

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer at 8:30 AM.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present.

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present.

County Clerk Patrick Steele on duty.

Media was represented by Jerri Voss

Present for all or part of the meeting were: Diana Schubert, Tim Neuner, and Randy Atkin.

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda was approved.

Minutes: Minutes of October 12, 2017 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Bills and Communications:

Invoices totaling \$81,244.59 were presented and approved for payment.

Information was supplied to Commissioner Glavin about the MMSWMD Meeting in Columbia 10/18/17.

Meetings:

Drug Court Graduation October 17, 2017 at 5:30 PM. Report

Salary Commission Meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2017 at 9 AM. Report

United Way meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2017.

MRPC Bonnie Prigge, Anne Freand and Preston Cramer will discuss Transportation Needs on October 24, 2017 at 10:30 AM.

MRPC Dinner Meeting is scheduled in Salem for October 26, 2017. It will start at 5:30 PM with Social Hour; Dinner at 6:30 PM and Activity at 7:30 PM. It will be held in the Community Center Armory. Commissioner Kliethermes and Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer are planning on attending.

Old Business:

Road and Bridge Items: Randy Atkin provided his written report for the week to the Commissioners.

New BRO Project, CR 531: No new information

Plan for County Roads: No new information.

Follow-up on Loose Creek Meeting: Commissioner Glavin stated that he heard that they were looking for a grant writer for the street project.

MAGIC Health Care Consortium:

Compensation Committee for all Employees: Will meet again after health insurance information is received.

Handicap Accessible Door for Administration Building: No new information.

New Business:

Departmental Reports:

Andrea Rice reported that RHSOC may withhold payment for the grant for the mobile emergency management trailer which has just been completed for \$22,295.00. She presented an appeal letter to be sent to Homeland Security appealing that decision. Commissioner Kliethermes made the motion to sign and send the letter and it was seconded by Commissioner Glavin. Motion carried with three ayes in the roll call vote.

Andrea Rice told the Commissioners that her two employees who have family coverage are really upset at the increased cost in the coverage for family insurance and may consider leaving county employment. County Clerk Steele pointed out that the county is not mandated to provide health coverage for spouses or family and in the past, these costs have been paid by the employee. Andi commented that the message these two employees are receiving is that they are not loved or felt to be part of the county. She wanted to know what the deadline was and County Clerk Steele said November 1—for a decision on what the county will pay toward each employee's premium. The current thinking is to go from \$241.00 to \$400.00. Andi pointed out that this still leaves an additional \$1000 for family. County Clerk said that there are still other options that are available but Andrea stated that if we offer health insurance, they are not able to seek it elsewhere.

Randy Atkin commented that his employees needed to know what their cost was going to be. It was agreed that this decision needs to be made by the Commissioners before open enrollment. Clerk Steele said that this was what needs to be known by November 1, 2017.

Andi complained that once again we are facing a deadline and it does not seem that we are making progress. Clerk Steele responded that the whole health care industry is in turmoil right now because of recent action relating to payment of subsidies under ACA. It is difficult right now to accurately plan. It was mentioned that this is often the ploy used by insurance agents to back you into a corner. Steele agreed that he would contact MAGIC today and try to get a meeting set up.

Andrea Rice also provided the County Clerk with two copies of the sign agreement with MoDOT for the Agri-Ready signs.

The next exercise is scheduled for March 8, 2018 with Ameren.

County Clerk Steele reported that he had downloaded the Departmental Budget Forms and was preparing them to be distributed to the offices by November 1, 2017.

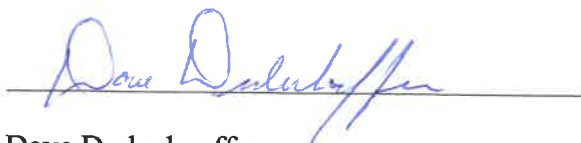
Public Comments:

Other:

Presiding Commissioner reported that MRPC was working on a natural foods and craft event for Chamois. Osage County still has all remaining hours intact. He said that grants had been awarded for new interchange at St. James and a sidewalk grant for a small town for \$95,000. Commissioner Kliethermes mentioned a cooperative program to reduce vehicular deaths in Osage County like "don't text and drive".

Adjournment:

With no further business, Commissioner Glavin made the motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 10.55 AM.



Dave Dudenhoeffer
Presiding Commissioner