressed dubiousness about any benefit the County would receive, as most funds go to the Highway Patrol, and funds collected being held untouched for long time before any distribution occurs. Mr. Clocke and the Commission also discussed the current drought and Rural Communications Act of 2018, or the Farm Bill.

BRO BO-76(15): Connie Warden of Warden Publishing at Unterrified Democrat brought affidavit for bridge replacement (bridge on County Road 531) bid was delivered to Commission. Austin Johnson of Bartlett & West returned to Commission to continue approval of bid for replacing bridge on CR 531. Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer signed paperwork needed by Bartlett & West, and gave update to Commission.

Old Business:

New Business:

Department Reports:

Assessor: Assessor Jerry Baker presented new filing system to Commission-- hanging map files and cabinet transferred to Osage Historical Society for storage and better maintenance. Signature approval from Commission was needed and given. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Glavin, seconded by Commissioner Kliethermes, followed by three ayes in roll call vote.

County Clerk: Commission did not sign personnel salary transaction for Deputy Clerk Bouse over understanding that additional duty pay does not apply to one in a deputy position. County Clerk Steele voiced

disapproval for the decision, stating that Health Department employee is granted additional duties pay, even though that staff member has not been employed by County as long as Deputy Clerk Bouse has been, and the additional duties she has taken on in wake of County Clerk Steele's medical leave, as well as annual salary increase stipulation that should apply to her. Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer stated that Health Department employee's salary change is valid because a position was eliminated, therefore that position's duties went to other Health Department employee who would qualify for the pay change. Deputy Clerk Bouse clarified that County Health Department just hired a new employee to fulfill duties of eliminated position - WIC Specialist - and also made it clear that she believes it is inappropriate that staff hired after her hire date are paid more than she is. In light of new information about new hire in Health Department, Commissioners will investigate further to clarify situation and ensure that their decision is fair and legal. Deputy Clerk Bouse's annual salary increase qualification was approved by Commission.

Absentee voting began September 25, 2018, but due to ethics question on Amendment I and late ruling from courts, ballots were not printed in time. Voters can still cast their vote on a ballot proof.

Road & Bridge: Submitted weekly report. Radio repair supplies arrived at shed. Foreman Kempker reports that radio damage from lightning strike last month is extensive. Corrective asphalt treatment on Lewis Trail and Scenic Trail in Bonnot's Mill is completed. Nuclear Power Plant tour on Friday, September 21, 2018, did not take place. Road and Bridge staff will reschedule tour for October 17, 2018. Three Road and Bridge staff, along with Foreman Kempker, will attend pipeline safety class on October 11, 2018. Foreman Kempker reports that cutter is being prepped at manufacturer, and will arrive at R&B shed next week.

Sheriff: Department of Defense will be inventorying Osage Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Bonham reported that his department is also already starting to work on annual budget.

Other:

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

-**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. Held in 911 Center in Annex Building.

-**Amendment I:** County received email that Amendment I will stay on ballot as is, for General Election.

-**MRPC:** Commission received invitation for MRPC Annual Dinner and Awards.

-**MAC:** November 18-20, 2018, at Osage Beach, Missouri.

Public Comments:

County Extension Council: meeting tonight in Commission Room at 6:30 PM.

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 10:25 AM.



Dave Dudenhoeffer
Presiding Commissioner