

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

September 19, 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: Susan Long, Eric Eads from Lincoln's School of Nursing, and Doris Keilholz.

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda was approved

Minutes: Minutes of September 14, 2017 Regular Meeting was reviewed and approved with one minor spelling correction.

Bills and Communications:

Invoices totaling \$65,899.90 were approved for payment.

Copies of the Flood Easement from the Luebberings and letter from Chris Rackers was provided to Commissioners.

Meetings:

Voter Registration Drive at State Technical College of Missouri will be held September 19, 2017 by students.

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

Old Business:

Road and Bridge Items:

Brush Cutters: Both Brush Cutters are out working on the roads. A spare gear box is being made up at the shop to lessen down time in the future.

New BRO Project, CR 531: No new information.

Plan for County Roads: No new information.

New Plat Book: Advertisements are being solicited now.

Follow-up on Loose Creek Meeting: No new information

FEMA/SEMA Follow-up: No new information.

Contract for new CAD Software for 911: No new information.

New Business:

Departmental Reports:

While not on the agenda, Recorder Cindy Hoffman reported to the Commission that she thought that the County Clerk and staff made a decision that should have been made by the Commission. She was allowed to make her presentation before the County Clerk could make his report. She was upset because the County Clerk had advised employees with Aflac Insurance that we would no longer process Aflac Insurance as pre-tax deductions. The Recorder claimed that she had personally talked to the agent who told her that she was not aware of any of this. The Director of Sales had been asked to provide us with a different agent as we were not being properly served by our current agent. When he did not respond to our request, but sent a copy of our staff e-mails to this agent instead, the County Clerk sent an email advising them that since he not responded to our request for a different agent, the Clerk's Office would make other arrangements for coverage. County Clerk said this type of unprofessional behavior was unacceptable customer service. Other arrangements were being pursued, including contacting our other supplemental insurance provider. Jay Higgins, Director of Sales later e-mailed the Clerk that he did not read the request for a new agent and asked that we meet with him. Clerk had tried to contact him to set up a meeting but he did not return the call to the Clerk.

During this discussion, it was learned that Sheriff Bonham knew an Aflac agent that lived here in Osage County and he requested that this agent contact County Clerk Steele. (Brian Swyers called before noon and was in the Clerk's Office by 1:15 PM and he agreed to serve as our agency and agent for Aflac.)

Sheriff Bonham reported that his department was upgrading their radio system to Kenwood P25 units that were MOSWIN and Tier 1 status. Osage County Main is the network name. A bill will be coming for this upgrade. Sheriff said that he would be attending the Argyle Town Meeting who were address 4 wheelers on streets. He also referenced that Meta was looking at adopting an ordinance but he was uncertain how that would correct the problems.

County Clerk reported that he had received the check for \$29,009.63 from Total Plan Services for our fiscal year 2016 self-funded refund. That makes our HS10 Health Insurance Carryover balance at \$51,107.91. He also reported that his staff is beginning to work on the Railroad and Utilities billing for the Collector now that all tax levy submittals have been certified by the Auditor's Office.

Public Comments:

Jerry Voss of the Unterrified Democrat asked if the County was working on a plan for use of the new sales tax for capital improvements that was passed in the August election. It was discussed that this was one of the requirements that the County had agreed to in promoting the extension of the ending ¼ cent AXO8. County Clerk agreed to prepare a draft for each of the two new restricted accounts. It was agreed that at least \$100,000 had to be collected and held in reserve for use as matching funds for possible grants before consideration would be given to approval of other projects. After the second year, the plan would keep \$200,000 in reserve as matching money for other grant projects.

Other:

Still no word on cost from the surveyor for Remonumentation of section corners.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Commissioner Glavin made the motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 AM.



Dave Dudenhoeffer
Presiding Commissioner