

April 28, 2003

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order this 28th day of April, 2003, in the conference room of the County Office Building by Chairman Leroy Krohmer. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Leroy Krohmer, Chairman
Denise Heavner, Vice-Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
Saundra DeSelms, Member
Bill Graves, Member
Rhonda Hall, Member
George Skinner, Member

Member F. DeWayne Beggs was absent.

Others present were: Roy Bugher, Don Wood, Tammy Howard, Terron Manning, Vickie Johnson, Jim McBride, and Deidre Ebrey.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2003, and there being no additions or corrections, Denise Heavner moved that the minutes be approved. George Skinner seconded the motion.

The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Saundra DeSelms, yes; Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; George Skinner, yes.
Motion carried.

George Skinner moved, seconded by Denise Heavner, to approve the following Transfers of Appropriation.

- a. From General Government Maintenance & Operation, R2, \$13,516.00, to Sheriff's Board of Prisoners, B2B.
- b. From General Government Courthouse Security, R3BS, \$45,493.85, to Sheriff's Personal Services, Full Time, B1A, \$41,734.65; Sheriff's Personal Services, Part Time, B1B, \$3,491.20; and Sheriff's Maintenance and Operations, B2A, \$268.00.

The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Saundra DeSelms, yes; Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; George Skinner, yes.
Motion carried.

Chairman Krohmer called for the presentation by Vickie Wilson, Cleveland County Budget Maker, regarding Cleveland County's FY 2003/2004 Budget, Estimated Revenues, etc. Ms. Wilson stated that the Excise Board had already approved this and it is time to start balancing. There is \$18,167,335.00 to budget. Last year the final budget was \$18,104,518.00 so this is just an increase of \$62,000.00 over what was received last year. Ms. Wilson stated that the estimate of needs was \$20,817,000.00.

Denise Heavner, County Assessor, stated that she asked Ms. Wilson to be very conservative with the budget because she does not see as much growth as has been in the past.

Saundra DeSelms stated that this was not the final budget the Board would not know that until sometime in August or September.

Dorinda Harvey asked that everyone close out any purchase order that they are not going to use early in June in order that there can be a larger fund balance the end of June.

It was also discussed that this building might cost more than was anticipated and Bill Graves, stated that the architects were suppose to be here next week for a presentation. The architects, are also going to ask if there are people like the District Attorney's Office that could move out to another building because the more of this building that can be worked on for remodeling at the same time they are working on the two new floors the less it was going to cost. The architects are supposed to have an amount to see if it is going to be worth renting something. Not only will this cut the time involved but it will cut the amount of money.

Chairman Krohmer stated that if you move the District Attorney's Office out you are talking about a lot of money for rented space.

George Skinner wondered if there was a building large enough around here to hold everybody. More discussion took place.

Chairman Krohmer stated that this discussion needed to wait until Ms. Wilson was through with her presentation.

Ms. Wilson stated that it was now up to the Budget Board to balance the budget.

Chairman Krohmer called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to adopt Cleveland County's FY 2003/2004 Budget.

George Skinner moved, seconded by Dorinda Harvey, to budget back to what each office had as of the final budget last year, except for the District Attorney's Office who only asked for \$12,000.00 this year (which is \$78,000.00 less than last year) and to put any remaining money in the Capital Improvement Account.

Bill Graves stated that last year's budget did not include approximately \$200,000.00 for GASB 34.

The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Saundra DeSelms, yes; Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; George Skinner, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Krohmer called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to participate in the Long-term Care insurance from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Chairman Krohmer stated that personally he thinks that since there was a shortfall in the budget that this item might be looked at a little later when the Board get more deeply into the budget, but let Jim McBride do his presentation.

Mr. McBride went over the benefits of long-term care again and stated that he had gotten the age census from Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk. Mr. McBride gave some of the price ranges that could be chosen from and the years of service that we could choose from. Mr. McBride stated that the figures were high because he accidentally put in part time employees, but he will get corrections made. He would rather give the Board a high figure than a low one.

There has to be at least 100 participates in order that it is guaranteed issue.

Chairman Krohmer asked if the Board wanted to take any action on this item and Saundra Deselms stated that she thought the Board really needed to look at the budget.

Denise Heavner moved, seconded by Sandra DeSelms, to strike discussion, consideration, and/or action to participate in the Long-term Care insurance from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company.

The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Sandra DeSelms, yes; Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; George Skinner, yes.

Motion carried.

Mr. McBride asked if he needed to come back in about two or three months and several board members stated yes when we were into the budget a little deeper. Mr. McBride stated that as long as the Board is interested he would keep coming back.

Chairman Krohmer called for Presentation by Don Wood, Norman Economic Development Coalition and Deidre Ebrey, Moore Economic Development.

Don Wood, Norman Economic Development Coalition, stated that the Board just gave him the perfect entry speaking about the budget and that the county does not see as much growth as has been seen the past years. Mr. Wood continued saying about six year ago this coalition was formed and it is a joint project with the University of Oklahoma, City of Norman, and the Norman Business Communities via the Norman Chamber of Commerce. Each entity puts \$75,000.00 a year in the program. The County had an economic development program many years ago and Mr. Woods has seen some of the literature that was put out and it was a very well done. What he and Deidra Ebrey (with the City of Moore Economic Development) are here to talk about is the County participating with the economic development entities that are across the county. Specifically in Norman the Norman Economic Development Coalition and Moore is now getting into economic development in a big way. He thinks what they do is a service to the County because if the County continues to grow then the County will see increased revenues. He thinks a program can be developed to keep it fair to everybody, as there are county residents in Little Axe, Noble etc. Total amount of money for the County would be \$150,000.00 a year and that would give the County a per capita amount across the board countywide.

Deidre Ebrey reiterated what Mr. Woods had said and stated that they would be good steward of the money and hopefully give back ten fold at least.

Mr. Woods explained how he came up with the \$150,000.00 and stated that was not a hard number. He stated that there are other things that they could use money for but the \$150,000.00 is the whole thing.

Chairman Krohmer stated that Cleveland County has been in the Economic Development business for the last ten years and gave examples of what had been done. Chairman Krohmer stated that he had spoken with the County's Legal Counsel and the County cannot do for just Norman or Moore it has to be countywide and George Skinner stated that they are talking about countywide economic development.

Mr. Woods just asked for some consideration when the budget is done.

There being no further business to come before the Board, George Skinner moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rhonda Hall seconded the motion.

The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Sandra DeSelms, yes; Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; George Skinner, yes.

Motion carried.