

March 14, 2005

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 605 E. Robinson, Norman, Oklahoma, by Chairman George Skinner. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

George Skinner, Chairman  
Denise Heavner, Vice-Chairman  
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary  
F. DeWayne Beggs, Member  
Saundra DeSelms, Member  
Bill Graves, Member  
Leroy Krohmer, Member

Member Rhonda Hall was absent at roll call.

Others present were: Christine Brannon, Gary Anderson, Tammy Howard, and Donna Roberts.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2005, and there being no additions or corrections, Denise Heavner moved that the minutes be approved. Saundra DeSelms seconded the motion.

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

(Rhonda Hall entered the meeting during the following presentation.)

Chairman Skinner called for presentation by Gary Anderson, with Strategic Employee Benefit Plan.

Mr. Anderson passed out packets to each Board Member and stated that his company would like to compete for the counties employees' health insurance plan this next year. Strategic Employee Benefit Plan is a brokerage and they represent every "A" rated carrier in the State of Oklahoma, Aetna, Principal, and Blue Cross. They have been in the private market for several years and recent legislation has allowed them to get into the public market. They are able to give employees their option of what they want, HMO's, PPO's, and a First Dollar HRA Plan. He thinks they can offer a better plan and better service than Healthchoice.

Mr. Anderson stated that a lot of cities have gone to private plans, but he doesn't see a lot of counties doing it. Counties have Healthchoice or Oklahoma Public Employees Health and Welfare Plan (which is a self funded plan). His company would like the opportunity to compete with Healthchoice and if his company can offer us a better deal and if it can't we have the option to stay with Healthchoice.

Denise Heavner, County Assessor, stated she thought we only did this once a year and it was on a calendar year basis.

Leroy Krohmer, County Commissioner, asked about prescription drugs and Mr. Anderson stated that it just depended on the carrier. Mr. Anderson went over some of the prescription options and explained the First Dollar HRA Plan. Mr. Anderson stated some more of the options that his company can offer, including private plans for some county employees that could save them money for their dependents.

Saundra DeSelms, County Treasurer, asked about figures and Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk, stated that this was just a presentation.

Mr. Anderson stated that he would like the opportunity to do this and at this point he cannot tell the Board if his company would even be able to beat Healthchoice, but whenever the appropriate time rolls around all he needs is the information from us regarding the plan. He does need permission from the Board to go to Healthchoice and get the claims information and he would get the information and give the Board a quote. All he is wanting is the opportunity to give the Board a quote and if he can give us a better deal than he thinks it would be to the Board interest and if he can't he will go away and try again next year.

Mr. Anderson stated that one of the things that has blocked a lot of private companies from going into this market is the fact that a lot of companies will not accept retirees on a group plan. The people that he quotes for do accept retirees.

Dorinda Harvey stated that if the County changes it has to take all of the retirees back and the County would have to handle them. Ms. Harvey also stated that Mr. Anderson has a copy of the contract from OPERS and if he signs the contract (and the County goes with his company) the (retired) employee would get the \$105.00. (Clerk's Note: The \$105.00 is the amount that the Retirement Systems pay to the State for the retirees' health insurance.) Mr. Anderson explained to the Board how the \$105.00 would be handled coming from the State. Saundra DeSelms didn't think that the County could go back with the State if we changed and Mr. Anderson stated that the County could go back with the State after a year.

Mr. Anderson stated that he thought we get our rates from Healthchoice about the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August and Ms. Harvey stated the last of August or the first of September. Mr. Anderson wanted to know if it was all right if he contacted the Board around that time?

Chairman Skinner stated that would be fine.

Mr. Anderson wanted to know if he would contact Ms. Harvey and Chairman Skinner stated that Ms. Harvey would present it to the Board.

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

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