

# CLEVELAND COUNTY BUDGET BOARD

## MINUTES

JULY 20, 2015

The **special** meeting of the Cleveland County Budget Board was called to order at 1:25 p.m. this 20th day of July 2015 in the conference room 200 of the Cleveland County Office Building by Chairman Rod Cleveland. Tammy Belinson, County Clerk/Secretary, called roll and those present were:

Rod Cleveland, Chairman  
Jim Reynolds, Vice-Chairman  
Tammy Belinson, Secretary  
Rhonda Hall, Member  
Harold Haralson, Member  
Rhett Burnett, representing Sheriff Joseph Lester, Member  
Darry Stacy, Member  
David Tinsley, Member

Sheriff Joseph Lester, Member, was absent.

Others present were: Assistant District Attorney Jim Robertson, Assistant District Attorney Heather Darby, Linda Atkins and Shelley Taylor.

### A. Items of Business:

1. Jim Reynolds moved, seconded by Darry Stacy, **to go** into **Executive Session** at approximately 1:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the following:  
Pursuant to 25 O.S. 2001 307 B.1, Discussion with Counsel regarding employment, promotion, demotion, salary, stipend, contract labor, disciplining or resignation of Tomi Walden, Rosalie Hall, Pamela Dominic, Jami Welbourne, Leanna Smoot, Karen Berry and any other positions being paid by the County District Court L1A Budget.  
The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Jim Reynolds, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Rhett Burnett, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; David Tinsley, yes.  
Motion carried.
2. At 2:35 p.m., Assistant District Attorney Jim Robertson said the meeting is back from **Executive Session**, during such time the Budget Board members only discussed what was on the agenda and took no action or votes on the following: Pursuant to 25 O.S. 2001 307 B.1, Discussion with Counsel about employment, promotion, demotion, salary, stipend, contract labor, disciplining or resignation of Tomi Walden, Rosalie Hall, Pamela Dominic, Jami Welbourne, Leanna Smoot, Karen Berry and any other position being paid by the County District Court L1A Budget.

Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Darry Stacy, to **reconvene** from Executive Session.

The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Jim Reynolds, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Rhett Burnett, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; David Tinsley, yes.

Motion carried.

Harold Haralson moved that the two current county employees be directed to report to the Board of Cleveland County Commissioners and to a designated member of the Board to report to and be responsible to and that they will be the last two employees hired in this particular capacity and that they will clock in and clock out in a manner designated by the County Clerk.

Rhonda Hall asked, “Are we going to add that if one left, then it would come to the Board to determine whether that position will be rehired?”

Harold Haralson replied, “I thought our discussion was that we wouldn’t be rehiring.”

Assistant District Attorney Jim Robertson said that technically, if it is after the Fiscal Year the Board would have to come back because the Board can’t bind so far in the future.

Chairman Cleveland said, “Subject to year to year budget.”

Harold Haralson said the motion expresses the intent.

Rhonda Hall seconded the motion.

The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Jim Reynolds, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Rhett Burnett, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; David Tinsley, yes.

Motion carried.

Harold Haralson moved that the current budget allocated to the Court remain as is, subject to the court determining the legality of its dispensation and subject to annual budget needs and to redirect the funds instead of going to individual employees, the Board will redirect it to District Court as authorized by state statute and they can set up their own accounts to process the payments.

Darry Stacy seconded the motion.

The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Jim Reynolds, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Rhett Burnett, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; David Tinsley, yes.

Motion carried.

Harold Haralson moved to approve payment to Karen Berry for the hours worked in June 2015.

Rhonda Hall seconded the motion.

Chairman Cleveland asked, “Do we want to reference the motion that we had that was done June 22, 2015 from that one meeting that we had, you know, where we back dated, can we reference that motion, to the previous motion made? We kind of suspended her with that motion so rescind that vote or make the motion to override...”

Tammy Belinson said no, this is a new motion specific to Karen Berry's hours worked for the month of June 2015.

Chairman Cleveland called for the vote.

The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Jim Reynolds, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Rhett Burnett, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; David Tinsley, yes.

Motion carried.

Tammy Belinson asked if the Board is going to appoint Jim Robertson to convey the Board's decision to the Judges.

After a brief discussion, Darry Stacy said, "Those two girls now report to Tammy and she is in total charge of it."

Rod Cleveland said, "Just for their hours."

Tammy Belinson said, "For payroll purposes. How are they going to keep their time?"

Harold Haralson said, "That is going to be determined as per the motion by Tammy."

Tammy Belinson said, "I will see if I can get them on the Jantek System."

David Tinsley said once installed they log in and out on the computer.

Tammy Belinson said she would like to present to the Budget Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting some awesome historical information found through research. One item found was the first Financial Statement from 1910 that revealed the main source of income back in that day was a fine for violating the liquor law.

Rod Cleveland said, "Now one of the biggest accounts we have is for selling liquor."

Tammy Belinson said the first seal which was called Third County was found, as well as the second seal that the Board approved.

Rod Cleveland said some folks need reminding that the county was here before statehood.

Tammy Belinson said, "And we are still the third largest county and we were the 'Third County' back then."

Chairman Cleveland said that he would speak to the Judges regarding the Board's action taken today.

- B.** There were no **comments** made from the **public**.
- C.** There being no further business to come before the Board, Darry Stacy moved that the meeting be **adjourned** at 2:45 p.m. Jim Reynolds seconded the motion.  
The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Jim Reynolds, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Rhonda Hall, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Rhett Burnett, yes.  
Motion carried.

(Clerk's Note: Agenda was posted on July 16, 2015 at 12:05 p.m.)