



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

Commissioner Rod Cleveland 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 7th day of December 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 Kristina Bell, Tammy Belinson, Brian Wint, Bryan Jenkins, Brenda Hill, Sheriff Chris Amason, Marilyn Williams, George Mauldin, Pam Battle, John Roberts, Joy Hampton, Laura Smith, Leann Clements, Melinda Duke, Alison Vinson, Sarita Scott, Undersheriff Kent Richie, Earl Cox, Mark Braley, Pam Battle, Mindy Wood, Jacob McHughes, Sean Holtman, and Susan McClelland.

After the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 30, 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.

A. Old Business:

1. Upon the recommendation of Susan McClelland, Darry Stacy moved, seconded by Rod Cleveland, to **award to the only bidder**, US Corrections LLC, as per the bid summary 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 **reject all bids** as per the recommendation of G. E. Johnson 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 **award** to low bidder GreenShade Trees Inc., as per bid summary as recommended by G.E. Johnson, 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 14,428 (12,978) confirmed cases in Cleveland County with 132 (128) deaths. This is an increase of 1,450 (1,135) cases with four additional deaths since the last Monday.

There are 7,434 (6,715) cases in Norman with 75 (71) deaths. This is an increase of 719 (578) cases with four additional deaths since the last weekly update on November 30, 2020.

There are 2,071 (1,978) active cases in Cleveland County, an increase of 93 (65) and 1,039 (1,027) active cases in Norman, an increase of 12(44) since last Monday.

Case reports from OSDH are lagging more and more as the number of cases increase across the state. Currently there are 4,383 with “other” recorded as the city of residence. Eventually these cases will be assigned to the appropriate city and may lead to unusually high new case reports. This occurred most recently last Friday.

The number of deaths has increased in the past week with 168 deaths recorded statewide, 74 more than the previous week (94).

Hospitalizations are at an all-time high. As of December 4, there were 1,636 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 with 467 in the ICU. The seven day rolling average is 1,617, up 189 since last week.

ICU availability is at an all-time low, there are 3% (33 of 1,007) of ICU beds available down from 5% last week. Available medical/surgery beds available have increased from 14% last week to 54% (891 of 6,041).

As of December 3, Cleveland County is in the “orange” or moderate risk category with 50.6 new cases per 100,000 population, down from 70.2 on November 26.

Seventy six counties are currently in the moderate (orange) category. Cimarron County is in the normal (green) category with no new cases. The number of new cases per 100,000 has decreased in all but six counties (Adair,

Beaver, Blaine, Harmon, Hughes and Kiowa). There are 11 counties with more than 100 new cases per 100,000 population (28 last week).

Harper County has the highest rate in the state with 174.3 new cases per 100,000 population. Harper County has a population of 3,688 and a total of 272 cases with 35 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) – 24.3% (24.0% last week)
Region 2 (northeast) – 28.0% (28.5% last week)
Region 3 (southwest) – 28.3% (27.2% last week)
Region 4 (east central) – 12.0% (11.5% last week)
Region 5 (southeast) – 16.7% (16.6% last week)
Region 6 (central) – 31.8% (29.7% last week)
Region 7 (Tulsa County) – 22.2% (20.8% last week)
Region 8 (Oklahoma County) – 34.9% (31.4% last week)

As of December 7, there are seven inmates with active infection in the Lexington. All in the Joseph Harp Correctional Center.

At present, we have 3 inmates who have tested positive for COVID-19 in our jail, down from 20 last week.

There is a cumulative total of 504 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Cleveland County Nursing Homes and Long Term Care Facilities. There have been 380 recoveries and 61 deaths. There are 63 active cases.

85.7% of new cases between November 27 and December 3 were among individuals aged less than 65 years. The most new cases were among individuals aged 15 to 24 years, 18.6% (N=37,875).

81.0% of deaths were among individuals aged more than 65 years. The age group with the highest number of deaths was 75 to 84 at 32.6% (N=43)

The case fatality rate (CFR) in Oklahoma is now 0.9%, down from 1.0% the week before. The CFR for the United States is currently 2.0%.

The positivity rate in Oklahoma is 13.4% as of December 7. The positivity rate for the United States was 10.4% (Johns Hopkins University, 7 day average).

National Comparison: (all states + DC)

Total number of reported COVID-19 cases:

Oklahoma ranked 25th (26th last week) California is highest, Vermont is lowest.

Cumulative reported cases per 100,000 population:

Oklahoma ranked 17th with 5,224 cases per 100,000 population (19th last week), North Dakota is highest, Vermont is lowest.

Total deaths:

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

Death rate (per 100,000):

Oklahoma is ranked 40th (40th last week), New Jersey is highest and Vermont is the lowest.

(Weekly Epidemiology and Surveillance Report, November 27 to December 3)

Mask Data:

OSDH has been tracking the differences in the number of new cases in jurisdictions with mask mandates versus those without a mandate since August 1. The differences between jurisdictions with mask mandates versus those without have been decreasing since the beginning of the study. On November 1 and on November 15 the jurisdictions with mask mandates had 10% fewer new cases. On November 25 there was no difference. On December 1, jurisdictions with a mask mandate had 4% more new cases than those jurisdictions with no mandate (based on a seven-day average of new cases). This probably indicates that more people are wearing masks even without a mandate, not that masks are becoming less effective.

Chairman Darry Stacy said that the following items numbers 02 through 09 are **Consent Items** and are routine in nature; he recommended that Item No. 6 be pulled from the consent docket and taken separately: Rod Cleveland moved to **approve the consent docket** with the exception of **Item No. 6** which is moved to the end of docket. Harold Haralson seconded the motion. The vote was: Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes. Motion carried.

2. **Contract** between Cleveland County Sheriff and US Fleet Tracking for regular monthly service on AT-V4 Pro and NT-V4 hardwired GPS devices effective December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021 in the amount of \$1,395.00 per month.
3. **Approve** the renewal of County Bid #SHE-1930 for the purchase of Deputy Sheriff Shirts and pants for the Sheriff's Office for one more year. All terms and conditions will remain the same. The renewal period will be from December 17, 2020 through December 16, 2021.
4. **Notice of Appointment** of Trace Stimson as Primary Receiving Officer and Kathy Lamar as Alternate on all Sheriff's Accounts at Headquarters
5. **Notice of Appointment** of Amyee Knipping as Primary Receiving Officer and Mendi Brandon as Alternate on all Sheriff's Accounts at the Detention Center.

6. (Action on this item was taken separately at the end of the consent docket.)
 7. Approval of Cleveland County Debris Management Plan.
 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: Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.
Motion carried.

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

Chairman Stacy moved to table **Item No. 6** - Notice of Appointment of Bryant Rains and William Pretty as Requisition Officers for COVID accounts Election Board 109250 Accounts 54000 and 55000.

Harold Haralson seconded the motion.

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

C. No new business to present at this time.

- D.** During Commissioner's discussions concerning County Business, Commissioner Cleveland said that he has information on a Grant Application that's available through Lowe's for a rural release small business grants. It is for any small business that resides in a municipality or the county under 50,000 people such as Lexington, Slaughterville, and Noble. The grant application is simple and straight forward to complete.

He discussed that through the Association of County Governments (ACOG) there are many Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies for the public by going on a website to find information for Grant opportunities.


Commissioner Haralson said that he performed his **annual inspection** of the Cleveland County Jail last week and commended Sheriff Chris Amason for accommodating him in making his rounds and said that he noticed that the general jail population, like the public, have a reluctance to wearing a mask, but the detention officers were adept in asking them to mask up when they noticed they were not wearing a mask.

He stated that today is Pearl Harbor Day and added that he is a member of the Midway Facebook page, he also served on the Midway Carrier for a while, and many stories are posted of veterans that survived WWII. Most WWII veterans are in their ninety's, such as his Uncle Don Haralson who is a 96 years old WWII Veteran. He asked that everyone keep the veterans that have gone before us and those that remain in our thoughts and prayers.

- E. No comments from the Public were made at this time.**
- F. At 1:14 P.M.,** Harold Haralson moved, seconded by Darry Stacy, 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.
- G. At 1:26 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** as discussed in Executive Session concerning the purchase or appraisal of real property.
The vote was: Rod Cleveland, no; Harold Haralson, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.
Motion carried.
- H.** There being no further business to come before the Board, Rod Cleveland moved, seconded by Harold Haralson, that the meeting is **adjourned** at 1:27 P.M.
The vote was: Darry Stacy, yes; Rod Cleveland, yes; Harold Haralson, yes.
Motion carried.

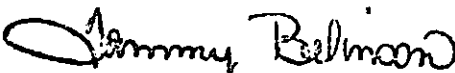
(Clerk's Note: Agenda was posted on the 4th day of December, 2020, at 10:08 A.M.)

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CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**



Rod Cleveland, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:



Tammy Belinson, County Clerk and Secretary to the Board

Minutes prepared by: 

Deputy County Clerk

