

October 27, 2003

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order this 27th day of October, 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: Judge William Hetherington, Judge Robert Bailey, Terron Manning, Tammy Howard, Donna Roberts, Pam Strawn and Judge Lori Walkley.

After the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of October 21, 2003, and there being no additions or corrections, George Skinner moved that the minutes be approved. F. DeWayne Beggs seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Krohmer called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on Temporary Funding for the additional Judges Secretary and called upon Judge William Hetherington.

Judge Hetherington stated that this has come about because of the new District Judge position that the legislature created. But funding for a secretary/bailiff would not be available until the next legislative session, which would be 2004-2005. Judge Walkley the new District Judge has no secretary/bailiff. Judge Hetherington explained what has happened in order to have a Court Reporter by having the Court Fund the AOC's Office increase the pre diem days for court reporters so there are additional days for coverage for a court reporter, but money has to be received for a temporary position through the Associate District Judges Budget to be able to get Judge Walkley through till the legislature approves a full time position. His hope is that the legislature will approve a full time position for her the next session both for a secretary/bailiff and court reporter, but Judge Hetherington will not guarantee that.

Rhonda Hall, Court Clerk, stated that the yearly salary paid by the state for a secretary/bailiff is \$22,454.00 and that is without benefits and with benefits for eight months would be \$20,400.00.

Chairman Krohmer stated that this money would have to come out of Capital Improvements.

Judge Hetherington stated that the other money being asked for is for raises for Kim and Cheryl (Judge Lucas' and Judge Hetherington's secretaries) and they would also like that considered if possible, but if not, that is up to the Budget Board.

Chairman Krohmer stated that since it wasn't a budget item he doesn't see how raises could be given right now and discussion took place. Chairman Krohmer stated that there is nothing that can be done about it today because it is not on the agenda, but he does not see how we can pay for salary increases or raises out of the building fund if it wasn't budgeted.

Saundra DeSelms asked if this would be picked up next year by the State and Judge Hetherington stated that he hopes so, but he can't guarantee anything. All of the legislative people from this county are aware of the situation.

George Skinner moved, to approve temporary funding for the additional Judges Secretary in the amount of \$20,400.00 coming out of the building fund (Capital Improvement). Rhonda Hall 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.

Judge Hetherington and Judge Walkley thanked the Budget Board.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Saundra DeSelms, to approve the following Transfer of Appropriation:

- a. From General Government Capital Improvement, R3B, \$75,000.00, to General Government Courthouse Security, R3BS.
- b. From General Government Capital Improvement, R3B, \$80,000.00, to Free Fair Capital Outlay, SF3.

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

Motion carried.

Saundra DeSelms asked about the parking at the Health Department when the move it made and was told that there is plenty of parking.

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