

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

June 4th, 2019

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

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance

District 1 Commissioner John Glavin present

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes present

Media - HB Dodds

Deputy Clerk – Valerie Prater

Present for all or part of the meeting: Ron Kempker, Mark Lienke, Andi Rice, County Clerk Nicci Bouse and Chief Deputy Amber Hamilton.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

District 2 Commissioner Larry Kliethermes moves to approve the Agenda and Meeting Minutes, seconded by District 1 Commissioner John Glavin, and followed by three ayes in a roll call vote.

Bills, Notes and Communication:

-Checks were signed.

Meetings:

Old Business:

New Business:

-Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin stated that he received a letter from the Department of Agriculture, State of Missouri saying they received the remuneration for Surveyor for Tim Hamburg. Darryl said “they should be sending us money down the road soon.”

-Commissioner Darryl Griffin said he called Verslues the other day and is still waiting on a price to get the outside wall fixed.

-Commissioner Darryl Griffin also said he made a call into the fence project and hasn't heard anything back.

-The Commissioners spoke about the meeting regarding the Volkswagen grant last week. They don't think that the County's dump truck is going to meet the requirements for the grant because of age / pounds needed. Commissioner John Glavin said “it is a lot of hoops we have to jump through to get it, the total amount the Volkswagen is going to give out is \$900,000.00.” Commissioner Larry Kliethermes said “we might be better off putting money into a tractor and a trailer.” Larry recommends that the Commission and Road and Bridge look more into it.

County Clerk:

-County Clerk Nicci Bouse and Chief Deputy Amber Hamilton, spoke with Commission regarding the agenda. Chief Deputy Hamilton asked commission if changes could be made to the Commission Agenda to add a line for Administrative concerns, comments and department reports. This would allow a 30-minute window during the commission meeting for any county employee to speak with the commission with giving the county tax payers ample time of notice so they have the opportunity to attend. The time would be designated from 8:45AM-9:15AM. Commissioners approved for the added line to the agenda.

Road and Bridge:

-Foreman Kempker presented commission with the Foreman Road Report for May 20th, 2019 – May 28th, 2019.

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- Foreman Ron Kempker said he has spoken to Austin Johnson regarding the rock tickets. Austin said that he is missing some copies of tickets. The total for the rock tickets is \$23,665.03 for the full amount of tickets. The amount of tickets they were missing is about \$6,000.00. Austin Johnson has to have all the tickets in order for the County to get reimbursed.
- Commissioner Darryl Griffin said that he spoke with our Prosecuting Attorney (Amanda Grellner) regarding the light duty for the personnel manual and hasn't heard anything back. Darryl is still wanting to get all department heads together for a meeting on the manual.
- Foreman Ron Kempker said he is working more in the office until they get that position filled. We have no applications for the office clerk. We are still hiring for the Road operator.
- Commissioner John Glavin said there is a big mud hole on CR 263 and the rain could wash out Bailey's Creek.
- Foreman Ron Kempker stated they are still really short staffed. They are doing the best they can.
- Commissioner Larry Kliethermes wanted to make a comment about he was talking with a former road grader the other day and said "it is always a good idea to reverse the road grader to go the opposite way of how it was grading to make the rock go further on the road and make it smoother."

Other:

Public Comments:

- Mark Lienke had concerns regarding the Missouri River Reading level gauge. He wanted to present to the commission his opinion hearing it third hand, he was unsure if all of it was true and was just curious. He believes that the people in Chamois would have a really good opportunity having an electronic reading. He has had some people come to him wondering why the gauge is at the Missouri Boat ramp instead of at the powerplant where it used to be? Lienke stated "that the gauge at the boat ramp is hard to get to and is really muddy when the water drops." Having a newer reading level would make it easier to tell when the water is going to raise and how much time the farmers have to move out all their equipment and how to prepare. The National weather service uses the Chamois reading level to determine how other rivers are going to rise. Presiding Commissioner Darryl Griffin asked Andi Rice with 911 / Emergency Management to come up and discuss further with them more about the issue. Commissioner Larry Kliethermes believes that putting the gauge back at the Powerplant would be more accurate.
- Mark Lienke also had concerns about several County Roads. The CR 274A had a flooding issue, the Road & Bridge department came and graded only certain spots of the county road instead of all of it. At the end of April when it was raining really hard it got a really muddy mess on CR 275. Lienke just wanted to follow the logic on how the R&B department graded the east side of the county road instead of the whole road? He mentioned when Hwy 100 gets closed due to flooding, CR 274A is the county road everyone takes and the road is falling apart. Mark Lienke believes that if you post the speed limit signs on both ends of the road it would make people slow down. He also believes that the one lane bridge needs a sign letting people know it is a one lane bridge. He just needs the county to help address this issue. Commissioner Kliethermes said the speed limit signs helped out on his county road. The Commission and Foreman Ron Kempker will look more into the signs.

Adjournment:

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 09:33 AM. Motion to adjourn made by 1st District Commissioner John Glavin, seconded by 2nd District Commissioner Larry Kliethermes, and followed by three ayes in a roll call vote.


Darryl Griffin
Presiding Commissioner