



## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020

**John Roberts led in prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.**

Chairman Darry Stacy called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Cleveland County Commissioners at 1:00 P.M. this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020, in Meeting Room 200 of the Cleveland County Office Building. Linda Atkins, Deputy County/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, Tammy Belinson, Brian Wint, Bryan Jenkins, Brenda Hill, Chief Deputy of Detention Julie Tipton, Sheriff Chris Amason, Marilyn Williams, George Mauldin, Pam Battle, John Roberts, Joy Hampton, Laura Smith, Leann Clements, Melinda Duke, Alison Vinson, Jacob McHughes, Sarita Scott, and Susan McClelland.

After the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 23, 2020, and there being no additions or corrections, Harold Haralson moved that the minutes be **approved**. Rod Cleveland seconded the motion.

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

### **A. Old Business:**

1. Upon the recommendation of Susan McClelland, Darry Stacy moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, to **table** the awarding and/or rejecting of the bids for **Bid #SHE-1969** – Prisoner Transportation for the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.  
The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.  
Motion carried.
2. 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 #03B** – Wellness Center Site Paving and Hardscapes.  
The vote was: Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes.  
Motion carried.

3. Upon the recommendation of Melinda Duke, Darry Stacy moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, to **table** the awarding and/or rejecting of the bids for **Bid #32B – Wellness Center Landscaping and Irrigation**.  
The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes.  
Motion carried.

**B. Items of Business:**

1. George Mauldin, Emergency Management Director, presented the following **COVID-19 Updates and Operations within Cleveland County**.  
As of today, there are 12,978 (11,843) confirmed cases in Cleveland County with 128 (120) deaths. This is an increase of 1,135 (1,207) cases with eight additional deaths since the last Monday.

There are 6,715 (6,137) cases in Norman with 71 (69) deaths. This is an increase of 578 (601) cases with two additional deaths since the last weekly update on November 23, 2020.

There are 1,978 (1,913) active cases in Cleveland County, an increase of 65 (172) and 1,027 (983) active cases in Norman, an increase of 44 (70) since last Monday.

The number of deaths has decreased in the past week with 94 deaths recorded statewide down from 111 the previous week.

Hospitalizations are at an all-time high. As of November 25, there were 1,577 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 with 425 in the ICU. The seven day rolling average is 1,428, up 133 since last week.

ICU availability continues to be low, there are 5% (51 of 971) of ICU beds available down from 6% last week. Available medical/surgery beds available have increased from 13% last week to 14% (867 of 6,210).

As of November 26, Cleveland County is in the “orange” or moderate risk category with 70.2 new cases per 100,000 population, up from 53.0 on November 19.

All 77 counties are currently in the moderate (orange) category. There are 28 counties with more than 100 new cases per 100,000 population (15 last week). Only three counties (Hughes, Latimer and Pushmataha) have less than 50.

Ellis County has the highest rate in the state with 281.3 new cases per 100,000 population. Ellis County has a population of 3,859 and a total of 220 cases with 68 new cases in the past week.

Red trigger:

The county is located in a Region where COVID19 patients represent 40% or more of staffed beds (Acute Care OSDH licensed facilities)

Percent of beds that are COVID-19 positive by region:

Region 1 (northwest) – 24.0% (24.9% last week)  
Region 2 (northeast) – 28.5% (16.6% last week)  
Region 3 (southwest) – 27.2% (25.5% last week)  
*Region 4 (east central) – 11.5% (14.2% last week)*  
Region 5 (southeast) – 16.6% (13.2% last week)  
Region 6 (central) – 29.7% (27.5% last week)  
Region 7 (Tulsa County) – 20.8% (19.0% last week)  
Region 8 (Oklahoma County) – 31.4% (23.6% last week)

As of November 27, there was only one inmate with active infection in the Lexington prisons (JHCC).

At present, we have 12 inmates who have tested positive for COVID-19 in our jail, down from 20 last week.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has not released an updated Epidemiology and Surveillance Report. Therefore, I do not have new information on Nursing Home and Long Term Care Facilities, positivity rates or national comparisons.

Judge Balkman has requested that we again screen individuals entering our buildings for fever. While the efficacy of temperature screenings is questionable, the CDC does include it as an optional strategy for businesses.

From CDC Guidance to Businesses:

Screening employees is an optional strategy that employers may use. Performing screening or health checks will not be completely effective because asymptomatic individuals or individuals with mild non-specific symptoms may not realize they are infected and may pass through screening. Screening and health checks are not a replacement for other protective measures such as social distancing.

The Sheriff's Office is equipped to perform temperature screenings. To facilitate the screenings, we will need to close the east doors and station a deputy at the south door during a specified time (0730 to 0830) for employees. Employees entering the building at other times will need to enter through the west doors. District Attorney's Office and Treasurer's Office employees will also need to enter through the west doors unless the Treasurer's Office agrees to perform screenings at their north door. Chairman Stacy said that he has discussed this with Sheriff Amason and he does have the ability to accommodate that if the east door is closed.

Darry Stacy moved, seconded by Harold Haralson, to **reinstitute the prior plan, effective December 1, 2020**, that all County employees and visitors to the Cleveland County Courthouse and Office Building must be screened for fever upon entering the building through the west doors and that the east doors remain closed to enter the building. Further, employees may enter

through the south door between 7:30 and 8:30 AM. Employees entering after 8:30 a.m. must enter through the west doors. The BOCC will make a weekly review of the **plan** to determine if they want to continue.

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

2. Rod Cleveland moved, seconded by Harold Haralson, to **receive the Cleveland County Financial Audits** for the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2017, 2018, and 2019 from the Oklahoma State Auditor's Office.  
The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Stacy said that the following item numbers 03 through 09 are **Consent Items** and are routine in nature: Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, to **approve** the Consent Items:

3. **Contract** between The Board of County Commissioners and American Elevator Company for monthly maintenance on (5) Hydraulic Elevators and (1) Rotary Elevator in the amount of \$1,335.00. There will be a \$300.00 per hour charge on all other service calls. This contract is valid November 16, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
4. **Notice of Appointment** of Christopher Green as Receiving Officer on Cleveland County Anna McBride Court Account #604167.
5. **Notice of Appointment** of Bryant Rains and William Pretty as Requisition Officers for general fund Election Board 100250 Accounts 51000, 52000, 53000, 54000, and 55000.
6. **Approve the following Cash Fund Appropriations**

a. Bridge Capital Improvement	\$ 90.89
b. County Clerk Lien Fee	\$ 9,919.85
c. Co Bridge and Road Improvement	\$ 37,266.77
d. Commissioners Bldg. Fund	\$ 217.91
e. Court Clerk Revolving Fund	\$ 43.31
f. County Clerk Rec Mgmt/Presrv Fee	\$ 44,152.70
g. District Court Rev Fund	\$ 5,105.60
h. Drug Court Contribution/Donation	\$ 513.27
i. Fairgrounds	\$ 23,116.50
j. Health	\$ 76,737.00
k. Highway	\$ 457,001.18
l. Jail Commissary	\$ 25,464.86
m. Sales Tax	\$ 437,115.59
n. Sheriff Federal Share Revenue	\$ 6.19
o. Sheriff Service Fee	\$ 151,359.17
p. Treasurer Certification Fee	\$ 6,310.00

7. **Declaration of Surplus** on the following items from Cleveland County District #2:

D301-146 1990 Chevy V8 Stakebed  
D302-35A 1980 Ford LT 8000  
D325-17 Swenson Spreader  
D302-90 2001 Mack CH613 Dump truck  
D302-267 1985 M929 Dump Truck 6X6  
D302-268 1983 American General M929 Dump Truck 6x6  
D305-25 1989 John Deere Grader 670-B  
D320-60 1989 Dynapac Self-Vibratory Pad Foot Roller

8. **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.

9. **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**

C. No **new business** to present at this time.

D. During Commissioner's discussions concerning County Business, Commissioner Cleveland expressed his condolences to the family of the former Mayor of Norman, Bob Thompson, who passed away today. Mr. Thompson served on the Industrial Authority Board and was a supportive friend of the County Government; the City of Norman government; and the community. He asked that the Thompson family be remembered in each one's prayers.  
Commissioner Haralson said that he served on the City Council with Mr. Thompson and was sad to hear of his passing.  
He said that it has come to his attention that the County Clerk has hired some new employees, but has not passed that information on to the HR Department. The new employees were not drug-screened or given insurance information and have not received ExecuTime training for payroll purposes which may keep them from being paid. He said, "So, I just wanted to bring that to the attention of the County Clerk and that's it."

E. No **comments** from the **Public** were made at this time.

F. **At 1:11 P.M., Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion on the following:** Pursuant to 25 O. S. 307 B.3, Discussing the purchase or appraisal of real property.  
The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes.  
Motion carried.

**G. At 1:45 P.M.**, Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, to **reconvene** from **Executive Session**.

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

Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, to **proceed** as discussed in Executive Session concerning the purchase or appraisal of real property.

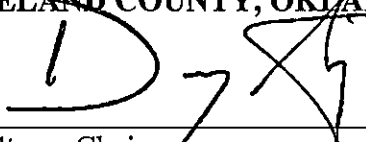
The vote was: Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes.  
Motion carried.

**H.** There being no further business to come before the Board, Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, that the meeting is **adjourned** at 1:45 P.M.


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


**(Clerk's Note: Agenda was posted on the 25th day of November, 2020, at 12:00 Noon.)**

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

  
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Darry Stacy, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
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Tammy Belinson, County Clerk and Secretary to the Board

Minutes prepared by:   
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Deputy County Clerk

