



DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 28, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Regular Session at 9:01 a.m. on December 28, 2021. The agenda was posted December 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and placed in the kiosk located on the courthouse lawn as well as the county website. Members of the Board present were Commissioner David Poindexter-Chairman, Commissioner Jake Callihan-Member, Conley Chesney, Designee for District #3 and County Clerk Barbara Barnes -Secretary. The Board of Delaware County Commissioners is hereby authorized to act on the following items:

Flag Salute – Roll Call and Call to Order

AGENDA #1- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated December 21, 2021. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #2-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) to approve payment of claims submitted by the County Clerk's Office. 2021-2022: CBRI 38, APAC-OKLAHOMA INC., 55558.89, ASPHALT; Donations 15, APAC-CENTRAL INC., 24430.02, ASPHALT; General 1788, THOMSON REUTERS - WEST, 311.57, SUBSCRIPTION1789, THE AMERICAN, 443.40, PUBLICATIONS1790, CRAIG COUNTY DETENTION CENTER, 375.00, JUVENILE SERVICES1791, OZARK LEASING A PROGRAM OF DE LAGE, 97.82, LEASE/PURCH1792, THE PAPERCLIP OFFICE SUPPLIES, 318.40, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES; Health 153, THREET, JORDAN, 456.30, TRAVEL154, MOORE, MARSHA, 296.80, TRAVEL155, RICE, ANDREA, 38.86, TRAVEL156, STATE PEST CONTROL, 40.00, EXTERMINATION; Highway 1131, QUILL CORPORATION, 482.55, MISC1132, WALTER SPECIALTY SERVICE, 3787.84, ROAD MATERIALS1133, CABIN DIESEL SERVICE INC., 452.20, FILTERS1134, ATWOODS DISTRIBUTING L.P., 299.60, SUPPLIES1135, 4 STATE TRUCKS, 267.87, MISC1136, B&B HEATING & AIR INC., 168.86, REPAIRS; Rural Fire-ST 580, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 121.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE581, KATNER MILLS (NAPA), 22.95, OIL582, OAKS #1 STOP, 273.42, BLANKET583, WALKER HARDWARE & LUMBER, 105.10, BLANKET584, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 328.00, ELECTRICSERVICE. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #3- Not Needed.

AGENDA #4 – A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) to approve Hearing Human Resources Vicki Cossairt on current status regarding families first. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Vicki Cossairt, HR Director, as of December 21st the State Color coded risk phases indicated Delaware County dropped down to yellow – Low Risk, the first time a very long time. There is one other county south of us that is also yellow and the rest of the counties are still at Orange. Also, the Omicron variant was identified in Oklahoma on the 21st of December by the State Health Department. Total cases are 59 as opposed to 16 last week which is up by 43 a turnaround of about 91 of active cases from previous weeks. Of course, during the holidays Christmas, Christmas Eve, we expected to see an increase. No additional deaths currently at 51 and active cases are at 3418 for an increase of 29. So, the numbers did go up but not as much as I had anticipated. The courtrooms have made some adjustments. Judge Denney, because of Omicron being identified in Oklahoma the judge has ordered resuming of wearing masks and only parties allowed in courtrooms will be the witnesses, attorneys, plaintiffs and defendants, only necessary people allowed to be in courtroom and they will be required to wear masks. I just want to be sure everyone can recognize symptoms of the Omicron variant they are a bit different than straight Covid -19. Please remember if you have any of these symptoms to talk to your supervisor before you come into the workplace so that they can make arrangements to get you tested or wear a mask or work from home. Cough, runny stuffy nose, fatigue, headache, sore scratchy throat. Similar to common seasonal allergy symptoms. I've heard of a couple places in northeast Oklahoma recently of people who suffer from allergies and exposed an entire department. So, keep in mind and don't take it lightly so you don't spread it thinking its season allergies. 56% of Oklahomans are fully vaccinated the goal was 70% that number is moving up a bit as well. The OSHA mandate for large employers for January 20th meaning they would need to keep records for those that are vaccinated and those who are not. Those not vaccinated would need to test weekly and wear masks when at work. There's a lot of restrictions in the OSHA mandate. Oklahoma is one of 17 states that are refusing to recognize the mandate. There are policies that the county will need to have in place in the event the mandate goes through so I will be monitoring that. If anyone that has been vaccinated and would like to provide their CDC card to put in their employee file just let us know. It is not mandated but making the option available. New Year's Eve and New Year's are coming up this weekend. HR report for Law Enforcement, they have promoted 4, hired 2 deputies and 1 detention officer and one employee exited in Dist. 3. All in all, our workforce in law enforcement will hopefully stabilize.

AGENDA #5- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval to discuss and review the County's policies in relation to Covid-19 and take action to modify those policies as needed. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. No changes.

AGENDA #6 – A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval of invoice submitted by Floyd & Driver, PLLC (*American Rescue Plan Act Professional Services Month of October, 2021*) for the amount of \$7,594.54. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #7- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval of amendment to Memorandum of Agreement between the Cherokee Nation and Delaware County to share a mutual support for the expansion of the Jay Industrial Park. The term of this amendment shall be January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement entered into on October 18, 2021 remain in effect and unchanged. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Commissioner Callihan indicated it was just a continuation of the contract for the tribe to help the city with the new Industrial Park Road. Cherokee Nation is funding it and District 2 is doing the work. Callihan questioned that if anyone would like to help lay asphalt to let him know. Commissioner Poindexter offered to assist and when the time comes to notify him.

AGENDA #8-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval of transfer of funds for error correction from Community Center cash to General Gov't Community Center in the amount of \$15,000. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. None.

AGENDA #9 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval to receive and file copy of certificate of liability insurance and current list of Board of Directors and Officers for the Hickory Grove Fire Department as follows: Frankie Shepherd – President, Allen Yates – Vice President, Kim Garcia – Sec/Treas, Rhonda Fenner and Leanne Williams – Members, Tom Ponko – Alt, Billy McClintick – Fire Chief, Shea Fenner – Asst. Chief, Billy McClintick, Kim Garcia and Barbara Barnes – Requisitioning Officers, Shea Fenner and Allen Yates – Receiving Officers, Don Bowman and Britany King – inventory Officers. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #10 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval for discussion with possible action for the Delaware County Solid Waste Trust authority to fund a full-time environmental deputy with Sheriff Beck providing statistical information. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Sheriff James Beck indicated that the environmental officer grant program was into its third year and expired in June of 2021. The program provided \$50,000 the first year for set up and equipment (20k) and personnel services (30k) and an additional \$30,000 for the second and third year for overtime and personnel services. The department was allowed to apply for the grant again since there was a change in administration. We applied for the (30K)/year but others also applied so we only received (10K)/year for three years. In January or February, the position was filled. The grant expired in June but we maintained it through July. We met with David Morris with DCWS and he agreed they would reimburse wages to maintain the program it that would be agreeable with the Board of Commissioners. The environmental employee would solely be dedicated to the environmental program unless there were a dire need for his assistance. Commissioner's Poindexter and Callihan indicated it being a definite need for the area. Will provide the information to the District Attorney and the DCSW attorney for them to draft a mutual agreement in order to proceed.

AGENDA #11 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval of Sheriff Beck's appointee for designee, Nicholas O'Neal. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Sheriff Beck indicated that Nicholas O'Neal has been selected as the Undersheriff.

AGENDA #12-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval to open the floor for new business. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Designee Conley Chesney indicated Yellowhouse has picked up the last of the two road graders that were on loan.

AGENDA #13 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval to open the floor to public comments. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Mike Major asked how the process of getting an environmental deputy would work. Commissioner Poindexter told him to speak with the Sheriff concerning details.

AGENDA #14-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) to adjourn at 9:27 a.m. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

BARBARA BARNES- COUNTY CLERK



DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAVID POINDEXTER, CHAIRMAN

JAKE CALLIHAN, MEMBER

CONLEY CHESNEY, DESIGNEE