

March 13, 2006

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order this 13th day of March, 2006, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 605 E. Robinson, Norman, Oklahoma, by Chairman Leroy Krohmer. Roll was called by Christine Brannon, Deputy County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Leroy Krohmer, Chairman
Saundra DeSelms, Vice-Chairman
F. DeWayne Beggs, Member
Bill Graves, Member
Rhonda Hall, Member
Denise Heavner, Member
George Skinner, Member
Christine Brannon, Acting Secretary

Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary was absent.

Others present were: Sarita Scott, Judge Lori Walkley, Tammy Howard, John Hancock, Ben Graves, and Jim Helm.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 27, 2006, and there being no additions or corrections, Bill Graves moved that the minutes be approved. Denise Heavner seconded the motion.

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

Saundra DeSelms moved, seconded by George Skinner to approve the following Transfer of Appropriations:

- a. From OSU Extension Center, Personal Services, E1A, \$2,400.00, to OSU Extension Center, Maintenance and Operations, E2.
- b. From General Government, Maintenance and Operations, R2, \$12,716.00, to Sheriff's Board of Prisoners, B2B.
- c. From Sheriff's Service Fee, Maintenance and Operations, CFB2, \$7,500.00, to Sheriff's Service Fee, Personal Services, CFB1A.

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

Tammy Howard stated Bob Wood had a meeting with the Judges and Mike Kelly (Architect) and they came back with the date of being up and operational in the renovated facility of May 15th.

Judge Walkley stated at that meeting she told them she needed a date whatever it is give her a date and they said April 28th and she asked what April 28th meant, is that punch time is that computers up. She was told that means punch time, does not include computers, phones, and things like that. Which she said they told her those are things that could be done while they are doing punch. She told them she needed to be in her office able to have court June 1st. May 15th was chosen which gave two week soft on their end and two weeks soft of the counties end in case something else happened. That is the County Building up and ready to go.

Tammy Howard stated what she was requesting is that the County close two to three days, there was three days when the County moved out of the building because it fell on a holiday weekend. Computer systems and everything is going to have to be completely shut down and then physically moved again. If that can be accomplished during the day hours it is cheaper than it being handled overnight as was done in the past. Closing those two days would give time to move the major components of each office. Things that are not being used could be moved early, but time is still needed to move the major things. It was discussed how it had been handled in the past when the offices moved out of the County Office Building and how some things could be moved early. Ms. Howard was also concerned about the entrances into the newly remodel building, but stated one thing that would help is that there are now two elevators.

Judge Walkley stated that if we take possession May 15th that we might want to schedule the move after that and stated she needed to be in the building before the next jury term, which is the last two weeks of June.

Tammy Howard stated the County could not move in the last two week of June because it is just too chaotic with the end of the fiscal year and beginning of a new one.

Discussion took place as to what could be moved in early and Ms. Howard stated the only thing is, you don't want to move too much in before the punch list is complete.

Leroy Krohmer said it would be best if nothing were moved before the punch list was completed, because if anything is skinned up they would say we did it and we would say they left it, so they need to be completely through before anything is moved.

Ms. Howard needs to get with the phone company, go out for bid for the move, mini blinds, etc. She has to get coordination to move copiers and other things. Ms. Howard also needs to know how many days can the County shut down and thinks it will take two to three days for the essential items

Discussion took place on closing May 17th, 18th, and 19th and up and operational on the 22nd.

George Skinner stated that Mike Kelly (the Architect for the Project) told the contractor to be through by the 15th even if they had to work nights and weekends to get it done, but the Board needs an update every week if that is going to be a true date.

Judge Walkley was concerned about the Courthouse and public access. The contractor wants to close down the first floor entirely (Court Clerk's Office).

Chairman Krohmer stated it was not bid that way.

Judge Walkley stated after looking at the contract the only thing the county is to pay for is to move the people from the north side to the south side. There is not anything else in the

contract about the county paying for anything. There is nothing in the contract about the contractor paying for it because it was bid with Ms. Hall (Court Clerk) staying where she is. Bill Graves stated that we go by the contract.

Judge Walkley is not sure about the public access to that floor while it is being worked on. Chairman Krohmer stated he thought they were going to work at night when the Court Clerk's Office wasn't occupied.

George Skinner stated he thinks they ought to work nights and weekends.

Judge Walkley stated the other part of the problem is the elevator will not be usable in the courthouse building. The back staircase and back elevator will be the only access to the first floor. There will be no elevator access to the courthouse building for about 8 weeks.

Leroy Krohmer wanted to know what the fire marshal would think about that.

Rhonda Hall stated someone told her that as long as it was just temporary we could get by.

Judge Walkley stated that for the 1st floor and 2nd floor there is only one ingress and egress, which would be the back staircase, not the little one (spiral one) but the other one, which is why they thought it would be better to put the public access in the basement, but who pays for that is the issue.

George Skinner stated the contractor can do it or the Commissioners can re-bid it. If the contractors can't fulfill their contract it can be re-bid.

It would be a big delay, but Judge Walkley stated the Judges sat at a meeting with the contractors and they didn't have a clue and Judge Hetherington stated to the contractors they didn't know what they were doing. The contractor has no clue how they are going to provide public access.

Rhonda Hall stated her office could probably move 10 to 12 people in different offices, but the problem is paying to put electrical outlet if needed, to move the phones, to drop the wiring for the computers, to move desks. That was not in the bid and Ms. Hall did not put it in her budget.

George Skinner stated if the contractor request Ms. Hall to do that then the contractor can pay for it and stay where you are.

Judge Walkley has another meeting with Kaighn (Architect) and Nashert (the contractor) next week, because they had no plan at all last week. Judge Walkley had also asked the contractor about different areas including the Law Library. She thinks the only ingress and egress to the Courthouse Building will be the south door and the basement door between the two buildings.

Discussion took place on the connecting link and the accessibility or non-accessibility of the elevators in the Courthouse Building.

Judge Walkley stated the contractor either pays or works around the Courthouse staff.

Tammy Howard stated a lot of what had been discussed today had been talked about upfront and the contractor has had since the bid award date to come up with a plan for the Court Clerk's side.

John Hancock, Assistant District Attorney, stated there were a couple of options, one is the Board's inclination is probably to try to renegotiate with Nashert, with some understanding about how this is going to be handled since there was no planning done. Mr. Hancock thinks one of the things the Board wants to ask is the reasons why they think they can't do the construction with the Court Clerk's Office in place. There maybe safety considerations that comes into play. He thinks that might be looked at and see if there are really actual reasons that are compelling for that. That he would do. The backup position is if worse comes to

worse is there is a contingent fee that is a part of this project and it could be that the contingent fee can be relied upon. He would take a look first at trying to negotiate an agreement with the company itself and its nice to have a fall back position.

Leroy Krohmer stated the Board tried to negotiate with the contractor before on the move and the contractor won't budge.

Rhonda Hall stated that move was going to be costly and this one is not going to cost nearly as much.

George Skinner told the Board that on March 22, 2006, the Association of County Commissioners is going to have a program on workers' compensation. It is going to be at the ACCO Building and starts at 10:00 A.M. and ends at noon. ACCO staff is going over a new contest they are going to have and that has been approved by the Attorney General. (Elected Official cannot participate.) Mr. Skinner explained the contest and the point system that will be used.

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

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

Motion carried.