

March 26, 2007

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order this 26th day of March, 2007, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Office Building by Chairman Bill Graves. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Bill Graves, Chairman
Rhonda Hall, Vice-Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
Saundra DeSelms, Member
Rusty Sullivan, Member
Eddie Thomason, (Undersheriff, voting for Member F. DeWayne Beggs.)

Members Denise Heavner and George Skinner were absent at roll call.

Others present were: Christine Brannon, Tammy Howard, Donna Roberts, Dan Cary, Susan Moffat, and John Murrell.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2007, and there being no additions or corrections Rusty Sullivan moved that the minutes be approved. Rhonda Hall seconded the motion.

The vote was: Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Saundra DeSelms, yes; Rusty Sullivan, yes; Eddie Thomason, yes.

Motion carried.

Member Denise Heavner entered the meeting at this time.

Saundra DeSelms moved, seconded by Dorinda Harvey, to approve the Transfer of Appropriations as follows:

- a. From Commissioners Personal Services, D1A, \$15,000.00, to Commissioners Travel, D1C.
- b. From General Government Court House Security Personal Services, R3BS1A, \$5000.00, to General Government Court House Security Maintenance and Operations, R3BS2A.

The vote was: Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Saundra DeSelms, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; Rusty Sullivan, yes; Eddie Thomason, yes.

Motion carried.

Member George Skinner entered the meeting at this time.

Denise Heavner requested that a memo be sent out from the Commissioner's Office that employees not park at the meters, leave those spaces for the public.

George Skinner stated that two weeks ago it was mentioned to the Board about the amount of space that would be needed if there were a satellite office in Moore.

Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk, stated she had called the other counties that have satellite offices and the only ones at the satellite offices are the courts. None of the other counties offices are there.

Saundra DeSelms stated she talked to Butch Freeman, Oklahoma County Treasurer, and they did have a satellite office in Edmond, which is a large area, and he said they didn't have enough business to keep anyone busy.

Denise Heavner said she and Ms. DeSelms talked and there are certain times of the year that they might be able to put employees in Moore. Ms. Heavner doesn't think anyone is against trying it. Ms. Heavner stated that everything that is being heard from all of the other counties who have tried this before is that the other counties started out with all four offices having someone at the satellite location and in a short time they realized that the only one that was productive was the courts.

Ms. DeSelms stated Rhonda Hall, the Court Clerk, might be the one to talk to about the space, because the rest of us just might need a little space to use during tax time or protest time.

Rusty Sullivan asked if the other counties ran ads or anything like that to inform the public of a satellite office and he was told yes.

Rhonda Hall stated she had asked her IT department and 45 percent of the cases in the divisions she inquired about have an address in Moore or Oklahoma City. That is not to say the cases are going to get filed there. Ms. Hall thinks she needs sometime to figure out what the courts needs and how much space. She can see the first couple of years 2 or 3 people could handle it but if it grows like she thinks it might the courts are going to have to have a lot of room.

Ms. Heavner stated a lot of her office business can be done by mail or on the Internet, in the past it had to be done in person.

Ms. Hall said she hasn't been able to get with the Judges, but just what she is looking at she thinks she will need 2200 sq. feet. This is just for her area it does not include a courtroom or anything like that. Ms. Hall had figured in her 2200 sq. feet that would be enough room for Ms. Heavner and Ms. DeSelms to send a few people to Moore to work in the same area. Ms. Hall would like to have one big area, and that way when the other offices had people there they would not be isolated if there was a problem.

Ms. DeSelms asked about the financial side of this and how the City of Moore wanted the County to handle it.

George Skinner said the county would have to pay to build the space the county needs because the County can't rent space, remodel or add furnishings to some place that the county does not own.

Ms. Hall said she took a survey and Oklahoma County is the only one that gets their space free the others rent from the municipalities.

Dorinda Harvey stated this is something that we need to check with the Auditor's Office about. She agrees with Mr. Skinner and doesn't think we can rent.

Rusty Sullivan asked if the City of Moore was going to include a courtroom for their city judges?

Mr. Skinner stated we could share a courtroom.

Ms. Harvey asked how this was going to be paid for.

Eddie Thomason replied for the convenience of their citizens we shouldn't have to lease/rent anything. Discussion took place about how the space could be provided and if all of offices needed space.

Bill Graves (who had been away for a few weeks) stated he received a call on this subject and the first thing asked was why is the County going to move to the northern part of the county with everything. Mr. Graves said the caller told him, they understood there was negotiations being made with the City of Moore to build a courtroom and office space for Assessor, Treasurer and other people. The caller told Mr. Graves that Mr. Skinner had been negotiating with the City of Moore.

Mr. Skinner stated there were no negotiations they just talked about it.

Mr. Graves said the next question was, does Mr. Skinner have your permission or has the Board given him the authority to talk to the City of Moore about moving up there and buying into the building. Mr. Graves told the caller he hadn't been to a meeting were that was discussed. The next thing was where is the County going to get money to build a new jail up by York and to do all of this with the City of Moore. Mr. Graves told the caller that is something that will have to be discussed and he has not been involved with any negotiations with Moore. Mr. Graves said as Ms. Heavner was saying she was not sure it would be something now, with all of the computer stuff that would be feasible to do. Mr. Graves thinks this is something that needs to be thought about.

Mr. Skinner said this was just in the discussion stage no decision had been made. The question was if the County did this how much space would be needed.

Mr. Graves gave the Board an update on his health.

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

The vote was: Bill Graves, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Sandra DeSelms, yes; Denise Heavner, yes; George Skinner, yes; Rusty Sullivan, yes; Eddie Thomason, yes. Motion carried.