



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020**

This Regular meeting was conducted in accordance with 25 O.S §306 (C) (Signed and enacted March 18, 2020). The meeting took place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room and through teleconference. The public, who are observing social distancing dialed (312)626-6799, the meeting ID is 706 237 079 or at <http://zoom.us/j/706237079/> for video. Public comment was made by calling (405)366-0200 to be added to the list.

Jacob McHughes led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Darry Stacy called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Cleveland County Commissioners at 1:00 P.M. this 5th day of October 2020, in Meeting Room 200 of the Cleveland County Office Building. Linda Atkins, Deputy County Clerk/Secretary, called the roll and those present were:

Darry Stacy, Chairman
Rod Cleveland, Vice-Chairman
Harold Haralson, Member
Linda Atkins, Secretary

Others present were: Assistant District Attorney Kristina Bell, Assistant District Attorney Nate Hales, Assistant District Attorney Carol Dillingham, Sheriff Blake Green, Alison Vinson, Sarita Scott, Bryan Jenkins, Brian Wint, Brian Mauck, Earl Cox, Leann Clements, George Mauldin, Kathy Singer, Jacob McHughes, John Roberts, Melissa Nies, Joy Hampton, Undersheriff Kent Richie, Chief Deputy of Detention Julie Tipton, Laura Smith, Melinda Duke, Christi Morren (by Remote), Melody Bays, and Susan McClelland.

After the reading of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2020, and there being no additions or corrections, Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, to **approve** the minutes as read.

The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes.
Motion carried.

A. Old Business:

1. Upon the recommendation of Melinda Duke, Darry Stacy moved, seconded by Harold Haralson, to **table** the awarding and/or rejecting of the bids for **Bid #FB-1962** – Installation of a new 8” water line service on the western side of the Cleveland County Fairgrounds.

The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.
Motion carried.

2. Upon the recommendation of Susan McClelland, Darry Stacy moved, seconded by Harold Haralson, to **award** as per bid summary to low bidder Southwest Trailers & Equipment in the amount of \$11,799.00 per unit for **Bid#COM3-1965** – The purchase of one (1) or more, new sand and salt spreader for the Cleveland County Commissioners.
The vote was: Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes.
Motion carried.

B. Items of Business:

1. Sheriff Blake Green presented an **Award** to Assistant District Attorney Nate Hales for all his hard work and assistance to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.
2. Rod Cleveland moved, seconded by Harold Haralson, to **approve** American Fidelity Assurance Company as county's single source provider for supplement insurance and other benefit management.
The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.
Motion carried.
3. George Mauldin, Emergency Management Director, presented the following **COVID-19 Updates and Operations within Cleveland County**.
As of today, there are 6,535 (6,063) confirmed cases in Cleveland County with 75 deaths. This is an increase of 473 (443) cases with five additional deaths since the last weekly update on September 28.

There are 3,471 (3,256) cases in Norman with 39 deaths. This is an increase of 215 (222) cases with three additional deaths since the last weekly update on September 28, 2020.

There are 858 (837) active cases in Cleveland County, an increase of 21 (-55) and 403 (422) active cases in Norman, a decrease of 19 (-68).

The number of deaths has decreased in the past week with 48 deaths recorded in the statewide down from 59 at last update. There were six deaths recorded in Cleveland County during the past week.

Hospitalizations are also up. As of October 2, there were 565 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 (206 in the ICU). This is an increase of 69 since my last weekly report (September 25, 496 hospitalizations with 206 in the ICU). The seven day rolling average is 541, up from 508 on September 25.

Hospitals are not in danger of being overwhelmed and available resources have increased slightly. There are 14% of ICU beds available up from 13% last week, and 21% of medical/surgery beds available, up from 19 last week.

As of October 1, Cleveland County is in the “orange” or moderate risk category with 21.1 new cases per 100,000 population, down from 28.0 on September 24.

There are no counties in the normal (green) category, there are 15 (17) counties in the low (yellow) category and the remaining 62 (59) counties are in the moderate (orange) category.

Beckham County has the highest rate in the state with 138.6 new cases per 100,000 population. Beckham County has a population of 21,859 and a total of 639 cases with 101 new cases in the past week and 231 new cases in the week before last.

These COVID-19 Alert numbers are based on new cases by report date.

As of October 1, there were a cumulative total of 2,736 (2,574 on 9/25) cases and 13 deaths in correctional facilities including prisons, jails and juvenile detention centers. Of these, 2,301 cases and 11 deaths were among inmates, the remaining 435 cases and 2 deaths were staff members. 1,079 of these cases are in DOC facilities. DOC also reports 1,167 test results pending.

The cumulative total at the Lexington prisons is 394 inmates and 47 staff members. There have been 3 deaths related to COVID-19 among inmates. Most of these individuals have recovered. As of October 2, there were 17 (29) inmates and 6 (5) staff members with active infection in the Lexington prisons.

At present, we have 43 inmates who have tested positive for COVID-19 in our jail.

Classen Urgent Care began performing rapid PCR tests on August 31. Since that date, they have performed 3,350 rapid tests, of which 561 were positive. This is a positivity rate of 16.75% (17.04%). They have performed 745 tests in the past week.

National Comparison: (all states + DC)

Total number of reported COVID-19 cases:

Oklahoma ranked 25th (92,457), California is highest (807,425), Vermont is lowest (1,749)

Cumulative reported cases per 100,000 population:

Oklahoma ranked 16th (2,345), Louisiana is highest (3,580), Vermont is lowest (279)

Total deaths:

Oklahoma ranked 33rd (1023), New Jersey is highest (16,117), Alaska is lowest (56)

Death rate (per 100,000):

Oklahoma is ranked 38th (25), New Jersey is highest (180), Alaska is lowest (7)

(Weekly Epidemiology and Surveillance Report, September 25 to October 1)

White House Report:

The most recent White House Coronavirus Task Force Report was issued on September 27. The Task Force uses a color coded scale to assess the state's response to the coronavirus pandemic (green, yellow, orange and red).

The report places Oklahoma in the "Red Zone" for new cases, indicating 101 or more new cases per 100,000 population for the week covered in the report (September 19 – 25), a 15% increase from the previous week. Oklahoma had 201 new cases per 100,000 population compared to a national average of 93. Oklahoma is also in the Red Zone for PCR test positivity rate at 11.8%, up 1.9% from the previous week.

Oklahoma is in the green zone for PCR lab tests per 100,000 population at 31,903, up 11% from the previous week.

Oklahoma is in the orange zone for deaths at 54 deaths for the week (rate per 100,000 – 1.4), up 6% from the previous week.

Oklahoma, Tulsa, and Cleveland counties had the highest number of new cases. These counties represented 39.6% of new cases in Oklahoma. These three counties represent 43.79% of the state population.

Chairman Darry Stacy said that the following item numbers, 4 through 19, are Consent Items and are routine in nature: Rod Cleveland moved, seconded by Harold Haralson, to **approve** the consent items with the exception of Item No. 8.

4. **Approve** change to the Employee Benefits Program for Health Insurance as recommended by the Budget Board.
5. **Resolution** to set the 2021 Holidays on which the county offices will be closed for the calendar year.
6. **Accept** the Agreement between City of Norman and the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office for the JAG Grant in the amount of \$2,623.00.
7. **Accept** the Center for Tech and Civic Life grant in the amount of \$162,340.00 on behalf of the Cleveland County Election Board.
8. **(This Item moved to the end of the Consent Docket.)**
9. **Agreement** between Cleveland County Health Department and Oklahoma Natural Gas Company effective September 28, 2020 in the amount of \$3,910.00.

10. **Contract Renewal** between Cleveland County Treasurer's Office and Technique Data System effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$6,730.00 for maintenance and services on (17) currency discriminators and (13) printers for currency discriminators.
11. **Contract Renewal** between Cleveland County Treasurer's Office and Technique Data Systems effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$275.00 for maintenance and services on the Formax FD452 Envelope Opener.
12. **Payment** of Invoice #18985 in the amount of \$40.00 (Callaway) and Invoice #18986 in the amount of \$40.00 (CVS/PVP Bluffington) to Tisdal & O'Hara.
13. **Declaration of Surplus and Resolution to Dispose** of F110-13, Folding Table by the Cleveland County Clerk's office. This item is to be junked.
14. **Declaration of Surplus and Resolution to Dispose** of SP104-1, Kimball Waveworks 2-drawer mobile pedestal filing cabinet by Cleveland County Purchasing Department. This item was sold at Auction September 23, 2020.
15. **Declaration of Surplus and Resolution to Dispose** of F102-110, Task Chair by the Cleveland County Clerk's Office. This item is to be junked.
16. **Declaration of Surplus and Resolution to Dispose** of SL299-13, Rolling Filing System by the Cleveland County Election Board. This item is to be junked.
17. **Approval** of the Inventory Equipment list for Cleveland County Commissioner's Office as the official list to be filed with the Cleveland County Clerk.
18. **Review, Audit, and Approve or Disallow** Blanket Purchase Orders submitted. A report will be available for distribution at the meeting or may be obtained from the County Clerk.
19. **Review, Audit, and Approve or Disallow** claims for Payment of Personal Services, Travel, Maintenance & Operations, and Capital Outlay. A report will be available for distribution at the meeting or may be obtained from the County Clerk.

The vote was: Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes.
Motion carried.

END OF CONSENT DOCKET.

8. Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Darry Stacy, to **appoint** Alison Vinson as Retirement Coordinator for all Cleveland County Employees. Discussions concerned the need to have a quick response to issues that are time sensitive.
The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes.
Motion carried.

During new business, Darry Stacy presented an item for discussion. Previously, he addressed this matter with the Assistant District Attorneys; both agreed that it would be proper to handle this under new business. According to information received from the State Auditor & Inspector's Office, the CARES funding received for reimbursements need a Resolution to identify total allocated fund amount available to the County and to designate all such funds for deposit in the General Fund.

He said that there is a special Budget Board Meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020, and wishes to do a Resolution.

A discussion was had with the County Clerk concerning the Resolution and guidelines on how to format the funds.

Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Darry Stacy, to **receive these funds** and place in the General Fund.

The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.
Motion carried.

C. No Commissioner's discussions concerning County Business at this time.

D. No comments from the Public were made at this time.

E. At 1:24 P.M., Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Darry Stacy, to go into Executive Session and Alison Vinson, HR, was invited to stay for the purpose of the following: Pursuant to Title 25, OS 307.4 – Discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion demotion, disciplining or resignation of the IT/Munis Project Manager.

The vote was: Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes.
Motion carried.

G. At 1:50 P.M., Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, to reconvene from Executive Session.

The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes.
Motion carried.

Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Darry Stacy, to **proceed** with the hiring as discussed, the salary as discussed, and supervisor as discussed for the Munis Project Manager.

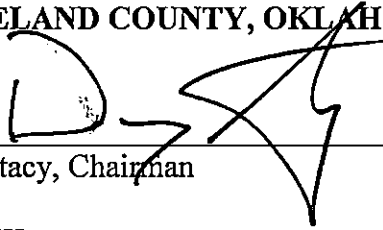
The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes.
Motion carried.

H. There being no further business to come before the Board, Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, that the meeting is **adjourned at 1:52 P.M.**

The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.
Motion carried.

(Clerk's Note: Agenda was posted on October 2, 2020 at 10:40 A.M.)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**



Darryl Stacy, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tammy Belinson, County Clerk and Secretary to the Board

Minutes prepared by: 

Deputy County Clerk

