

CLEVELAND COUNTY BUDGET BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017

The special meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. this 23rd day of October 2017 in the Conference Room located at 122 E. Eufaula, Norman, by Chairman Darry Stacy. Tammy Belinson, County Clerk/Secretary, called roll and those present were:

Darry Stacy, Chairman

Jim Reynolds, Vice-Chairman

Tammy Belinson, Secretary

Rod Cleveland, Member

Harold Haralson, Member

Douglas Warr, Member

1st Deputy Court Clerk Terri Morrow, represented Marilyn Williams, Member

Marilyn Williams, Member, was absent.

Others present were: Assistant District Attorney Jim Robertson, Assistant District Attorney Heather Darby, Linda Atkins, Melinda Duke, Christi Morren, Alison Vinson, Bryan Jenkins, Brenda Hill, John Roberts and Billijo Ragland.

A. Items of Business:

1. Chairman Stacy called for discussion, consideration and/or action on the **Self-funding Employee Group Insurance.**

Tammy Belinson said they had a glitch in getting the insurance done and put through, due to not finding a company to cover the county on the stop-loss.

Rod Cleveland said, "Let's put it as a failure to provide our information from the State."

Darry Stacy said he thought what they got wasn't good and they wouldn't give it all to the county.

Rod Cleveland said it is a glitch because the county needs the historical data from way back and the current status is for 2017.

Tammy Belinson said the problem was they could only give the 2016 data to them and no data in 2017 for the Stop-loss folks. They are requesting to see the most recent information and it cannot be provided.

Chairman Stacy asked, "So how do we get that?"

Tammy Belinson said she spoke to their attorney at OMES, Office of management, Enterprise Services. The attorney informed her that the county could leave the program on July 1st, 2018 as suggested by Frank Roby. The county could do a mid-year switch over instead of a calendar year and then go to the calendar year after doing the switch. The county will have two option periods in 2018 basically. The county being turned down by nine different insurance companies shocked Frank Roby, Senior Advisor with Gallagher Benefits Operation.

Assistant District Attorney Jim Robertson said, “I think that one of the issues that you are going to find on stop-loss coverage is that for a couple of years our claims exceeded our premiums.”

Tammy Belinson said that was a big problem. Last year it was \$600,000 and the year before it was \$200,000 and that data did come from the State.

Assistant District Attorney Jim Robertson said he did not know how good a claim history the county will need to offset those significant losses. Now the premiums are at \$200,000 over and \$600,000 over. He said if the county has a good claim history in 2017 that may help; but there is no way to obtain that data until December 31, 2017 or January 1st, 2018, at the earliest.

Harold Haralson asked, “Are there numbers that you can rely on from OMES?”

Chairman Stacy said, “That is one of the questions that I asked.”

Harold Haralson said, “I mean it is in their interest to keep us not to let us go.”

Chairman Stacy said, “Well, not if we are going over would it?”

Jim Reynolds explained that part of the problem is that the information received from OMES is they are pooling everything on the medical and the pharmaceuticals. The county could have somebody that is under medication for something that cost \$70,000 a year and once they transfer to the self-insured program the county could get it for \$10,000 to \$15,000. There could be a lot of substantial savings in the breakdown between the pharmaceuticals and medical. Currently the county is \$600,000 over and once the numbers are in at the end of the year, it is easier to get the insurance within a few months.

Assistant District Attorney Jim Robertson advised the Board to wait on going self-insured for now.

Chairman Stacy asked how the county will fix the problem if they won't break it down for us.

Tammy Belinson said the idea of switching over July 1, 2018 is that on January 1, 2018, the county will write a letter to the State requesting our data, then Frank Roby

will immediately go out for quotes with that data and the county has a shorter time span of switching over on July 1, 2018. The data is current and it won't be the eight or nine months out.

Tammy Belinson said that the third-party administrator is the one that puts the data together or gives it to the State and then they give it to the county. That makes the county the middle-man.

Chairman Stacy what is the recommendation from The Budget Board to the Board of County Commissioners.

Tammy moved to **stay** with **Health Choice** from January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 and then go out for quotes again.

Jim Reynolds seconded the motion.

Vote: Darry Stacy, yes; Jim Reynolds, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Sheriff Todd Gibson, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Douglas Warr, yes; Terri Morrow, yes.

Motion carried.

After further discussion, Jim Reynolds **moved** to leave the three **Health Choices** options out there, including Health Choice Dental and collect the data.

Tammy Belinson said that most of the employees use VSP for their vision plan and recommended to stay with that company in hopes that VSP will provide informational data to the county.

Rod Cleveland said that a lot of people are on Delta Dental because it is a great plan.

Harold Haralson seconded the motion.

Tammy Belinson re-read the **motion** to offer all three of the Health Choice Plans; VSP for vision; Health Choice Dental; and remain the same on Life Insurance and Disability.

After further discussion, Jim Reynolds **amended** his **motion** to offer all three of the Health Choice Plans; VSP for vision; all three of the Delta Dental plans and Health Choice Dental; and remain the same on Life Insurance and Disability.

Harold Haralson seconded the motion.

The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Jim Reynolds, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Sheriff Todd Gibson, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Douglas Warr, yes; Terri Morrow, yes.

Motion carried.


B. There were no Budget Board Members discussions regarding County Business.

C. No public comments were made at this time.

- D. There being no further business to come before the Board, Tammy Belinson moved that the meeting be **adjourned** at 3:20 pm. Jim Reynolds seconded the motion.
The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Jim Reynolds, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes;
Rod Cleveland, yes; Sheriff Todd Gibson, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Douglas Warr, yes;
Terri Morrow, yes.
Motion carried.

(Clerk's Note: Agenda was posted on October 19, 2017 @ 2:14 PM.)

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CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA



Darry Stacy, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tammy Belinson, County Clerk and Secretary to the Board



Minutes Prepared by: 

Deputy County Clerk

