

November 30, 2005

The special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 605 E. Robinson, Norman, Oklahoma, by Chairman George Skinner. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

George Skinner, Chairman  
Leroy Krohmer, Vice-Chairman  
Bill Graves, Member  
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary

Others present were: F. DeWayne Beggs, Eddie Thomason, Sid Stell, Ben Graves, Tammy Howard, Randall Turk, and Jim Helm.

Chairman Skinner began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Skinner called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on the Presentation by Ben Graves from AIP.

Ben Graves, with Architects in Partnership, stated his firm has primarily done public work and about seventy-five (75) percent of his clients are repeat clients. Mr. Graves told the Board about projects he is currently working on including school. He stated that when he first started working with schools he thought they were the poorest clients in the state and that they were the worst funded of all the public institutions, then he started working with counties and he realized what poor really was. Mr. Graves stated he had done some work for LaFlore County and then his firm was selected to do their jail facility. His firm did the jail in Creek County. The jail study showed that Creek County needed 220 beds, there was a \$9,000,000.00 budget from the sales tax referendum that was passed and Mr. Graves explained what all was included in that jail. Mr. Graves stated the low bid for the Creek County jail was \$7.2 million and thought that there were fifteen (15) to eighteen (18) bidders. There was enough money left to complete 300 beds and then there was \$500,000.00 additional that was spent on a ground source heat pump system. The Creek County jail ran \$26,700.00 per bed. Mr. Graves explained the reason it was so efficient was that there was a lot of dormitory space in that jail. Mr. Graves went over the LaFlore County jail, it is running about \$35,000.00 per bed and \$300,000.00 was spent to make that jail concrete so two more stories could be added later and that would raise that jail to a 310 bed jail in the future. Mr. Graves stated in the last two month there have been four bond issues that have passed for jails in Oklahoma. In Pittsburg County they are doing a 175-bed jail and renovating the existing jail and explained what was being done. He has budgeted about \$40,000.00 per bed on that jail. Haskell County's bond issued passed and Seminole County is going to call for an election this spring. Seminole County gave Mr. Graves a maximum a one half cent to build a jail. Mr. Graves and his people sat down and tried to figure out how a jail that would have a basis core of 100 or so beds be expandable and service 300 in the future could be built with a one half cent restriction. Mr. Graves went over the Haskell County Jail that had the characteristics of the plan that Mr. Graves and his people figured out. Haskell County has

106 beds and can add more. Haskell County ran \$38,461.00 per bed. Custer County was \$62,000.00 per bed that is what they passed their bond issue for and in Payne County it was \$59,000.00 per bed. Mr. Graves thinks that if the citizens of Cleveland County were told that \$60,000.00 was going to be spent per bed that they would have a very difficult time with this. Mr. Graves pulled some information off of the Internet about Oklahoma County and he thinks that the demographics of Oklahoma County and Cleveland County are very similar and what they classify as low medium and minimum security, they have about 40% and he thinks those people could be candidates for dorms. Then the medium, high medium and maximum could be celled and that would be a big jump in doing a more economical facility. When this goes out for bid the jail cells will be bid three ways, because they don't know which will be the cheapest and Mr. Graves explained all three.

Leroy Krohmer asked if in the Counties that passed the sales tax was there another percentage in there to operate the jail?

Mr. Graves stated Pittsburg County and Haskell County did have additional percentage to operate their jail and he did not know about Custer County and Payne County, as he did not do those.

Chairman Skinner stated it seems that sales tax has been the most popular way of getting bond issued passed for jails and Mr. Graves stated he was not aware of any jail that was done by an ad valorem tax.

Mr. Graves stated a new jail needs to be on a single level that it is much more economical to staff it and more economical when in twenty years more beds are added.

In January NIC (National Institute of Corrections) has their jail design institute and the County can send two people at no cost but the architect has to pay his way. This is outside of Boulder, CO. and Mr. Graves would be glad to attend on behalf of the Commissioners if two other people are picked to go.

Chairman Skinner asked what action would the Board like to take on this item.

Leroy Krohmer and Bill Graves stated there needed to be a lot more talking, find out where the Board is going to go with this, the location, the size and how it is going to be financed.

Leroy Krohmer moved to strike. George Skinner seconded the motion.

The vote was: George Skinner, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Bill Graves, yes.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Leroy Krohmer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bill Graves seconded the motion.

The vote was: George Skinner, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Bill Graves, yes.

Motion carried.