

Osage County Commission Meeting Minutes

December 14, 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, Mark Voss, Darryl Griffin, and Jeff Banderet of Great River Engineering.

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda was approved.

Minutes: Minutes of December 12, 2017 were approved by the Commissioners.

Bills and Communications:

County Clerk Steele is breaking down the cost of MOPERM Insurance by departments for use in budget preparations.

Treasurer's Balance Sheet was provided to the Commissioners.

Invoices totaling \$222,512.13 were submitted for review and approval for payment. The invoice for the 2018 payment for the lease of graders was not approved for \$52,700.92 since it should be out of 2018 budget. Total approved was \$169,811.21.

Meetings:

Commissioner Glavin reported on the MMSWMD Meeting on 12/13/17 and he said that the meeting area had too much background noise.

There will be a TAC Meeting on December 14, 2017 at 3:30 PM. Osage is asking for traffic light at Hwy CC, improvements at the junction of Hwy E and Hwy 63, and state replacement of their bridge on Hwy D.

Old Business:

Road and Bridge Items:

New BRO Project, CR 531: Invoice # 2 from Bartlett and West for \$8829.00 was received and approved.

New Plat Book: Marketing material has been received for the new plat books. We should run an ad in the UD.

Follow-up on Loose Creek Meeting: Grant Application is expected to be provided to the County this week.

MAGIC Health Care Consortium: No new information.

Handicap Accessible Door for Administration Building: A bid for ADA door at the Courthouse and at the Administration building is being prepared by Marks Mobile Glass.

Salary Proposal from Ad Hoc Committee: No new information.

Budgets: Susan Long was expected to present the Health Department Budget but she was unable to attend.

County Clerk Steele presented his budget for County Clerk and for Elections. The question of what pay schedule to use was discussed at length. Presiding Commissioner stated that he told everyone that he wanted no raises included in the first draft of all budgets and only existing salary information should be presented. County Clerk Steele said that he would send out an email sharing this information with all elected officials and department heads. The Clerk's budget was adjusted to show only existing salaries.

Update on MAGIC insurance with Cox: Cox has requested additional information from several employees who are waiving coverage. We have two new employees who are also enrolling and that should put us at the needed 75% enrollment.

New Business:

Jeff Banderet of Great River Engineering had called and asked to be on the agenda. He reported that he had talked with Commissioner Kliethermes at the MAC conference about the truss bridge that was closed in Osage County. He reported that his company had been successful in getting such bridges reopened for car and truck traffic without needing to bring it up above the 7-ton load limit. He said that they have worked with MoDOT

and been able through minor and reasonable repairs to put the bridge back in service. He made the offer to go out and inspect the Holterman Bridge (Red Bridge) on CR 608 and make a report to the Commissioners on recommendations. He said this would be done with no billing to the County. Commissioner Kliethermes reported that the county had corrected the erosion problem on the south side of the bridge and that there were a bunch of little issues that needed to be addressed. Commissioner Glavin indicated that there were major problems with the bridge. Jeff Banderet said that his company had just opened an office in St. Louis in September. He stated that he would get back with the Commission in January 2018.

Departmental Reports:

County Clerk Steele reported that candidate filing for the April 3, 2018 election started yesterday and will end on January 16, 2018. He also reported that there will be a statewide conference call with the Secretary of State this afternoon to summarize this year's efforts and to prepare for 2018.

County Clerk Steele discussed with the Commissioners the decision that was used during the period when we were covered by traditional insurance companies—agreeing to reimburse employees who exceeded their 2500 deductible after the submitted documentation of additional deductible costs. We had asked ECCHIC to lower the published deductible and agreed to provide that additional reimbursement after \$2500 level had been reached. However, because of problems experienced with one employee who had family coverage in getting correct information on the status of the deductible, we learned that ECCHIC was billing us directly for all deductibles over \$2500 for single coverage but was doing the same thing with family coverage by claiming that the deductible applied to each individual even if one individual had over \$5000 in expenses. We did contact ECCHIC and we got the run around. I asked for and received a summary of all claims processed by them and found 8 individuals that we had been billed directly for deductibles and found some errors in computations. I called them and informed them of this, asked them to check their summary but I have not heard back from them. I have talked with Cox Insurance and am seeking help from MAC.

Public Comments:

Other:

Adjournment:

With no further business, Commissioner Glavin made the motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 12.15 PM.



Dave Dudenhoeffer
Presiding Commissioner