

## Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

October 31, 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: Jerry Bryan, Andrea Rice, Sheriff Bonham, Randy Atkin, and Mark Voss.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda was approved.

**Minutes:** Minutes of October 26, 2017 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Bills and Communications:**

End of month checks were submitted for signatures and disbursement.

Information was provided to the Commissioners about available CDBG Disaster Funding from MAC. In the discussion that followed, the Commissioners were hesitant to consider entering the buyout program that would subject the County to additional liabilities and upkeep expenses. A motion was made by Commissioner Kliethermes specifying that Osage County does not wish to participate in the federal floodplain buyout program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Glavin and was passed with three ayes in the roll call vote.

County Clerk Steele reported that after talking with ECCHIC about terminating our coverage with them, it was pointed out by their representatives that if the termination occurred prior to the end of the current cycle, those medical services provided prior to the termination but not yet processed, would not be processed unless the administration fee of \$3500 per month were paid for the months of processing the remaining invoices for payment. However, MAGIC representatives have said that they could set up any new coverage to be effective on January 1, 2018 and those covered under the existing ECCHIC plan would be covered under MAGIC as of 2/1/2018 date. Plan summary and cost details are expected from MAGIC this week, prior to the meeting on Nov. 7, 2017.

County Clerk Steele reported that we should be receiving additional returns from ECCHIC in July 2018.

### **Meetings:**

Meeting with MAGIC and start of open enrollment on November 7, 2017 at 9 AM.

### **Old Business:**

**Road and Bridge Items:** Randy Atkin asked the Commissioners for a decision as to what new equipment should be considered for acquisition: a brush hog or a road grader. After discussion by the Commissioners, it was the consensus to pursue acquisition of a new road grader. Randy then asked the Commission about type of acquisition-lease from the company or purchase with financing from a bank. It was pointed out that bank financing may be less expensive, but maintenance would not be covered outside of warranty. A quote for the leasing of a new Cat road grader was provided to Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer with a cost of \$246,975.00. No decision was made. Randy also discussed the trucks which were running up repair bills and that needs to be addressed.

The new ad for the sale of the older trucks is now running with the deadline stated as January 31, 2018. County Clerk Steele asked that Randy contact the present bidder to let him know of the deadline. Randy also stated that he had a couple of other bids in his files. County Clerk Steele reported that such bids should be turned in to the Clerk's Office and kept securely in the vault. Clerk gave contact information to Randy for the bidder.

**New BRO Project, CR 531:** Commissioner Kliethermes reported we should hear from the engineers today.

**Plan for County Roads:** No new information.

**New Plat Book:** Project is on schedule.

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**Follow-up on Loose Creek Meeting:** No new information.

**MAGIC Health Care Consortium:** Meeting with Compensation Committee for Nov.7, 2017 @ 9 AM.

**Handicap Accessible Door for Administration Building:** Not discussed.

**Salary Proposal from Ad Hoc Committee:** See comments under Department Reports, Andi Rice. Media Representative took issue with the minutes concerning this topic. She stated that personal opinions do not belong in the minutes and cited the last four sentences of the minutes regarding the salary proposal. County Clerk Steele asked the Commissioners if they wished to change the minutes but no one expressed the desire to do so. It was agreed that a Compensation Committee had been established by the Commission on 4//27//17 but no one answered the question who appointed the Ad Hoc Committee.

**New Business:**

**Departmental Reports:**

Sheriff Bonham discussed the situation with Mid Mo and the Mustang Drug task force with Osage County. He explained that Osage County will be part of the seven-county area served by these two agencies and there would be no more expansion. He was very pleased with the outcome of this involvement in addressing the drug problem in the area. He talked about the effect of going after suppliers in the region and explained the increasing amounts of drugs coming into the area.

He reported that the DOJ grant for bullet proof vests had been denied. He has now been informed that it has now been awarded and Osage County should receive a check for \$2,870.67 for reimbursement. He also stated that the DPS grant for radios will be announced soon.

Mark Voss asked if new people were coming into the county with more drugs. Sheriff responded that we are not winning the war on drugs. It will take more than law enforcement-it will take education, community policing, changing attitudes and intervention. He stated that large quantities of meth are coming into the county.

Andi Rice presented a copy of a letter to DPS concerning the status of the appeal for the termination of the grant for the mobile communications trailer. She has had no response in the last two weeks. The grant was initially approved verbally as was the process at that time. However, DPS changed the process after the trailer was nearly completed and denied the grant. This leaves Osage County \$23,000 short of anticipated revenue. It was suggested that Andi talk to Prosecuting Attorney Amanda Grellner to find out what the options are and about writing a letter to DPS.

Andi Rice asked if there were any comments about the salary schedule. County Clerk Steele commented that this proposal would provide a higher cap for long term employees than is now in the R&B salary schedule. Presiding Commissioner Dudenhoeffer asked Andi to send the salary schedule to Debbie at Road and Bridge as paperless document.

County Clerk Steele reported that the Departmental Budget Forms are to be distributed on Nov. 1, 2017 and that they should be returned no later than Dec 1, 2017.

**Public Comments:**

**Other:**

Presiding Commissioner briefly discussed the MRPC Dinner

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, Commissioner Glavin made the motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM.



Dave Dudenhoeffer  
Presiding Commissioner