

Canadian County Excise Board Special Meeting
September 4, 2014

The Canadian County Excise Board met at 9:00am in the Public Meeting Room. Those members present were Lynda Ramsey, Leroy Bridges and Larry Hodges.

Notice of the meeting and agenda was posted at 3:45pm on August 28, 2014 at the Canadian County Courthouse, 201 N. Choctaw Ave., El Reno, OK 73036, according to the provisions of 25 O.S. § 301-314.

Chairman Ramsey called the meeting to order.

The Commissioners, Excise Board and County Officers reviewed and discussed the FY2015 General Fund Budget. At the Excise Board's request, each county officer explained any increases or decreases in their estimate of needs.

The county emergency management director, Jerry Smith, will be retiring in March 2015 and the Commissioners discussed using cash funds to pay for the interim emergency management director who will be hired and trained to replace him.

In summary, three additional adjustments were made to the estimate of needs:

- The \$20,000.00 contribution to COWRA will be taken out of the Use Tax account and the General Government Maintenance & Operation estimate of needs will be reduced by this amount.
- The Election Board will not need to budget for a special election this fiscal year and will reduce its Maintenance & Operation estimate of needs by \$12,500.00.
- These additional funds of \$32,500.00 from the General Government and Election Board departments will be budgeted to the Reserves which will bring the total Reserves to approximately 8.3%.

The Excise Board directed the County Clerk to have the budgetmaker prepare the official Financial Statement and Estimate of Needs for formal approval at a later date. No formal action was required at this time.

The Clerk noted the public budget hearing notice will be published for September 23, 2014 pursuant to 68 O.S. § 3012. This date is the date for the regularly scheduled monthly Excise Board meeting when all budgets will be considered for approval.

Bridges moved, seconded by Hodges to adjourn. Voting aye: Ramsey, Bridges, and Hodges. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:08am.

Shelley Dickerson, County Clerk and Secretary to the Board

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