

September 8, 2003

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order this 8th day of September, 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
F. DeWayne Beggs, Member
Saundra DeSelms, Member
Bill Graves, Member
Rhonda Hall, Member
George Skinner, Member

Others present were: Susan Moffit, Donna Roberts, Tammy Howard, Paula Roberts, and Terran Manning.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2003, and there being no additions or corrections, Denise Heavner moved that the minutes be approved. Saundra DeSelms seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Denise Heavner, to approve the following transfer of appropriation:

- a. From Election Board Travel, SL1C, \$101.90, to Election Board Personal Services Part Time, SL1B.

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

Chairman Krohmer called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on FY2003-2004 Budget. A lengthy budget discussion took place, and the OSU Extension Center was discussed in depth. The money that the Extension Center gets from Oklahoma State University is being cut. A letter that all Officials had received from Joe Benton, Extension Educator, requesting an additional \$45,000.00, was discussed and Rhonda Hall Court Clerk stated that Mr. Benton told her that the Extension Center needed the additional money in order that no staff would have to be cut. Difference way were discussed how to fund the Extension Center. Chairman Krohmer stated that the only problem he had with the

Extension Center was that at this time they are using Susan Moffit, an employee (educator/home economist) at Cleveland County Extension Center in McClain County to help them and he hopes that does not last too long if Cleveland County is going to fund them. McClain County needs to pay their share.

Ms. Moffit explained to the Board that to try to alleviate the budget problem in Stillwater, (OSU) they offered early retirement and the educator/home economist in Oklahoma County retired, the one in McClain County has retired, and the one in Grady County quit, so Ms. Moffit has been asked to answer telephone calls in Oklahoma County and McClain County. In the past there was a system to trade lessons with Garvin and McClain County and they reciprocated but right now they don't have an educator in McClain County so Ms. Moffit has done programs for them. Ms. Moffit stated that no position is being filed in these counties because of the budget situation.

Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk, asked Ms. Moffit about her salary, since Cleveland County is paying her but she is going to other counties and Ms. Moffit stated that she had asked about it and the plan is that the other counties will pay her travel (but it hasn't been done yet) but her salary has not been talked about.

Chairman Krohmer stated something might have to be done he doesn't mind helping out but it shouldn't be permanent.

Denise Heavner, Assessor, stated that if this is a temporary situation she would say no problem, but if not.

Ms. Moffit stated that the Extension Center would not know anything until after October.

Saundra DeSelms stated that Cleveland County's Budget is due now. A supplemental was discussed and a transfer of funds at a later time to the Extension Center.

Discussion took place as to whether each department would come in and do a presentation and Ms. DeSelms stated that everyone was going back to last years budget.

Denise Heavner stated that she hoped there would be no expectations as not much could be done.

The Fair Board was also discussed in length and Ms. DeSelms stated that the Fair Board did have CD's.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Rhonda Hall, to take the District Attorney to \$12,000.00, because he did not request any additional money, give the Extension Center an additional \$30,000.00 with a possibility when the County is 90% collected giving them an additional \$15,000.00 reducing Capital Improvement to \$1,050,274.16, adding to the County Audit as per statute \$5,042.27, reducing the Free Fair by \$132,500.00 (putting them back to what they had in 2001-2002) and put everything else in Capital Improvement for a total budget increase of \$874,816.43 and other than that everybody going back to what they had last year.

Bill Graves asked about GASP34, if funded it will be taken from General Government.

The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, no; Saundra DeSelms, yes; Bill Graves, yes (after the motion was repeated); Rhonda Hall, yes; George Skinner, no.

(Both F. DeWayne Beggs and George Skinner stated the reason they voted no was that they think each department needed to present a proposal.)

Motion carried.

George Skinner stated that he was at the ACCO meeting over the weekend and Randy Robinson who is with ACCO made a comment to Dave Herbert that many new legislatures will be coming in after 2004 that will not know anything about county government. So he went to the Senate Pro Temp Cal Hopson and Adair of the House and it is now mandatory that each new representative or senator that comes into office has to go through a day of training on county government.

Saundra DeSelms stated that she had received an e-mail from Jerry Stone that had something to do with a study combining county and municipal governments.

Dave Herbert had also talked with Don Nickles and Tom Cole about the new rules of the IRS on the County vehicles and the cell phones.

Dave Herbert was given several compliments on his good work.

Denise Heavner stated that the County was supposed to provide a gift for CODA.

Dorinda Harvey stated that the Board received a very nice thank you card from Chairman Krohmer.

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

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