



## CLEVELAND COUNTY BUDGET BOARD

### MINUTES

**MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019**

The **special** scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order at 2:00 p.m. this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019 in the Cleveland County Office Building, 201 South Jones, Suite 200, by Chairman Rod Cleveland. Tammy Belinson, County Clerk/Secretary, called roll and those present were:

Rod Cleveland, Chairman  
Jim Reynolds, Vice-Chairman  
Tammy Belinson, County Clerk/Secretary  
Todd Gibson, Member  
Harold Haralson, Member  
Darry Stacy, Member  
Douglas Warr, Member  
Marilyn Williams, Member

Others present were: Assistant District Attorney Abby Nathan, Linda Atkins, Alison Vinson, Bryan Jenkins, Bryant Rains, John Roberts, Melinda Duke, Sarita Scott and Undersheriff Blake Green.

#### A. Items of Business:

1. **Chairman Rod Cleveland** called for discussion, consideration and/or action to approve the **Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget**.

Court Clerk Marilyn Williams said that she spoke to Brenda at AOC and was told that Justice Gurich would like Tomi off of county payroll and onto the state payroll.

Rod Cleveland said, "As long as they pick up her payroll."

Marilyn Williams said, "They will pick up her payroll and take a position away from me, so just to warn you guys. They have not done it yet."

Rod Cleveland said, "So it is not anything, we are paying one person for somebody."

Marilyn Williams said she wanted to make the Board aware of this and the county was paying Tomi's salary.

Tammy Belinson said that will bring the cut to eight instead of ten.

Rod Cleveland asked, "But we don't know. Is he expecting that starting in the fiscal year?"

Marilyn Williams said she will not know for sure until the later part of June 28, 2019.

Rod Cleveland suggested letting them know that on a certain date Tomi is on their payroll.

Marilyn Williams said, “I actually think that they would like that.”

Rod Cleveland said, “Well, the other thing, whatever Tomi makes compared to whatever position you have that you have to move over is it completely comparable or is it more or is it less?”

Tammy Belinson said, “What we could do is reapprove the Budget in October and then we will know by then. We could just take Tomi’s pay and put it in her budget in October.”

Rod Cleveland said, “We don’t have to do anything right now. We can just go ahead and tell them ‘yes’ and plan that and then in October just redo that to cover that.”

Tammy Belinson said, “So, we will take all liability of her, like her sick leave, vacation...”

Rod Cleveland said, “Yes, that was the other thing. Yes, make sure that goes with her.”

Marilyn Williams said, “Yes, all of that will go with her.”

Rod Cleveland asked, “Do we have to pay her out when...”

Tammy Belinson said, “Not if they assume it, if they take what she has on the books then we just transfer it to the State.”

It was discussed that the State will give the County a letter and it is a wash and the retirement should transfer to OPERS. Tammy Belinson said that OPERS can do an in house transfer if she is on the Court side.

Chairman Cleveland said that is taken care of for now.

Darry Stacy said, “So we all got the Estimate of Needs and sat down and went through it and I think that we’ve gotten with everybody that’s affected that on it and Tammy has put together the budget.”

Tammy Belinson said, “The only difference in mine and Rod’s really is just the personnel contingency.”

Rod Cleveland said that he has asked two legislators to help him with Health Choice and he has sent, again, a letter to two people, one to Holmes and one to Health Choice and now the two legislators have done the same thing in order to get better information. He said it is not going to happen for this year, but he has tried to follow up on that.

Darry Stacy said that he would like to present this budget with the personnel contingencies and numbers for FY2019/2020.

Sheriff Gibson moved, seconded by Marilyn Williams, to approve the budget.

Rod Cleveland said, “So, the one thing and what we are basically doing is taking out the Health Insurance, is that right?”

Darry Stacy said, “No...”

Rod Cleveland said that he means the personal benefits.

Darry Stacy said that they are leaving that in there.

Rod Cleveland said that Gallagher is not in there.

Darry Stacy said he is leaving what goes to Gallagher under employee benefits.

Tammy Belinson said that she added \$71,000.00 to employee benefits.

Darry Stacy said that he talked to Alison about giving them some options that they can look at in the future for dependent coverage and she will provide some options for everyone to look at. There is money for that in the future if they choose to do so.

Commissioner Stacy asked the Sheriff to amend his motion to state that anything above the total of \$48,389,494 go into Capital Outlay.

Sheriff Gibson moved to amend his motion to reflect the said Capital Outlay.

Tammy Belinson asked the Sheriff to add one more thing. Set the Public Hearing at the next Budget Board meeting, which is June 10, 2019, not June 1, 2019.

Sheriff Gibson moved to amend his motion to include setting the Public Hearing at the next available Budget Board meeting.

Marilyn Williams said, “I will second that.”

Sheriff Gibson said, “Good team work.”

Tammy Belinson explained the budget forms.

Sheriff Gibson said that he will rephrase his motion for the minutes.

Todd Gibson moved to **amend** the motion to **approve** the presented budget with any amounts incurred by evaluations that go above and beyond or any amount in excess of the projected FY2019/2020 budget total of \$48,389,494 to revert back to the Capital Improvement Fund and that they affirm this budget at the next available Budget Board meeting, June 10, 2019, for **Public Hearing**.

Marilyn Williams seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Tammy Belinson said she made everybody new top sheets. She told Sheriff Gibson that his was the only one that was not done.

Sheriff good-humoredly said he is not surprised, it seems to be a trend.

Tammy Belinson said that she would still be formatting, but did write his personnel contingency in his grand total there.

Sheriff asked if she wanted him to provide her with a fresh copy.

Tammy Belinson asked him to email that to her so she can save that to the templates with all of the others.

Sheriff said, “Okay.”

2. **Chairman Cleveland** said that “**Discussion, Consideration and/or Action to approve scheduling Public Hearing** for June 10, 2019, Cleveland County FY 2019/2020 Budget and **publishing the Notice of Public Hearing** on Wednesday, May 29, 2019” is combined with **Item No. 1**. Tammy Belinson said that she will take care of the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing.

3. **Chairman Cleveland** called for discussion, consideration and/or action in regards to the self-insured status of the **County Employee Insurance Benefit Program**.

Darry Stacy said, “I think that we already took care of that as well.”

Rod Cleveland said that the Board of County Commissioners approved the termination of Gallagher.

Darry Stacy said that they put that money into employee insurance and benefits and then they are going to stay with who they got for the time being. And options will be given to them in moving forward to see what all they can do.

Douglas Warr said, “When you say options, are we going to give employees more than once choice, the Health Choice?”

Darry Stacy said, “Health Choice does not offer more than one and so right now we are with Health Choice.”

Douglas Warr said, “Right.”

Darry Stacy said, “But as far as the options, what I am talking about is with that money that we were spending on the Gallagher contract and self-insurance, we are going to look at options of how we can divide that money up for employee dependent insurance.”

Douglas Warr said, “I am talking about down the road, if we are going to stay with Health Choice for a few years, maybe give our employees other options of insurances beside just Health Choice.”

Tammy Belinson said, “He wants to open it up back to where we have Global Health...”

Douglas Warr said, “I had several that were on different ones and if it cost more to the employee, they had to pay that difference than what we paid for Health Choice.”

Tammy Belinson said, “We paid to the amount of the Health Choice high. So if they went with one that was let’s say Health Choice was \$550 and they went with one that was \$575, they paid the difference. We can always revisit that.”

Darry Stacy said, “I don’t mind looking into that in the future.”

Douglas Warr said, “I would appreciate that.”

Tammy Belinson said, “The reason we went with Health Choice was to get our data. But if we are going to wait two or three years then...”

Douglas Warr said, “I would at least like to have options available and if it costs more than our standard amount, then they pay that difference, so we wouldn’t be out anything.”

Darry Stacy said, “We can have Alison look at that as well.”

Rod Cleveland said they are still trying to get good data and there are options in going forward.

Douglas Warr said, “If we can save money to be self-insured down the road, that’s great, while we can get numbers or something.”

Rod Cleveland said, “Yeah, because there really is no reason to keep paying Gallagher. They already assisted us with all the hard work right now by looking through the networks and the other things. So, we know a lot more than what we did three years ago. Now we know the questions to ask and before we didn’t even know the questions. We had no idea.”

Tammy Belinson asked if they will be contacting Gallagher to let them know that their services are no longer required, because they are still coming at her wanting survey information.

Darry Stacy said that Alison Vinson will do that for the Board.

Alison Vinson said she will give them a thirty day notice.

Darry Stacy said, “I would like to see where we are at and do a three to five year poll and I appreciate you very much getting that information; but, I have concerns that what we did get from Gallagher is that is going to be very high risk with little potential return, at least with where we are at with our numbers right now. If Health Choice is trying to make some changes to be more accommodating to what others are doing and we are able to put money back into our employees to assist with retention and recruitment, I would like to see how that goes and give it a shot. Now, I don’t mind looking also at some other health insurance choices, but I would really like to see if we can’t help our employees out with something that we know is a known factor of what we are capable to do for them.”

Rod Cleveland said, “But it has to stay within the Health Choice venue because of the retirees.”

Tammy Belinson said, “Well see like, if we have ten people on Global or something, and well, we couldn’t get that data, yeah, without a HMO or PPO.”

Harold Haralson said, “One of the things that I think that came out of this is, if we are to ever have a realistic chance to go self-insured, we are going to have work with the legislators to change the law about us and our retirees, because that was...”

Tammy Belinson said, “That would be great to take that date out of that statute so that they have to stay with them. There is no cutoff date. That would be great if you could get that done.”

Darry Stacy agreed that they need work legislatively to that end.

Harold Haralson said, “That is correct.”

Rod Cleveland said, “Why don’t we just put that down for next year’s legislative and get with Jacob and get a deal written up.”

Tammy Belinson asked, “Did you see my email that I sent you about OPERS retirement? We will have to look into that too. Even if they would give us back a small percentage of that, we could put that into a fund and have that fund built up. Then when these folks do leave that have 960 hours of sick leave, we could just pull from that fund and pay it. It’s just a thought. ”

Chairman Cleveland said, “Okay, I think that we have some direction there. I don’t think we need a motion, but we do have some direction.”

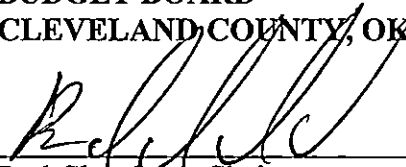
- B. During Budget Board Members** discussions about **County Business**, Tammy Belinson recommended closing out Blanket Purchase Orders that are not being used for the rest of the year. At that point, they can start the process of cleaning those up, because there are many open blankets.

C. No **comments** were made from the **public** at this time.


D. There being no further business to come before the Board, Harold Haralson moved that the meeting be **adjourned** at 2:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim Reynolds. The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Jim Reynolds, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Todd Gibson, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; Douglas Warr, yes; Marilyn Williams, yes.  
Motion carried.

(Clerk's Note: The agenda was posted Thursday, May 16, 2019 @ 12:28 P.M.)

**BUDGET BOARD  
CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

  
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Rod Cleveland, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Tammy Belinson, County Clerk and Secretary to the Board



Minutes Prepared by:   
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