

April 3, 2006

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order this 3rd day of April, 2006, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 605 E. Robinson, Norman, Oklahoma, by Chairman Leroy Krohmer. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

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

Others present were: Christine Brannon, Neil Vickers, F. DeWayne Beggs, Gerald Moody, Sid Stell, Tammy Howard, Gan Matthews, Jim Helm, Denise Ellison, Rhonda Hall, Carol Jones, Eddie Thomason, Glen Turner, Tim Kuykendall, Mike McDanel, Waldo Blanton, Gary Gardenhire, Randall Turk, Don Garrison, Terran Manning, Rusty Sullivan, Charles Broadway, Bob Wood, Susan Moffat, Dan Cary, Jane Cannon, Sylvia Martin, Judge Tom Lucas, Sandra DeSelms, Denise Heavner, Stan Lewis, Irby Taylor, and Rod Bottoms.

Chairman Krohmer began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2006, and there being no additions or corrections, George Skinner moved that the minutes be approved. Bill Graves seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Krohmer called for item #1 under new business, discussion, consideration, and/or action on the Jail Report from Neil Vickers.

Mr. Vickers stated during the period of March 23, thru March 29, there was an average of 147 prisoners held at the Cleveland County Detention Center. During that period the highest number held was 154 and the lowest was 137. Six prisoners were scheduled for transport to the Department of Corrections. Implementation of electronic monitoring as an alternative to jail time is ongoing with Oklahoma Court Services. Mr. Vickers has had discussions with the City of Norman, City Attorney's Office, and conducting discussion with Garvin County for placement of their long-term prisoners there. Three prisoners held for costs and fines only were brought to the attention of the judges. Two were returned to the Department of Corrections and the third was released, according to the judges' conditions. Mr. Vickers was involved in several interviews with television news stations concerning the jail and his efforts to curb the number of prisoners held in the jail. He will continue to monitor the jail and make recommendations as they come up.

George Skinner moved to accept the report of Mr. Vickers. Bill Graves seconded the motion. The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Bill Graves, yes; George Skinner, yes.
Motion carried.

Chairman Krohmer called for item #2 under new business, an update from Don Garrison, Supervisor, Jail Inspection Program, Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Mr. Garrison stated there was a discussion on February 6 about the problems in the jail and he laid down some groundwork as to what the Board of Commissioners needed to do and he sent a letter to them on February 7. He asked in that letter to outline the Board's plan and the time line for construction of a new jail and if that couldn't be done the health department was going to apply the Administrative Compliance Act. The Board replied and nowhere in the Board's letter was his letter addressed at all. The Board did give him a report on how the population of the jail had been reduced and Mr. Garrison stated the Board has to be commended for that; lots of people around the country have attempted to figure out how to reduce the population in their jail and most of them haven't been able to do that. Mr. Garrison takes it from the Board's answers that the Board understood that was the only violation in the jail that needed to be taken care of and that is not the facts. Mr. Garrison had his inspector do an inspection about two weeks ago and he is not sure if the Board has had a chance to look at the report or not. (Chairman Krohmer stated the Board did get a copy.) So The Board saw a great number of violations in the jail and by law there is nothing that the health department can do about it until sixty days after the Board has had the opportunity to correct all of those bad violations. Those noted violations will be sent out today to the Sheriff and of course the Board has to have a copy of it as a member of the Board has to sign it to say those violation are going to be corrected. So sixty day from tomorrow, another inspection will take place and Mr. Garrison will expect all of those violations to be corrected. If not the health department will pursue what he told the Board they had forty-five days to do. There are violations that have been there for a long time, the air conditioning/air ventilation systems at the jail, as he understands it has plenty of capacity but no ductwork to handle it and in some cases there is not much air circulation at all. He has complaints from down here that in the winter time its cold and in the summer time it's too hot. The Board has to take care of that. If a jail was started today it would be two years, if this had been taken care of four years ago when the Board started studying, this would have been done. Mr. Garrison would like a report from Mr. Vickers every Wednesday morning (no names) of all of the charges, bonds that were set, and those that were released, Mr. Garrison is going to try to give the Board a little publicity for coming up with a great plan. Mr. Garrison knows the gentleman that is the managing editor of "American Jail Magazine" he is always looking for stories and Mr. Garrison thinks this is a good chance to give the Board and the Judges in Cleveland County a little publicity that no one else has been able to think of to reduce the population in their jails. Mr. Garrison also wants the Sheriff every Tuesday Morning to give him the daily count of the previous week of how many were in the jail. The 177 that Mr. Garrison said could be in the jail was based on an inspection from a previous inspector and he made some measurement after the jail had become overcrowded and told Mr. Garrison this was the number that could be held and Mr. Garrison took that to be correct. The inspector now tells Mr. Garrison this not the facts, that those cells are not big enough for that extra person. Mr. Garrison wants Mr. Krohmer to help him, along with the person he was just speaking about, to help him tomorrow measure the cells so the Board will know when he is through measuring that those cells were exactly the size Mr. Garrison says they are. Mr. Krohmer stated he can't go tomorrow, but he will have Mr. Vickers or Bob Wood, George Skinner, or Bill Graves, whoever wants to go.

Mr. Garrison stated since he doesn't think the Board answered his questions completely he is going to have to measure, if it is okay and those are the proper numbers, he will stay with that. If it turns out it is a few more that is okay too. Then the Board will have sixty days from tomorrow to get all of the things corrected.

Chairman Krohmer wanted to ask Mr. Garrison one question about the letter Mr. Garrison had received from the Board, which mentioned that jail count was down and Mr. Garrison made a remark, that he didn't like the method that was being used.

Mr. Garrison stated in January the daily average was around 240 and if there should have been 240 people average in the jail in January then as soon as we talked about the problems that was over there you could immediately move it down to 140, either the judicial system in this County was totally putting people in jail that didn't need to be there or else you're letting people out now that still ought to be in jail. The other thing is the Board hired a man to come in and do these things and Mr. Garrison's thoughts are that the people (employees) who are in the jail and work with those inmates everyday ought to have a better knowledge of who is in the jail and what they do and what they would do, then someone who walks in there and looks at the charges and knows nothing about that person that is in the jail. Mr. Garrison doesn't know the reasons for the Board delaying all of this, but the Board has been dealing with it over four years and the Board still tells Mr. Garrison that they want to be prudent with the taxpayer's money. Mr. Garrison stated the truth is if you tell the people in the county who you are letting out and who you are not arresting he thinks there would be a total uproar among constituents of this county. You are telling people from Oklahoma City and other places if you want to commit a crime come to Cleveland County because we are not going to lock you up.

Chairman Krohmer stated that the man that was hired (Neil Vickers) doesn't let anyone out of jail. The Judges do the letting out.

Mr. Garrison stated in that case there were a lot of people being put in there that certainly shouldn't have been.

Chairman Krohmer stated another thing he doesn't understand is Board Member George Skinner is on the jail committee and the committee toured the jail in January and Mr. Skinner said the jail was clean and there was suppose to be 220/230 in there and now it is down to 141 and now there's a bad rap for the jail being dirty. Chairman Krohmer doesn't doubt that it isn't dirty, but that belongs to the Sheriff's Department; their maintenance department.

The Commissioners don't have anything to do with cleaning up the jail.

Mr. Garrison stated the Sheriff was short of staff and the Commissioners are paying a gentleman probably enough to hire two jailers. You are paying Pottawatomie County \$204,000.00 a year and that would hire a lot of people to oversee what is going on and help the Sheriff do what needs to be done.

Chairman Krohmer wanted to know why the Sheriff is short of staff, because it isn't that the Sheriff doesn't have money. The Sheriff has money in his budget, \$3.9 million and \$800,000.00 and something in another account. Chairman Krohmer explained that when he hires someone to work for him and a man is an operator, if a bridge falls in, the men park their equipment and roll up their sleeve and fix that bridge, so the Sheriff could bring people in from the outside and do some of this stuff, if it is in terrible condition. The Commissioners shouldn't take the rap for a dirty jail; it is not their place.

Mr. Garrison stated the jail is not the Sheriff's it is the Commissioners.

Chairman Krohmer stated the Sheriff is there to administrate the jail.

Eddie Thomason, Undersheriff, stated the Sheriff has other responsibilities other than the jail. Mr. Thomason spoke about a meeting on Friday, where he and the jail administrator was called to attend. He recalls that the District Attorney brought up the fact that the Judges were releasing people with low bonds, some of them P.R. Bonds, and thirty-five of those people didn't show up for their hearing and maybe this is why the population is down.

Judge Tom Lucas stated when they received Mr. Garrison's report they went back and check with Neil Vickers and using the Sheriff's own report; in the first place the Sheriff's report includes twenty people in Pottawatomie County and two people are in Venita or someplace else. Judge Lucas had a report dated March 27, that showed a population of 158 and this came from the Sheriff's Office, he also has the alphabetic listing of prisoners that the Sheriff puts out that shows 168. According to Mr. Vickers 20 of those are in Pottawatomie County and two are at Venita and one in McClain County which leaves 146, so the Judge doesn't know why the health department report shows a population of 158 when the Sheriff's own report shows 146. That is the biggest cause for reduction in population. It is true that Mr. Vickers has good policies over at the courthouse. It is not keeping people in jail 2 to 3 month if the District Attorney is not going to ask that they be sent to the penitentiary. The theory behind that is if a recommendation is going to come in at the disposition hearing where the prisoner will get probation, then they might as well be out now on a P.R. Bond or whatever. The Judge disagreed with Mr. Garrison, he thinks the citizens would be pleased with the efforts of the County Commissioners to reduce the population of the jail.

Chairman Krohmer stated the District Attorney's Office represents the Board of County Commissioners and he had Mike McDanel, Assistant District Attorney, write the letter and he has the letter from Mr. Garrison and that is what was arrived at for right now to get the population down.

Mike McDanel, stated he felt it would be real easy to give some date or some time that a jail was going to be built, but he followed the proceedings ever since he and Gary Gardenhire first spoke on the phone about something needing to be done with some of the Mr. McDanel feels like the jail committee and the Commissioners have been diligent in trying to work toward building a jail since that time. If Mr. Garrison wants a date he can be given a date he supposes, but Mr. McDanel doesn't know what it would be based on.

Tim Kuykendall, District Attorney, stated it appears to him that the health department has an agenda, and that agenda is to force the County Commissioners to build a jail and build a jail over night. In Mr. Kuykendall's discussions with each Commissioner he thinks each Commissioner agrees that a new jail is needed in this County. He thinks each Commissioner is proceeding forward with plans to build a new jail. He thinks considerable thought needs to be given as to where to build it, how to build it, who to build it, and most importantly how to pay for it. Those decisions can't be made over night. Mr. Kuykendall thinks the agenda of the health department ought to be whether or not the jail is in compliance with State Jail Standards. Mr. Kuykendall stated the number one issue that has been address up to now and apparently the rules of the game are getting changed to apply more pressure to each of the Commissioners, but it was his understanding the number one issue has been that the jail was over crowded. As Judge Lucas pointed out Mr. Kuykendall doesn't think the health department or the jail has been using honest figures. In the most recent jail inspection dated March 27, it indicates there are 158 population, and that is wrong, he thinks anyone would tell

you it is wrong. That includes over twenty people that are housed outside the county and if you exclude those, that jail was not over crowded on the date this inspection was written, and this is on the third page. It also has some other inaccurate information according to the jail staff, it indicates on page 2 that there is not enough staff to search prisoners entering the facility. In the discussions last Friday, at a meeting with jail personal there, they assured Mr. Kuykendall and each of the Commissioners that absolutely every prisoner was searched that enters the facility. Yet it indicates on the report that there is not enough staff to search people entering the facility. Mr. Kuykendall thinks that if there are issues that need to be addressed they will be addressed, he think that if the jail is not in compliance with jail standards it needs to be and he has no doubt that in the next sixty days that the jail staff and the County Commissioners will work toward making sure the jail is in compliance. Mr. Kuykendall doesn't think it is fair of the health department to pressure the County Commissioners to build a multi-million dollar facility without giving adequate thought and consideration how to built it.

Gary Gardenhire, legal counsel for the health department, stated what Mr. Kuykendall has said couldn't be farther from the truth. If the health department's agenda was to build a new jail they would have brought the administrative compliance orders years ago, when the minimum standards were violated. These were standards set forth by the State Legislature (number one) and secondly by the Eighth Amendment. Just so this is perfectly clear for the record, Mr. Garrison and he has done this in about fifty counties in Oklahoma. In Logan County the jail was built in 1907 and Mr. Garrison could have closed that jail down, but he worked with them for years; every situation is the same and everyone is different, it has to do with funding, it has to do with Boards' of County Commissioners not wanting to unduly spend the taxpayers money and as a tax guy he appreciates that attitude. The fact is the standards that are being talked about enunciates under the eighth amendment the minimum standards not the maximum and so when you get into a situation of chronic failure to meet those minimum standards, technically an ACO could be brought in and force the jail at anytime. He just wants the records to reveal it is not their business to tell you when to build a jail, if to build a jail, it is their business to say if you are going below those minimum standards then you need to bring them up. He is not saying they don't make mistakes. He wanted to tell the Commissioners of a positive note in all of this. He and Mr. Garrison get into these things pretty deeply and when you spread it around fifty counties in itself it becomes almost a full time job, but they believe that the report given to the Board by the citizens committee quite frankly was one of the best they have read in the state. The hard thing about these issues is to try to see down the road 8 to 10 years and on one hand not to do what Grady County did and overbuild. They funded their jail with revenue bonds and it was built and they didn't come and they got into trouble and nobody wants to see that happen, on the other side you see a need for incarceration and staffing. Mr. Gardenhire stated his personal opinion is at best the Cleveland County jail is on the border line, so is the health department trying to make the Commissioners build a new jail, absolutely not, but they have dealt with this several times and they see down the road, they have ACO's currently against the county jails in several counties and Mr. Gardenhire named some. Mr. Gardenhire stated Mr. Garrison worked with those counties for years when he could have trotted down to the Attorney General through the Commissioner of Health and asked to close the jails. They don't do that, number one it's not good It's not good stewardship. He just wanted to say

this on behalf of Mr. Garrison, he has seen how long he has worked and he thinks in your own county he has worked. So the question is the level of people that are in the jail, and he applauds because in many counties they don't see the Judiciary, District Attorney, County Commissioners and the Sheriff working together and obviously he hopes we are doing that here. Mr. Garrison wants to correct the misapprehension and it is a misapprehension that the health department is trying to close any jail they are trying to draw attention to what needs to be done. If Mr. Garrison was trying to close the jail, a jail of 138, which is compared to other counties lesser than Cleveland County, of far small capacity than what is needed just given the population. If Mr. Garrison wanted to close this jail he wouldn't of added those detention cells which may or may not of been adequate at the time, but it was an attempt to work with you and give you time because this is a time factor, you are planning for not six month from now, but you are complying for years down the road. Mr. Gardenhire has never seen Mr. Garrison set out to close a jail and he could do it very easily.

Tim Kuykendall asked Mr. Gardenhire and Mr. Garrison if their only concern is whether or not the jail is in compliance with state jail standards, then what importance is it to the health department as to who is in jail, what the charges are and what their bonds were. That is not a function of the Sheriff's Department, it is not a function of the County Commissioners, and setting bond is something that the Judges do. If you don't like the bonds that are being set, you are telling the Judiciary, the Judges, that they are not doing their job properly and how does that have anything to do with whether or not the jail is in compliance with jail standards, as to what some ones bond is being set at.

Mr. Gardenhire will let Mr. Garrison respond to that, but he thinks he has listened for months about some enter seen warfare that someone is miscounting the jail to try to build a new jail and he doesn't have any idea and neither does Mr. Gardenhire. Maybe Mr. Garrison is trying to get a handle if someone is playing fun with numbers or someone is letting people out on a short-term solution and than that will fix the jail population, they don't tell us who we have to keep in jail. Mr. Gardenhire has a concern as a citizen of this county, but in working with Mr. Garrison, we don't have a concern, but Mr. Gardenhire thinks Mr. Garrison is trying to get a handle on this, is it really an accurate problem in the cause and the last solution is to not let people out, the last solution was to take in 40 more beds from a detention facility, so maybe that is what Mr. Garrison is trying to do. But to answer Mr. Kuykendall's question, no it is not any of their business and he doesn't believe that is what Mr. Garrison is trying to tell the Board.

Mr. Garrison stated it is not his concern whatsoever what the Judge set the bond at, but he is interested in knowing who is out there and he gave the reason earlier he wants to give Cleveland County some publicity for being able to be smart enough to come up with that kind of a plan to take care of over crowding, because every Sheriff in the State of Oklahoma would like to know what is being done to reduce the population. Not only in Oklahoma but nationwide.

Captain Sid Stell, Jail Administrator, stated he knows what goes on there everyday. There is no deception in the numbers. What the Judge just said about the numbers about two different numbers, the alphabetic list he received was produced at 8:00 A.M. and the jail inspection was written at 5:00 P.M. and there is going to be a difference in numbers it is a revolving door over there, people come in and out, because people come in and out you can call him (Captain Mr. Stell) thirty minutes on the hour and the count will change. As far as the

numbers, we don't fabricate them when someone asked what is your jail population that means how many are in custody with the Cleveland County Sheriff. That includes the twenty at Pottawatomie County, the other two that are normally out at either a hospital or another county. They can come back at any time so they have to be put in the population. As far as the twenty in Pottawatomie County they are included in the population because Pottawatomie is not doing that well. They could shut down at anytime. So we have to have room for those twenty inmates.

Chairman Krohmer stated they are talking about Cleveland County Detention Center not Pottawatomie County or Venita.

George Skinner asked Captain Stell how long have they been short handed in the jail?

Captain Stell stated he had been there since August of last year, so he personally knows since August of last year.

Mr. Skinner stated he toured the jail with the jail committee in January and it was spotless then, is hard to see how the jail can get that dirty in two months, but he guesses it is possible.

Captain Stell asked Mr. Skinner if he has ever been to a party?

Mr. Skinner stated not at the jail.

Captain Stell stated when there are a lot people in one place and they start to slowly leave they leave a mess behind. He didn't have the staff to clean it up while they were there because his staff had to take care of the inmates.

Chairman Krohmer wanted to know if the same staff was there that was there when there were 220/230 in jail and Captain Stell said no.

Captain Stell says he has less because he has had some quit, because they are over worked.

Chairman Krohmer stated if the Sheriff's Department will work with the Commissioners they will get something done, but he doesn't feel like the Sheriff's Department is working with them letting the jail get dirty and getting a bad report like that, that is nonsense.

F. DeWayne Beggs, Sheriff, stated that the Commissioners have tried to embarrass the Sheriff's Department for about three months and with all due respect you (Chairman Krohmer and Commissioner Skinner) have tried to embarrass the Sheriff's Department, putting all of the blame back on it, so that it take the shift off of them and the responsibility off of them to build a jail. It has now been seven years in the process to build a jail and he has warned them ahead of time because the Sheriff felt like the Commissioners should know the situation. He deeply resents any implication that he has given false figures, or that they are not able to take care of the jail itself, he does as quickly as he get these reports. These reports are a monthly thing that comes along, the Commissioners have been aware of them. The reports tell where things need to get changed up and that is done. It is changed as quick as they can. The Sheriff has taken a lot of pride in keeping that jail clean with the amount of people he has had and he thinks they have done a remarkable job. His staff has been shortened because of attrition and because of budgetary means. When you talk about the Sheriff having so much money you are right, but it doesn't cover all of the things that he has to do. Sheriff Beggs stated the Commissioners know that very well, both of you know that, the Commissioners know my budget as well as I know my budget and he resents the accusations in the paper and places like this that the Sheriff's Office is putting more numbers than they should or less numbers then they should have. They have done a remarkable job holding the population and doing what they could for the last seven years that he has been asking for a jail. There has been two committees to study this problem and the

Commissioners have ignored the first one and went into the second one and they have just about ignored it too, as far as the Sheriff is concerned. The Sheriff stated he is very angry because he is frustrated, he is the one that sits in the middle, he doesn't put people in the jail and he doesn't let them out, but he is responsible for them while they are there. He is doing a good job and his staff is doing a good job and do we need more money, he needs more money to hire more people. The Sheriff's Office has been understaffed for a long time now. Has the Sheriff's Office been trying to help the Commissioners, yes, they have been trying to help the ladies and all of the other Officials in the County to build a new building and it is just about to be completed and he applauds the Officials for that. He has tried to make the jail last but it has not lasted and he has told the Commissioners that and he gets an, oh you're whining. He is not whining he is telling the Commissioners the jail is in bad shape and two committees have told them it is in bad shape and a new jail needs to be built. When you have a health inspector that comes by and says you need to get a new jail. With all due respect Sheriff Beggs wishes the Commissioners would not take this to the paper anymore with any of their comments. If you want to address me, address me, not my staff and you are absolutely wrong and you are slinging this at him and he resents it and wants it to stop. Chairman Krohmer stated he heard a report yesterday that the Sheriff's Department put out an order when the jail population went down that there were so many warrants out there and to fill the jail back up.

Sheriff Beggs wanted to know who they were. He hears a lot of accusations and it is always they and the Sheriff's wants them brought in now. He has heard from both Commissioners that the Sheriff's Office has called Mr. Garrison and has gotten him to do all of this. Mr. Garrison is here, ask him if we did that and the news services ask them if we have been contacting them. We have tried to keep down embarrassment, we have tried to keep the Commissioners out of the papers, we have tried to keep this whole thing as quiet as possible and you keep stirring it up and throwing it back in the Sheriff Department's face that we are not giving accurate figures. We have been contracting since last June the twenty prisoners that are in Pottawatomie and when you ask for a total count the Sheriff's Office gave them a total count, you did not ask for what was just in over here. The Sheriff stated he has set back and kept things quiet he has wanted to work with the Commissioners and he has worked with them for the last thirteen years that he has been here. He has never lied and has kept everything on top of the table and he has never dealt under the table and he doesn't do that and he resents it very hotly.

Bill Graves wanted to comment about some of the things that were said earlier about state law. The Board of County Commissioners are responsible for every building the county owns, but the Board is not responsible for what happens inside of those buildings that are operated by the Elected Official. There is no way the Board can tell them how to run there offices or how to take care of the inside of the building. The Board is responsible for the building and we are responsible for the jail but not how it is operated or the people that are there. Mr. Graves has had some very good conversation with the public around the county about what we are doing about getting a new jail and it has all been positive. He has not heard anyone say anything negative about what the Board of County Commissioners are doing, were getting an architect, we've gotten financial people, we had a jail committee that did a wonderful job, and we have been trying to come up with different things we need to do to get this jail constructed. It is not done over night. Somebody mentioned why don't you

cut the Sheriff's budget, the Board of County Commissioners can't cut the Sheriff's budget, because this county is one in a very few in the State of Oklahoma that has a Budget Board. It is up to the Budget Board if there are any changes to be made to the budget of this county. Mr. Graves doesn't think the Budget Board is going to do this. He thinks we can solve these problems among ourselves and he has something he would like to ask Mr. Gardenhire and Mr. Garrison. Mr. Graves stated both of you have been in the legislature and he thinks the State of Oklahoma has a big part of the jail system in this state. Most of the jails in the state dated back to statehood and earlier until a few years ago. The funding for counties dates back to statehood and it has only been recently that counties have been allowed to do a sales tax and the cities don't like it when counties do sales tax. Mr. Graves thinks there are over sixty counties that have resorted to a sales tax because they have too, there is no way they can support jails and everything else on their regular millage that counties have to operate on. Cleveland County needs to be complimented for the Budget Board and the Elected Officials in this county saving money for the last 10 to 12 years in order to do what were are doing at the courthouse and the administration building. It is a multimillion-dollar project and it is not finished yet. The Officials didn't go to the taxpayers to get a sales tax or a bond issue we saved the money out of our budgets. Mr. Graves also complimented the Board of County Commissioner's for pushing these things and helping and we don't need to be firing off at each other in here on anything. It takes cool heads to settle these things and the people in this County will help when the Commissioners get to the part that they can put it before them for a vote. And it will have to be a vote because the Officials can't save that money in that length of time, it took the Officials a long time to come up with enough for the county administration building and courthouse. Mr. Graves would like to ask Mr. Garrison and Mr. Gardenhire to help to get some money through the State for counties to build jails, the jails are occupied mostly by state prisoners, people who have broken state laws, not county laws. George Skinner addressed this to Mr. Garrison stating that he worked with the jail committee while they were doing their investigation and helped them with the final report. The committee recommended two places to build a jail, one on the north side of the courthouse and one on the south side. The Commissioner's have hired an architect and the architect said that both spaces are too small unless a gigantic multi-story building is built, which the architect said would be outrageously expensive to operate. The Commissioners have been looking for other sites and have two possible sites, but nothing has been finalized yet. The next problem is going to be the funding and the Commissioners don't know yet how they are going to fund it, they haven't made the final decision but they have one or two options they can use. Mr. Skinner stated he had been trying since last June to get a report from the Sheriff's Department on what it cost to operate the jail. That is nine months ago and he still does not have the report, so how can the Commissioners tell the public that they need an amount to operate the jail when the Commissioners don't know what it is, but the Commissioners are still going to work on it.

Mr. Garrison stated since he as sat here he has heard the Commissioners say that we can't do this overnight and that is a bunch of stuff. Mr. Garrison stated he was down here over four years ago and met with NIC and the Commissioners and you were told then that this needed to be done. You disregarded that study and now then when we come down here and say you are going to have to do that your saying that I (Mr. Garrison) am pushing you to do something overnight and that is a bunch of stuff. You have been sitting on it for four years

and you are lucky that there has not been a federal law suit at the jail and when you are putting this off you are just betting that someone sitting over at the jail doesn't decide that you have been violating his constitutional rights and file a federal law suit and you talk about the citizens appreciating what you are doing. If that happens that is going to have to be paid out of ad valorem taxes and you haven't done the citizens any favor at all. So don't sit around here and say the health department is trying to cause you to do something overnight without any thought, you have had four years that Mr. Garrison knows for sure and he can't tell that the Commissioners are much further along than you were four years ago. The Commissioners told him then they were going to move on this and they are telling him today they are going to move on this, sure the Commissioners have talked to these people and have hired them, but he hasn't heard anything from any of you that this is what we are really going to do.

Chairman Krohmer stated to Mr. Garrison that an architect had been hired and Mr. Rod Bottoms is going to work with him (architect) on a design of a jail.

Mr. Garrison wanted to know if either of those gentlemen had been given them any deadline whatsoever or do they have from now on till whenever.

Chairman Krohmer stated the Board has to give them a location before they can do their work and that is not done yet. Chairman Krohmer asked Mr. Bottoms if he had any comments and he did not.

Sheriff Beggs stated he didn't believe the nine-month wait on figures is accurate. Although you said you've asked us for the account on the jail. The jail and his department is not split up as you are asking them to be and they have not been that way since he has been in office. The Sheriff doesn't think there is anyone else in here in the Budget Board that has their accounts split up where you could immediately respond so he finds the comments very degrading and he does not believe them to be accurate. He doesn't think the Commissioners really need that in order to determine what you are going to have to get a jail.

George Skinner stated he tried to get the report so the Board would know the cost to the cities and towns for their inmates.

Sheriff Beggs stated his office has given the Board every report it has asked for and Mr. Skinner stated he had not seen it and he asked for another one. Sheriff Beggs stated the Commissioners have been given his budget, the Commissioners know the Sheriff's budget from year to year, and Mr. Skinner of all people and each of the Commissioners should know the budget, you are members of the Budget Board. You know what it takes to run the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Beggs stated he is probably, out of every one on the Budget Board, the one that has come every year with justification and he doesn't always hear others on the Board with justification. And if it makes you mad it makes you mad, if you don't justify, many do not justify, you simply say this is what you need and we go in and determine how much it is and stuff and the Sheriff is actually talking about actual justification of funds.

Chairman Krohmer stated that every year the Sheriff had a good budget except for last year when everyone held their own, Chairman Krohmer thinks the Sheriff has had an increase every year. Chairman Krohmer repeated himself.

Sheriff Beggs stated he has had an increase in the budget because he has been trying to keep up the same as Chairman Krohmer as with a market that requires the Sheriff's to pay his employees enough money to reasonably be able to live and that's what he has to do. The Sheriff has to compete with Moore, Oklahoma City, and surrounding areas for officers both

to work in the jail and outside the jail and that is not an easy thing to do when the Sheriff's salaries are so much different then theirs.

Chairman Krohmer stated that you would have to say every member of the Budget Board has probably been pretty good to the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Beggs stated he is not saying they haven't been, that is not the comment he made and he doesn't like Chairman Krohmer insinuations. The Sheriff is saying that the Budget Board has done a tremendous job, he thinks we all have done good, we all work good together, there has been times the Sheriff has had to give and there were time when they have given.

The Sheriff stated what you may have forgotten about is that the Sheriff has allowed a certain amount of money to be given away to be able to build the building that you are going to be in. The Sheriff's Office doesn't have any benefit from that at all. The Sheriff has not cried or not said anything about that fact that his budget has been cut short, his office has just tried to be better with less as each and every person has. The Sheriff thinks it is commendable what has been done and he is very proud of the building (county office building) and he is glad that the other Budget Board Members are going to be able to have some brand new offices and be able to help the people in Cleveland County by having the extra room and stuff. The Sheriff stated all he is saying is that he is tired of being the brunt and tired of being accused, and he will no longer stand by and allow the Board to accuse him...

Chairman Krohmer wanted to know what the Sheriff was going to do about it?

Sheriff Beggs stated he will refute you, he will say it straight to the Commissioners faces.

Chairman Krohmer stated that we all have to get along if we make this work, we will never get a bond election passed if we fight about this. We all have to work together.

Sheriff Beggs stated as long as you don't lie about his department.

Chairman Krohmer stated he was not lying about the Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Beggs said you have been lying about his department. Chairman Krohmer stated maybe needed to get some depositions.

Sheriff Beggs stated that if Mr. Krohmer wants to talk to him to talk personally, not through other people, talk to him person to person respectfully.

Chairman Krohmer stated he excepted the same him.

Tammy Howard, Purchasing Agent, opened bids for County #COM-1284 – The Purchase and Installation of Window Blinds for the Cleveland County Office Building located at 201 S. Jones, Norman, Oklahoma. Ms. Howard requested that since there were so many line items on the bids, that the bids be accepted and awarded at a later date. Bill Graves moved to accept the bids. George Skinner seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

The bidders each with properly executed non-collusion affidavits are on the following page:

CLEVELAND COUNTY BID SUMMARY			
List of Individual Bidders			
	Contract Drapery & Blind	Russell Interiors	
BID: #COM-1284			
DEPT: County Commissioners			
DATE OPENED: 4-03-06			
	1	2	
List of Individual Items			Awarded To:
The Purchase and Installation of Window			
Blinds, for the County Office			
Building, located at 201 S. Jones, Norman, OK			
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT:	Yes	Yes	
PA-102(1982)			

Chairman Krohmer called for the awarding and/or rejecting of County Bid #HD-1281 – Janitorial Service Contract for the Cleveland County Health Department located at 224 S. Chestnut, Moore, Oklahoma. The bid term will be for one-year (1) with the option to renew up to two (2) more consecutive years. Upon the recommendation of Tammy Howard, Purchasing Agent, Bill Graves moved, seconded by George Skinner, to award County Bid #HD-1281 to the low bidder of Sooner Maintenance, Inc., in the amount of \$895.00 monthly, \$15.00 convenience labor and \$.12 per square foot carpet cleaning. The vote was: Leroy Krohmer, yes; Bill Graves, yes; George Skinner, yes. Motion carried.

George Skinner moved, seconded by Bill Graves, to approve a one year Maintenance Agreement from Building Environmental Systems between the Cleveland County Health Department 250 12th Ave. N. E., Norman, Oklahoma and United Mechanical Inc., United Mechanical, Inc. will provide comprehensive, professional maintenance services for the building environmental mechanical system one time a year for a price of \$5,004.00. If paid in one payment a 4% discount will be applied.

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

Motion carried.

Bill Graves moved, seconded by George Skinner, to approve the Service Agreement between the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office and Capital City Processors for waste grease disposal service. Effective service start date is April 1, 2006, and service is performed monthly and billed quarterly at a rate of \$30.00 per month/Quarterly billing of \$90.00. The service agreement will be in effect until further notice of a rate increase at which time a new agreement would be submitted.

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

Motion carried.

George Skinner moved, seconded by Bill Graves, to approve the Renewal Commercial Services Agreement between the Cleveland County Election Board and Cox Business Services. Contract term is from March 14, 2006, through June 30, 2007, at a rate of \$59.95 per month.

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

Motion carried.

Bill Graves moved, seconded by George Skinner, to approve the following Blanket Purchase Orders:

a. General Fund			
06-4516 – SM2	H & H Enterprises		\$ 500.00
06-4548 – B2B	Tankersley Foodservice		2,500.00
b. Highway Fund			
06-4481 – T2A	Broadway Machine		6,510.00
06-4489 – T2A	Lawson Products		750.00
06-4493 – T2A	Home Depot Credit Serv.		1,000.00
06-4521 – T2A	Home Depot Credit Serv.		2,500.00
06-4522 – T2A	Ferrell Gas, L.P.		4,000.00

c. Health Fund		
06-4540 – MD2	SC Phone Works	2,000.00
d. Sheriff's Service Fee		
06-4546 – CFB2	Home Depot Credit Serv.	500.00
06-4547 – CFB2	Daily & Sunday Oklahoman	500.00
06-4549 – CFB2	Ace Hardware	500.00
06-4550 – CFB2	UniFirst	200.00
e. Sheriff's Revolving Fund		
06-4553 – CFBRE2	American Chemical System	500.00
06-4554 – CFBRE2	American Chemical System	700.00
06-4555 – CFBRE2	American Chemical System	1,200.00

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

George Skinner moved, seconded by Bill Graves, to approve Certificate of Requesting Officers on Blanket Purchase Order Numbers:

06-0152 – H2	06-0018 – T2A
06-0300 – SM2	06-0065 – T2A
06-0303 – SM2	06-1448 – T2A
06-2655 – R2	06-2958 – T2A
06-3297 – R2	06-2967 – T2A
06-3409 – B2A	06-3428 – T2A
06-3891 – B2B	06-3449 – T2A
	06-3460 – T2A
06-2873 – MD2	06-4045 – T2A
06-2221 – CFB2	
06-3073 – CFB2	

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

Bill Graves moved, seconded by George Skinner, to approve Purchase Orders for Payment of Personal Services, Travel, Maintenance & Operation, and Capital Outlay from:

<u>FY05/06</u>	
a. General Fund	\$ 36,037.13
b. Highway Fund	21,759.83
c. Health Fund	5,658.24

d. Sheriff's Service Fee	7,515.52
e. Sheriff's Commissary Fund	1,115.90
f. Sheriff's Revolving Fund	1,915.03

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

Motion carried.

(For a complete listing of warrants and original signatures see warrant registers.)

Glen Turner, with the District Attorney's Office, stated he had gotten with each Elected Official and had reduced the number of entry cards that were going to be needed for the remodeled buildings. He has given the numbers to Tammy Howard.

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

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

Motion carried.