



## DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on January 4, 2022. The agenda was posted January 3, 2022 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:

AGENDA #1- meeting called to order by chairman.

AGENDA #2- flag salute.

AGENDA #3 - roll call by chairman.

AGENDA #4 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) to approve the appointment of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2022, to serve for a term of one year. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Conley Chesney (Designee) and seconded by Commissioner Callihan to approve retaining Commissioner Poindexter as the appointed Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2022, to serve for a term of one year. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #5-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: General 1795, QUADIENT LEASING, 469.23, LEASE PAYMENT1796, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 14.00, WATER1797, OZARK LEASING A PROGRAM OF DE LAGE, 46.75, TAXES; Highway 1137, TOMO, 625.00, DOT PHYSICAL1138, AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA., 265.97, ELECTRIC SERVICE1139, T & W TIRES LLC, 3051.40, TIRES1140, AIRGAS USA, LLC, 248.11, LEASE1141, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 212.05, WATER1142, VANOVER METAL BLDs. SALES, 80.64, MISC1143, TRACTOR SUPPLY, 449.99, EQUIPMENT1144, RADIO SHACK, 59.98, RADIO1145, WARREN CAT, 947.15, SERVICE CALL1146, CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY, 377.33, FIRST AID SUPPLIES; Mtg Cert 23, QUILL CORPORATION, 148.49, COFFEE; Resale 159, QUADIENT LEASING, 4617.21, LEASE/PUR; Rural Fire-ST 585, BOLT FIBER OPTICS SERVICES, 75.99, INTERNET SERVICE586, ALERT360, 25.99, SECURITY SYSTEM/REPAIR587, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 322.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE588, SISCO TRUE-VALUE HARDWARE, 24.38, BLANKET589, CARDS NEO, LLC, 50.00, SANITATION590, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 349.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE591, GMSA, 51.50, UTILITIES592, SUDDENLINK, 93.14, TELEPHONE SERVICE593, WELCH STATE BANK, 1422.90, LEASE/PURCH594, WELCH STATE BANK, 1422.90, LEASE/PURCH595, MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES INC, 3909.04, 596, EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, 199.65, BLANKET597, FULLY PROMOTED, 305.32, CLOTHING598, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 120.37, ELECTRIC SERVICE599, STEVESON L.P. GAS, 841.75, BLANKET600, SST, 162.76, TELEPHONE SERVICE601, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 130.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE602, BOUNDTREE MEDICAL LLC, 301.94, MEDICAL SUPPLIES. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #6- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated December 28, 2021. 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) to receive and file monthly reports from County Officers. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Report provided by Assessor, County Clerk, Health Department and Sheriff's Office.

AGENDA #8 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval of citizen's participation or comments. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Vicki Cossairt Human Resources Director first thing I'd like to say we've been through Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years and I'd like to thank on behalf of all of us of Delaware County – our Law Enforcement, Dispatch and Road Crews, those who were out in inclement weather and those who were working during the Holidays and away from their families while they were taking care of all of us of Delaware County. Weekly HR report: We hired (2) patrol deputies, and one more we should know by tomorrow if he accepted our offer; (1) exit in District #3; (1) exit in dispatch; (1) transfer between road crews. I would like the Board to know this year all officers in the jail are required to have TB testing annually and we completed it on time with the help of Katie Rothrock, we appreciate her efforts. Mike Major – I just want to set the stage set for the year based on my attendance at previous meetings and missing assets and things of that nature. I encourage you to absolutely review the County Wide Controls document and try to implement Key Check points, in regards to how you manage the County. The first line item on the document is the Checklist for Quarterly Officers meetings, which I believe means all the team of the county as opposed to just the Board making all decisions.

**AGENDA #9 – 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, Active cases were up by 7 from last week. Active cases 66 up by 7; no new deaths; the recovered total is 3458 up by 40 and we also went back up to color phase orange. The numbers may increase over the next few weeks since we are following the holidays. January 7<sup>th</sup> is the verbal hearing for the OSHA mandate that is supposed to go into effect on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Once we hear that ruling, we will determine the implemented compliance policy for employees that will have to prove they are vaccinated. Items will be sent to District Attorney Kenny Wright for review in preparation. Oklahoma is one of the 17 states that does not wish to participate in the mandate. Dr. Fauci indicated changes to isolation guidelines since he has indicated the Omicron variant being less harsh. Isolation down from 10 days to 5 days.**

**AGENDA #10- 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 for now.**

**AGENDA #11- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval of discussion with possible action to appoint/re-appoint two Grand Gateway Board Members positions for 2022. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Poindexter and seconded by Commissioner Callihan to re-appoint Barbara Barnes and Commissioner Poindexter for the two Grand Gateway Board Member positions for 2022. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.**

**AGENDA #12- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval of discussion with action for choice of Board Member for the Delaware County Health Department. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Poindexter and seconded by Commissioner Callihan to re-appoint Commissioner Callihan for the Delaware County Health Department Board Member for 2022. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.**

**AGENDA #13- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval of discussion with action for choice of Board Member for Community Sentencing Board. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Poindexter and seconded by Commissioner Callihan to re-appoint Commissioner Poindexter for the Delaware County Community Sentencing Board Member for 2022. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.**

**AGENDA #14- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval of discussion with action for choice of Board Member(s) for Circuit Engineering Board. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes.**

**A motion was made by Conley Chesney (designee) and seconded by Commissioner Callihan to re-appoint Commissioner Poindexter for the Circuit Engineering Board Member for 2022. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan- yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.**

**AGENDA #15- A motion was made by Commissioner Poindexter and seconded by Commissioner Callihan for approval of discussion with action for choice of Board Member for Workforce Oklahoma. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) to re-appoint Commissioner Callihan for the Workforce Oklahoma Board Member for 2022. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan- yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.**

**AGENDA #16-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval to receive and forward to the District Attorney's office Foreclosure Action styled Gregory D Evans, plaintiff vs. Lucas David Sisson, et al., defendants: Case No. CJ-2021-160. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.**

**AGENDA #17-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval to receive and forward to insurance carrier ACCO, Tort claim filed by Will Parker, 5811 County Rd 366 of Eucha, OK, regarding damage to retaining wall by steam roller, estimated costs of damage \$1,939. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Commission Callihan of Dist. 2 indicated that during pothole repairs the wall was inadvertently damaged.**

**AGENDA #18-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval of invoice submitted by Mission Critical Partners, LLC for Delaware County consolidation study and professional services \$8,694.99. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Jeff Reeves Emergency Management Director indicated this is the final invoice and he has already initiated the reimbursement process from the State EM Management will forward this accordingly to finish the reimbursement process.**

AGENDA #19-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval of discussion with Non-Profit Resiliency ARPA Grant applicant – Amy Garrison, CAO and Josh Cantwell, COO – Grand Lake Mental Health Center, Inc. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Josh Cantwell, COO of Grand Lake Mental Health Center, Inc thanked the Board for placing them on the agenda today, they are excited to talk about the application. Recently we submitted an application for ARPA funds in Delaware county for assistance with the “Safer at Home” initiative that they have been undertaking for approximately two years. GLMHC began a model approximately 4 years ago providing access, to decrease the barriers to the people we serve. We began supplying families with ipads with a custom application - they provided a HIPAA compliant method for them to access treatment 24 hours/day. At that time the goal was to decrease crisis episodes and to get people access to help for when and where they needed it. We have been having very good results. We decreased inpatient hospitalizations by around 80% which is a bigger decrease even than other areas of the nation. During that time period of serving approximately 1,000 clients with only 150 of those with ipads when Covid hit. The goal before Covid was a 5 yr. plan to continue to provide additional ipads for clients. When Covid hit, clients stopped coming to clinics due to Covid exposure concerns. The process had to be expedited. The application we submitted are those numbers and costs between 4/8/20 – 6/25/21 of the 726 ipads issued in Delaware County. Of that number 490 are qualified under ARPA guidelines for socioeconomic status and mental health vulnerability by providing access to daily mental health services along with the 24-hour crisis services in a nutshell. Commissioner Callihan inquired 1. how they are funded? The Dept of Mental Health and Substance Use Services and Medicaid. 2. You don't turn anyone away? No one is turned away; care coordinators will find available services for any that are over qualified for their services also some private insurances are accepted. 3. Do you plan to build a facility in Jay? Currently they do have an office in Jay in the old Cherokee hospital building and will be providing a 24-hour crisis center as well within the next 18 to 24 months. The application they submitted was for \$422,059.40 in grant funding. Commissioner Poindexter indicated some confirmation of totals for the overall ARPA program needing to be finalized and then the amount would be determined for approval for GLMHC. Commissioner Poindexter thanked them for their time and for their service to the community.

AGENDA #20-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval to issue payment to grant recipient in conjunction with the Floyd & Driver determination letter designating their funds request are an approved use of the County's ARPA funds regarding the negative impacts of the Covid-19 public health emergency the approved expenditure code is E.C.2.1.0 – Jay Elementary PTO for \$13,230. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. The Jay Elementary PTO raises funds for three different groups that provide food to local children that are vulnerable.

AGENDA #21-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval to go into executive session pursuant to title 25 Oklahoma Statue 30.7.B.1 to discuss employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual or salaried officer or employee; creation of new position – Grants and projects liaison/law enforcement assistant; Dena Tolle. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried.

Executive session commenced at 9:42 a.m.

AGENDA #21-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) for approval to return to regular session for discussion and possible vote concerning any necessary action regarding item #21 identified above. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Conley Chesney (Designee)-yes. Motion carried. Return to Regular Session at 10:20 a.m. - No action taken.


AGENDA #23-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. None.

AGENDA #24-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Conley Chesney (designee) to adjourn at 10:21 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  
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