

October 3, 2006

The scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order this 3rd day of October, 2006, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Office Building by Chairman Leroy Krohmer. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

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

Member Rhonda Hall was absent at roll call.

Others present were: Christine Brannon, Tammy Howard, Donna Roberts, Susan Moffat, Melinda Evett, Mike McDanel, Bryan Hall, Annette Pretty, Paula Roberts, Lisa Winters, Terran Manning, Patricia Weeks.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 25, 2006, 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; Saundra DeSelms, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Bill Graves, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; George Skinner, yes. Motion carried.

Member Rhonda Hall entered during the following discussion.

Chairman Krohmer called for discussion, consideration and/or action on the FY2006/2007 Budget.

Dorinda Harvey stated this was just tentative it could be changed. The reason for the amount in capital improvement is \$2,000,000.00 is for land for the new jail, \$1,500,000.00 has to be used to finish the courthouse, \$30,000.00 for the replacement of windows in the County Office Building, \$850,000.00 for a storage building with climate control and for environmental cleanup for the area that the county owns over on Apache.

Chairman Krohmer stated DEQ was going to take care of the cleanup; it will not cost the county.

It is felt that if the County has the land purchased for the new jail that a sales tax will pass easier if the public realizes the County is doing the very best of its ability to at least get the land purchased and all the sales tax is for the building of a jail.

Chairman Krohmer added that additional land will have to be purchased across the railroad tracks for the storage building, because there is not enough land there for a storage building as large as the County needs.

Dorinda Harvey moved that the budget be accepted as presented.

F. DeWayne Beggs asked about raises for employees and what percentages were given?

Dorinda Harvey stated she didn't figure hers on a percentage.

Leroy Krohmer stated he thought his was figured on 2 ½ percent.

Saundra DeSelms didn't figure hers on a percentage she just gave \$100.00 per person.

Mr. Krohmer stated he would retract what he said he didn't give a percentage it was the same amount that Ms. DeSelms gave and he gave his across the Board.

George Skinner stated his was up and down it wasn't just a flat raise.

Saundra DeSelms asked Ms. Harvey to explain the reason Charity was up so much and Ms. Harvey explained that she discovered a few weeks ago that county government couldn't give taxpayers money to 501C3's. Ms. Harvey called the Auditor's Office and they acknowledged that, she then called Mike McDanel, Assistant District Attorney, to tell him what the Auditor's Office had said. So everyone who is a 501C3 his or her money will have to be put into the Charity Account. There are very few statutes pertaining to county government giving to 501C3's or charitable organizations. If it wasn't for the Auditor's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and Mr. Krohmer helping, the County my not have been able to give to 501C3's. It is in the constitution of the State of Oklahoma that county government can't do this. The departments will get the same money but they won't have any accounts it all has to go through the Charity Account. The departments effected are CASA, Action, Women's Resource Center, and Youth and Family.

Mike McDanel stated he didn't know of any provision concerning the 501C3's he thinks the concern of the Auditor's Office was that these are private organizations not public organizations. His suggestion to the Auditor's Office was to place the funds for these accounts in the Charity Account for now and looking at how the funds can be disbursed to pass with the Auditor's Office. All are concerned about the entities that provide support for children, women, and people less fortunate in the county. There are a couple of statutes in spirit that support the idea but he thinks there is going to have to be some looking at how those funds are disbursed. Perhaps get some help from some other legal mines.

Lisa Winters explained her organization, the Youth and Family Center, and stated that she kept the shelter part of the Youth and Family Center in county government. So Cleveland County has never really given money to her 501C3. She doesn't co-mingle the funds. Ms. Winters stated she also received money for the State of Oklahoma through the Office of Juvenile Affairs because the amount that she gets from the County isn't even 50% of her shelter funding. The employees that she pays through the 501C3 are paid with the State of Oklahoma Funds. Ms. Winters complimented the new building.

Even after Ms. Winters' explanation Mike McDanel, Assistant District Attorney, still thinks her money needs to be put through the Charity Account.

Mr. McDanel thinks the County needs to document from those agencies and make a determination as to how the funds are being disbursed in such a way the auditor is comfortable with it so nothing is hanging over our head about it. He has no doubt those are

appropriate disbursement, but if there is some wrinkle, there needs to be some looking at before the county get involved. Mr. McDanel wants those agencies to work with him and the auditor on this.

Chairman Krohmer stated there was a motion on the floor to approve the budget as presented. Sherry Robertson stated that Ms. Harvey said this was just tentative and that it could be changed and Ms. Harvey explained to her that once it is voted on it will be the budget. Denise Heavner seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Dorinda Harvey asked that each department have their breakdown of how they want their funds divided to her by 5:00 P.M. today.

Paula Roberts, Election Board Secretary, complimented the Office on the newly renovated building.

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

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

Motion carried.