



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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/](http://zoom.us/j/706237079) for video. Public comment was made by calling (405)366-0200 to be added to the list.

Commissioner Harold Haralson 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 9th day of November 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 Jim Robertson, Assistant District Attorney Kristina Bell, Alison Vinson, Brian Wint, Bryan Jenkins, Undersheriff Kent Richie, Earl Cox, George Mauldin, Duke Senters, Christi Morren, (by remote), Daniel Thatcher, (by remote); Kathy Singer, Tammy Belinson, Jacob McHughes, John Roberts, Joy Hampton, Laura Smith, Leann Clements, Marilyn Williams, Melinda Duke, Sarita Scott, Susan McClelland, Melissa Nies, Stephanie Jackson, Teri Alison, Tracy Stemson, Marcus Williams, Amber Amason, Chris Amason, Jennifer Ward, Judge Thad Balkman, Josh Young, and Travis White.

After the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2020 and the Emergency Meeting of November 2, 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 Rod Cleveland, to **reject all bids** for **Bid #COM-1967- Non-Encumbered** contract for Debris Recycling for the County.
The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.
Motion carried.

B. Bid Openings:

1. Upon the recommendation of Melinda Duke, Darry Stacy moved, seconded by Harold Haralson, to **strike** this item from the agenda since no bids were received: **Bid #EB-1968- The Cleveland County Election Board has a Hanel Rotomat Filing System for Sale.**
The vote was: Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes.
Motion carried.

Melinda Duke publicly opened and named each bidder. Darry Stacy moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, to **accept** the bids and instructed the Purchasing Department to qualify, tabulate and prepare a report for each bid and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on the following:

2. **Bid #08H – Wellness Center Folding Panel Partition Door.**
Best Companies, Inc., \$10,775 and Burgess Building Company, LLC., \$11,100.
The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes.
Motion carried.

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3. **Bid #10A – Wellness Center Specialties (Furnish Only):**
Czarniecki Construction Inc. \$48,455.00.
The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.
Motion carried.

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4. **Bid #10B – Wellness Center Specialties/Doors/Hardware (Install Only)**
GE Johnson Construction Company, \$25,895.00
The vote was: Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes.
Motion carried.

C. Items of Business:

1. Rod Cleveland moved, seconded by Harold Haralson, to **accept** the Resignation of Blake Green as Cleveland County Sheriff.

Chairman Stacy said that he appreciates Blake Green for stepping up and taking the position in the interim as he did. Also, he appreciates that he will stay on to serve in a different capacity at the Sheriff's Department.

Rod Cleveland said that the letter said "interim Sheriff" and he wanted to clarify that he was appointed as the "Sheriff", and expressed his appreciation for all he did to serve as Sheriff of Cleveland County.

Commissioner Haralson said that he could not add more to what has been stated.

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

Motion carried.

(At this point, the Board heard the **COVID-19 Updates, No. 3.**)

(3.) George Mauldin COVID-19 Updates and Operations within Cleveland County.

As of today, there are 9,598 (8,778) confirmed cases in Cleveland County with 112 (106) deaths. This is an increase of 820 (706) cases with six additional deaths since the last Monday.

There are 5,018 (4,543) cases in Norman with 62 (59) deaths. This is an increase of 475 (349) cases with three additional deaths since the last weekly update on October 19, 2020.

There are 1,304 (1,012) active cases in Cleveland County, an increase of 292 and 722 active cases in Norman, an increase of 259 since last Monday.

On Saturday, November 7, The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) reported 4,741 new COVID-10 cases statewide. OSDH released a statement explaining that some of the increase in new cases was due to the inclusion of a backlog. This backlog was a result of the conversion from a manual to digital reporting system for testing laboratories. The statement also indicated that the published number contained some duplicates. The number of new cases published Saturday was revised down to 4,507 on Sunday when the duplicates were removed. There was no indication as to how many of these new cases were a result of the backlog.

The number of deaths has decreased slightly in the past week with 90 deaths recorded statewide down from 94 the previous week. There were six deaths recorded in Cleveland County during the past week.

Hospitalizations are near an all-time high. As of November 6, there were 944 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 (297 in the ICU). The seven day rolling average is 890, up 69 since last week. The all-time record high was 948 on November 5.

ICU availability has decreased slightly. There are 7% (67 of 944) of ICU beds available down from 9% last week. Available medical/surgery beds available have decreased from 15% last week to 14% (831 of 5,886).

As of November 5, Cleveland County is in the “orange” or moderate risk category with 27.0 new cases per 100,000 population, down from 27.4 on October 29.

No counties are in the normal (green) category. One county (Dewey) is in the low (yellow) category and the remaining 76 counties are in the moderate (orange) category.

For the third week in a row, Okfuskee County has the highest rate in the state with 89.3 new cases per 100,000 population. Okfuskee County has a population of 11,993 and a total of 656 cases with 54 new cases in the past week.

As of November 5, there were a cumulative total of 4,152 cases and 24 deaths in correctional facilities including prisons, jails and juvenile detention centers. Of these, 3,459 cases and 22 deaths were among inmates, the remaining 693 cases and 2 deaths were staff members.

As of November 6, there were 12 inmates with active infection in the Lexington prisons. DOC no longer publishes the number of infected staff members at individual facilities.

At present, we have only 4 inmates who have tested positive for COVID-19 in our jail, down from 6 last week.

OSDH no longer publishes testing information from individual labs so I cannot report on Classen Urgent Care testing.

The statewide positivity rate is 11.1%, up from 8.5% last week.

The Case Fatality Rate in Oklahoma is 1.1%. The CFR for the United States is 2.4% which is the 12th highest worldwide. Mexico has the highest CFR at 9.8%.

National Comparison: (all states + DC)

Total number of reported COVID-19 cases:

Oklahoma ranked 25th (24th last week) California is highest, Vermont is lowest.

Cumulative reported cases per 100,000 population:

Oklahoma ranked 19th with 2,939 cases per 100,000 population (18th last week), North Dakota is highest, Vermont is lowest.

Total deaths:

Oklahoma ranked 32nd (32nd last week) Texas is highest, Vermont is the lowest.

Death rate (per 100,000):

Oklahoma is ranked 38th (39th last week), New Jersey is highest and Vermont is the lowest.

(Weekly Epidemiology and Surveillance Report, October 30 to November 5)

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has published data on the impact of mask mandates in the Weekly Epidemiology and Surveillance Report, dated October 30 to November 5 shows that from September 1 to November 1 the locations with mask mandates in place had an increase in the seven day average number of new cases of 52%. The locations with no mask mandate increased by 75%.

(At this point Judge Thad Balkman entered the meeting.)

Chris Amason was sworn in as Cleveland County Sheriff by Judge Balkman. Time was taken to pose for photos.

2. Rod Cleveland moved, seconded by Harold Haralson, to **approve the appointment of Chris Amason, as Cleveland County Sheriff.**
The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.
Motion carried.

3. **COVID-19 Updates and Operations within Cleveland County were concluded at this point by George Mauldin.**

Chairman Darry Stacy said that the following item numbers, 04 through 16, are **Consent Items** and are routine in nature: Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, to **approve** the consent items.

4. **Amend** Emergency Purchasing Agreement originally dated May 18, 2020 between Witt O'Brien's, LLC and Cleveland County. Services performed shall not exceed the ceiling price of \$175,000.00.
5. **Approve** the renewal of County Bid #COM-1929 – The Rental/Cleaning of new 100% cotton and new polyester/cotton blend uniforms for another year. All terms and conditions will remain the same. The renewal period will be from November 15, 2020 through November 14, 2021.
6. **Adopt** revision to the Cleveland County handbook.
7. **Resolution for Disposing** of the following pieces of equipment for Cleveland County Assessor's Office. These items were junked.
 - a. Khaki Chair, H102-121, H102-123, H102-127, H102-132
 - b. Wood Grain Computer Table, H110-12
 - c. Utility Cart, H118-1
 - d. Typewriter-IBM Wheelwriter, H201-16
 - e. Kodak Digital Camera, H205-9
 - f. Panasonic Digital Camera, H205-18
 - g. Sony Digital Camera, H205-20, H205-21
 - h. AIO Officejet 7410 Desktop Printer, H213-13, H213-16, H213-18, H213-25
 - i. Lexmark Optra T610, H213-20
 - j. Officejet Printer, H213-32
 - k. APC Smart Backup, H220-3
 - l. Plainmeter, H222-1

- 8. Resolution for Disposing** of the following pieces of equipment from the Cleveland County Assessor's Office. These items were sold at auction.
- a. Desert Sage Book Shelf, H106-5
 - b. Optiplex GY260T Minitower Base Computer Tower, H218-87
- 9. Resolution for Disposing** of the following piece of equipment from Cleveland County Assessor's Office. This item was traded.
- a. Laser Range Meter PD-E, H355-1
- 10. Approve** the following Cash Fund Appropriations
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| a. Assessor Revolving | \$ 250.00 |
| b. County Clerk Lien Fee | \$ 12,438.10 |
| c. Co Bridge & Road Improvement | \$ 107,837.53 |
| d. Court Clerk Revolving Fund | \$ 10,180.92 |
| e. Cty Clerk Rec Mgmt/Presrv Fee | \$ 59,660.00 |
| f. DA Revolving Fund | \$ 570.69 |
| g. Drug Court Contribution/Donation | \$ 1,250.00 |
| h. Fairgrounds | \$ 37,581.00 |
| i. Health | \$ 7,662.00 |
| j. Highway Fund | \$ 495,028.12 |
| k. Jail Commissary | \$ 32,973.68 |
| l. Juvenile Drug Court Revolving | \$ 624.81 |
| m. Sales Tax | \$ 462,555.21 |
| n. Sheriff Service Fees | \$ 186,566.58 |
| o. Treasurer Certification Fee | \$ 6,605.00 |
| p. COVID Aid and Relief | \$ 162,340.00 |
- 11. Approve** Detainee Communication System and Service Agreement between Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Cleveland County Sheriff's Office and Legacy Long Distance National effective November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$0.50 per tablet per day.
- 12. Approval** of proclaiming November as National Native American Heritage Month.
- 13. Transfer of Erroneously** deposited funds that were deposited into Free Fair Capital Outlay Account 100750-55000 and should have gone into Free Fair Board Premiums & Awards Account 100750-54031 in the amount of \$38,000.00.
- 14. Approve** Service Agreement between Cleveland County Assessor and Nearmap effective October 15, 2020 through October 14, 2021 in the amount of \$91,500.00.
- 15. 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.

16. **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.

- D. No **new business** to present at this time.

- E. During **Commissioner's discussions** concerning **County Business**, Rod Cleveland mentioned that the Resolution proclaiming November as National Native American Heritage Month has motivated him to share a story about a picture that his family purchased in the early 1990s at a special event from the Choctaw Nation. The painting is a depiction of the Trail of Tears. His father, Bobby Cleveland, had arrangements made to ship to his address; however, it never arrived. They discovered that the picture was on tour in Europe with the U2 Band World Tour. On March 23, 1847, the Choctaw leaders, hearing of the Irish potato famine collected \$170.00, plus some provisions to send to Ireland. The act of benevolence did not pass unnoticed by the Irish since the Choctaw had suffered their tragedy years earlier when forced from their homelands to march on the Trail of Tears to Oklahoma. The Irish rock band from Dublin, U2, lead singer Bono, used the artwork and the story of the Choctaw's to raise global awareness for the famine in Somalia during the 1990s. In 1992 a group of Irish men and women walked the 600-mile Trail of Tears raising \$170,000 to relieve suffering in famine-stricken Somalia. A Statute (Kindred Spirits) was commissioned by the people of County Cork, Ireland, to commemorate the Choctaws' kindness.

Commissioner Cleveland said that November is a time to count our blessings on Thanksgiving and to acknowledge the many accomplishments and the numerous contributions made to others during Native American Heritage Month.

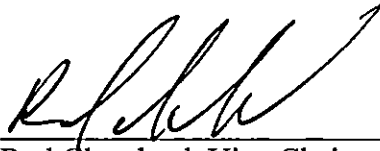
Commissioner Haralson said to Darry Stacy, "All I have to say is congratulations."

Commissioner Stacy said, "Thank you, I appreciate that. And mine is congratulations to Sheriff Amason. You did an excellent job and I am glad to have you on board."

- F. No **comments** from the **Public** were made at this time.
- G. There being no further business to come before the Board, Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, that the meeting is **adjourned** at 1:20 P.M.
The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes.
Motion carried.

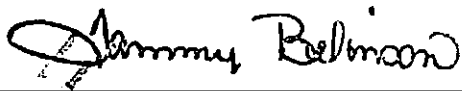
(Clerk's Note: Agenda was posted on November 6, 2020, @ 9:29 AM.)

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



Rod Cleveland, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:



Tammy Belinson, County Clerk and Secretary to the Board

Minutes prepared by:



Deputy County Clerk

