

Before the meeting was called to order a proxy was given to Chairman George Skinner, from member F. DeWayne Beggs, authorizing Eddie G. Thomason, to represent him as a voting member in his absence.

September 2, 2005

The scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order this 2nd day of September, 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
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
Eddie G. Thomason, (voting for member F. DeWayne Beggs)
Saundra DeSelms, Member
Bill Graves, Member
Rhonda Hall, Member
Leroy Krohmer, Member

Vice-Chairman Denise Heavner and Member F. DeWayne Beggs were absent.

Others present were: Christine Brannon, Lisa Winters, Terran Manning, Donna Roberts, Sherry Robertson, Tammy Howard, Wayne McPherson, Susan Moffit, Annette Pretty, Paula Roberts, and Sheryl Marseilles.

Chairman Skinner called for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 22, 2005.

Bill Graves stated that he had some information that he would like to put in on it. It's a possible violation of the open meeting law, because it stated here "Chairman Skinner stated (in paragraph 3 on page 2) Ms. Wilson gave the Board the figures on the budget to get no raises and the Chairman goes to say the Board agreed that there would be no raises". Mr. Graves stated that there had been no agenda items about that and there was no roll taken on that. So if that stands that the Board agreed that is a violation of the open meeting law. Mr. Graves suggested and made a motion to approve the minutes and strike paragraph 3, 4 and 5, down to where the Chairman made a motion to adjourn and Saundra DeSelms seconded the motion.

Chairman Skinner asked Mr. Graves if he conversed with Mr. McDanel (Assistant District Attorney that represent the County) if this would be a violation.

Mr. Graves stated that he did not; he didn't need to because it stated that the Board agreed and there have been no agenda items for the Board to vote on and to agree...

Chairman Skinner stated we didn't vote.

Saundra DeSelms stated wasn't that just miscellaneous discussion and Chairman Skinner stated yes.

Leroy Krohmer asked if Chairman Skinner had the agenda of the meeting that Mr. Graves was talking about?

Mr. Graves stated that there was no other agenda's that had it on there. The one for June 27th, which that was suppose to have been it right here.

Mr. Krohmer stated that is the one you don't want to approve, 4, 5, and 6.

Mr. Graves stated paragraph 3, 4, and 5, down to where the Chairman made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Krohmer thought Mr. Graves was speaking of items not paragraphs and said he misunderstood.

Rhonda Hall said wasn't the Board just stating what had been agreed earlier not that you had agreed that day, this was something that had been agreed earlier.

Saundra DeSelms stated that Mr. Graves was saying nothing was agreed on earlier. Ms. DeSelms stated she didn't know she would have to look at the prior minutes she doesn't know what was said.

Rhonda Hall stated that it were sometime in June.

Chairman Skinner stated why doesn't the Board table the move to approve the minutes until the next meeting.

Leroy Krohmer asked if that was a motion and Chairman Skinner stated yes.

Leroy Krohmer seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Skinner called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on FY2005-2006 Budget. Chairman Skinner stated that the Board is going to listen to everyone's proposals. The Board had budgeted the first of July to last year's figures and there is \$290,000.00 more this year. Chairman Skinner gave the Board some figures as to the remodeling; the change orders has amounted to \$1,302,774.01, plus 33%, 26% goes to the contractor and 7% goes to the architect, Kaighn and Associates has been paid \$643,273.31, Nashert has been paid \$6,353,064.12 and each time they pour concrete it has to be tested and Standard Testing and Engineering has been paid \$13,735.50. We are also paying the electric bill that wasn't in the bid and miscellaneous so far is \$328,019.23, and we are going to have to pay for the move back and the resetting up of the phone system. Plus the Commissioners were given an estimate for drilling the shaft for the fourth elevator was going to run \$26,000.00 and something.

Leroy Krohmer stated if the Board finds that Nashert should have been paying the electric bill, the Board needs to try and collect along with 25%.

Chairman Skinner stated that he tried on some of the other change orders that were in the County's favor, getting the 33% back and he was informed that was not in the contract.

The first is the District Attorney and it is \$12,000.00 like it has always been.

The next is the Sheriff Department. Eddie Thomason, Undersheriff, stated that they have handouts (Explanation of budget increase) justifying as to why and if the Board has any questions they will try to answer. The fuel situation is also coming up.

Saundra DeSelms asked about a break down for the Courthouse Security?

Ms. Robertson asked per deputy and Ms. DeSelms stated yes and that way the Board can figure out what that account needs for next year.

Dorinda Harvey asked if the Board ever received a cost as to what it actually cost to run the jail and that has been requested several times.

Mr. Thomason stated that as far as he knew they did not have that yet.

Ms. Harvey suggested that the Sheriff's Office make a sub-account and put all of the jail operations in it and do the same with the cash funds that are used for the jail.

Mr. Thomason stated that maybe the only real way that there is going to be an exact accounting as to what it is.

Ms. Robertson stated they use CFBRE2 and some other cash funds for the jail.

Ms. DeSelms asked Undersheriff Thomason if the amount on the handout is over (\$384,000.00) what the Sheriff's Office asked for last year and Undersheriff Thomason replied right.

The Records Room was also a need for the Sheriff's Office.

Leroy Krohmer asked about the \$200,000.00 for Pott County and asked if the Sheriff's Office doesn't collect some of this back.

Undersheriff Thomason stated that unless the court orders this, the D.A. has to request and the court has to order that.

Rhonda Hall stated they get some but the Judges do not order that in every case.

Dorinda Harvey stated that they get the money cities and town back and Undersheriff Thomason stated that goes into the fund that goes to Pott County and that will probably be depleted.

Ms. Robertson stated that goes into the cash fund she was speaking about and she named the cities, towns and the U.S. Marshall Service that they received money from that went into that account. Fuel cost was discussed and new cars for the Sheriff's Office.

Sandra DeSelms, County Treasurer, stated she would go back to last years budget.

Chairman Skinner asked Donna Roberts if the Commissioners would be all right going back to last year figures and she replied yes.

Leroy Krohmer asked about the move back and Ms. Roberts stated that comes out of General Government.

Tammy Howard spoke of the wiring for the telephones and computers and that she was meeting with a gentleman next week to do a walk through and hopefully get some cost. She had already done a walk through with a man from Southwestern Bell and the man did not have good news, he said it would be expense.

Chairman Skinner stated we would have a rough estimate before the budget was finalized. The new estimated for us moving back is March 1st so six month more rent will have to be paid here.

Susan Moffit, Director of OSU Extension Center, would go back to last years.

Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk, would go back to last years.

Sandra DeSelms, spoke for Denise Heavner, County Assessor, and stated she thinks Ms. Heavner would be willing to go back to last years, except for money for new desks.

And on the visual inspection Ms. DeSelms thinks we have to give Ms. Heavner what she asked for on that.

Rhonda Hall, Court Clerk, stated she would go back to last years.

On General Government, Donna Roberts stated that could go back to last years.

Capital Improvement will be what is left over.

Ms. DeSelms asked how many more employees would be needed for Courthouse Security. Eddie Thomason asked how many more Judges was going to be added and Rhonda Hall, Court Clerk, stated that the ability is there to add one.

Mr. Thomason doesn't have those figures right now.

The estimate is \$100,000.00 more than last year.

Ms. DeSelms thinks we need to pay the deputies out of Courthouse Security instead of transferring it as the County's Budget Maker had called Ms. Harvey thinking there was more income than there really was. Ms. DeSelms stated her tax warrant may also have to be done that way.

Chairman Skinner stated Highway General would go back to last years.

Chairman Skinner stated there is nothing that can be done with County Audit.

Dorinda Harvey stated that she had spoken with Jeff McMahan, State Auditor, on Tuesday and he told her he would get right back with her and she has not heard from him. If the Board does not get what was requested the Board will have to give County Audit \$44,268.92 more.

Rhonda Hall, Court Clerk, wants to do the Law Library and District Court at the same time. She needs to take \$1,000.00 from District Court and move that to the Law Library. She is not using any more money she just needs to change District Court to \$114,000.00 and add that \$1,000.00 to the Law Library.

Wayne McPherson, with the Fair Board, stated they will go back to last years.

Sheryl Marseilles, CASA, will go back to last years.

Paula Roberts, Election Board Secretary, stated they are not asking for anything more this year. There was an increase state mandated for her salary and the assistant's salary, the increase for provisional voting, and there will be two state elections this year and two next year.

Donna Roberts, presented Building Maintenance, and stated that when we move back Bob Wood would need two more employees.

Tammy Howard, Purchasing Agent, is only asking for what she had last year.

Lisa Winters, Youth & Family, will go back to last years, but she does have a concern about her agencies van.

Dorinda Harvey stated that the Excise/Equalization Board will go back to last years.

Chairman Skinner appointed Denise Heavner, Sandra DeSelms, Leroy Krohmer, and Dorinda Harvey, to serve on a committee to work on the budget. If someone would like to step in then one of those can step out.

Dorinda Harvey moved to adjourn.

Paula Roberts, spoke about the election for the 911 cellular and other counties have spoken about it, but if all of the counties could get together and postpone it until the primary election it would save \$45,000.00 for this county.

Chairman Skinner stated that ACOG would be here a week from Monday to do a presentation. It was discussed how this was needed and how it would work.

Dorinda Harvey withdrew her motion to adjourn and moved to table discussion, consideration, and/or action on FY2005/2006 Budget until the next meeting. Leroy Krohmer seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Motion carried.