



DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

August 30, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on August 30, 2022. The agenda was posted August 29, 2022 at 8:49 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, Commissioner David Beck-Member and County Clerk First Deputy Michael Baker. The Board of Delaware County Commissioners is hereby authorized to act on the following items:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Poindexter followed by the flag salute.

AGENDA #1 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to determine that notice of meeting and agenda for this meeting was properly posted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #2-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve introductions and announcements. In addition to the Commissioners and First Deputy, District Attorney Kenny Wright, Carolyn Boothe, Mike Major, OSU Educator Brooke Downing, Sheriff James Beck, Undersheriff Nick O'Neal, Treasurer Susan Duncan, Cleora School Superintendent Kenny Guthrie, and Butler Firefighter Randy Prinz introduced themselves. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #3- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve the minutes for the regular meeting dated August 23, 2022. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #4- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve payment of claims submitted by the County Clerk. 2021-2022 Reserve: General 3822, FBI-LEEDA, 1390.00, TRAINING; Highway 2354, CORE & MAIN, 8774.90, PIPE 2355, BEAVER VALLEY LLC, 850.00, TOWING; Rural Fire-ST 1309, FIRE MASTER FIRE EQUIPMENT INC., 13809.52, FIRE DEPT VEHICLE. 2022-2023: CBRI6, LONGAN CONSTRUCTION, 2525.73, ASPHALT 7, LONGAN CONSTRUCTION, 1215.70, ASPHALT; General 603, BAKER, MICHAEL D., 16.25, MILEAGE 604, MID-WEST PRINTING CO., 1078.74, LASER CHECKS 605, QUILL CORPORATION, 98.27, OFFICE SUPPLIES 606, JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION, 1651.50, JAIL REPAIRS 607, JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION, 2660.03, JAIL REPAIRS 608, MATCHELL LAWN CARE LLC, 130.00, LAWN MAINT 609, LOWES BUSINESS ACCT/SYN CB, 1593.38, BUILDING SUPPLIES 610, SISCO TRUE-VALUE HARDWARE, 11.90, KEYS 611, JANUARY, CRYSTAL G., 58.13, ELECTION TRAVEL 612, REECE, ANNA TAWN, 26.25, ELECTION TRAVEL 613, BUTLER BAPTIST CHURCH, 25.00, RENT 614, QUILL CORPORATION, 242.96, MISC 615, AMAZON.COM / SYN CB, 167.98, MISC 616, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 15.00, WATER 617, UNIFIRST CORP, 194.22, UNIFORMS 618, THE PAPERCLIP OFFICE SUPPLIES, 553.77, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 619, OSU BURSARS OFFICE, 525.46, COMPUTER; Health 25, STATE PEST CONTROL, 45.00, EXTERMINATION; Highway 333, LONGAN CONSTRUCTION, 61900.74, ASPHALT 334, O-REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 711.06, MISC 335, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 2217.03, REPAIRS 336, 4 STATE TRUCKS, 829.88, PARTS 337, LOWES BUSINESS ACCT/SYN CB, 1279.62, MISC 338, ATWOODS DISTRIBUTING L.P., 439.94, INSECT REPELLANT 339, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 80.40, COFFEE 340, HAMILL METALS, 560.13, SUPPLIES 341, THE SHOP AT GRAND LAKE, 50.00, COMPUTER REPAIRS 342, LAKELAND-CPP, 4149.00, FUEL 343, J & J AUTO SUPPLY, 962.44, MISC 344, KANSAS BUILDING SUPPLY INC., 40.73, MISC 345, LINDLY S INC., 29.99, MISC 346, PARTS CITY LTE, 399.99, REPAIR 347, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 20.00, WATER/RENT 348, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 225.11, ELECTRIC SERVICE 349, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 200.00, WATER/RENT; Mtg Cert 5, OSU-CTP, 130.00, TRAINING 6, SIXKILLER, MELANIE, 342.13, TRAVEL 7, BENGE, CARLEE KATHRYN, 56.25, PER DIEM 8, LOWE S, 94.47, PAINT; Resale 56, THE GRAND LAKER/DELAWARE COUNTY JOURNAL, 100.26, PUBLICATIONS; Rural Fire-ST 151, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 194.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE 152, COUNTY CLERK, 1431.51, REIMBURSEMENT 153, ALERT360, 27.81, MONTHLY SERVICE 154, COUNTY CLERK, 1431.51, REIMBURSEMENT 155, LAKELAND-CPP, 1326.50, BLANKET 156, FIRE MASTER FIRE EQUIPMENT INC., 223.80, FIRE DEPARTMENT PARTS 157, FIRE MASTER FIRE EQUIPMENT INC., 7049.45, FIRE DEPT BUNKER GEAR 158, THE BURROWS AGENCY, 3144.00, INSURANCE 159, COUNTY CLERK, 1431.51, REIMBURSEMENT 160, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 180.49, ELECTRIC SERVICE 161, OMES-

AGENCY BUSINESS SERVICES, 4365.41, INSURANCE 162, OMES-AGENCY BUSINESS SERVICES, 3636.87, INSURANCE 163, COUNTY CLERK, 1431.51, REIMBURSEMENT 164, COUNTY CLERK, 1431.51, REIMBURSEMENT 165, LOCKE SUPPLY CO., 27.89, BLANKET 166, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 369.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE 167, COUNTY CLERK, 1431.51, REIMBURSEMENT; SH Svc Fee 63, J & J AUTO SUPPLY, 511.33, MISC 64, J & J AUTO SUPPLY, 388.92, BATTERY 65, PITNEY BOWES, 435.97, MISC 66, LOWES BUSINESS ACCT/SYNCB, 709.10, JAIL SUPPLIES 67, LINDLY S INC., 219.91, JAIL SUPPLIES; SH Tng 1, HOLIDAY INN, 384.00, TRAVEL. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #5- This item was not needed as no monthly reports from officers were presented.

AGENDA #6 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck for approval of citizen's participation or comments. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

Mike Major asked for more information about the resolution to approve participation in the Oklahoma opioid settlement, agenda item #8, specifically, how much money the county would be getting from the lawsuit.

Wright said this resolution refers to a part of the settlement with three distributors. He said those three made an offer to settle in an Ohio case which includes possibly 15,000 defendants. Wright said the Oklahoma Attorney General worked out a settlement for the entire state by percentage. "What this is, is us accepting that settlement," Wright said. He said the only other option would be to try the case ourselves in Ohio. "This will maximize the amount the county gets from this portion of the settlement," Wright said. Major asked how much. Wright said this portion is around a half a million, but it could increase if the distributors fail to do what is ordered to mediate the opioid epidemic.

Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt asked about striping the parking places around the courthouse. Sheriff Beck said he would address that issue in his report.

AGENDA #7 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve report by Human Resources Vicki Cossairt. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

Cossairt said Delaware County has 137 employees, with three doing orientation today. There are quite a few county positions still open. She said the work of the county became compartmentalized during Covid, but now the county should return to a teamwork effort and get back to normal the way it was before the pandemic.

AGENDA #8- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve resolution to approve participation in distributors Oklahoma Settlement Agreement. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #9-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve intrafund transfer from Eucha Fire Dept. travel to Eucha Fire Dept. M&O account in the amount of \$6180.89 per Fire Chief Tony Buzzard. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Poindexter said the paperwork stated the transfer was to pay for insurance.

AGENDA #10- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to receive and forward to insurance carrier (ACCO) tort claim filed by Louis Greaves. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #11- A motion was made by Commissioner Poindexter and seconded by Commissioner Callihan to accept six-month road material bids for the Highway Departments. Co. bid #22-23/01. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #12- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign agreement for professional services for Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update services with Meshek & Associates. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

The county was approved for a grant to pay Meshek to complete the plan. The total cost of the plan will be \$126,526.50. The county's portion will be \$14,058.50.

AGENDA #13- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve county utility relocation agreement with MCI Communication Services for Drowning Creek bridge project in District #2. Callihan said this is a replacement bridge and there is a fiber optic cable which needs to be relocated. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #14- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to open and review all bids received for the purchase of a used pumper/tanker truck for the Tiff City Volunteer Fire Department with possible acceptance on this date – bid #22-23/03. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Poindexter stated no bids were received.

AGENDA #15- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve advertisement for sealed bids on the purchase of a utility vehicle for the Butler Fire Department. Persons interested in submitting a bid are to contact Michael Baker, P. A., located in the County Clerk's Office, Jay, Okla. Bids will be opened and reviewed in regular meeting dated 9/13/22 at 9 a.m. Board reserves the right to accept/reject any and all bids and the right to re-advertise. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #16- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action Sheriff James Beck giving report updates. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

The Sheriff compared the number of cases worked from 2021 (1304) to the number worked in 2022 (1040). He said that this decrease is due to the fact that he has increased the number of staff. He said he has the highest number of deputies the office has ever had, so there are more patrolmen which increases visibility. He said people have scanners and if they know there is only one deputy patrolling in the north end, crime will occur in the south end.

Beck said the jail population is usually in the 80s. He said municipal prisoners are being held free and he is looking at options for municipalities to pay when their prisoners are housed by the county.

Beck ran down the numbers of each type of crime and all are lower than in 2021. While he attributes this to more staff, he stressed many of his employees spend a lot of time on welfare checks and transports. He said transport costs are paid up front by his office and it may take years to get them back. Beck said that's why he asked for an increased budget, to hire more people. He quoted many statistics, including the fact that dispatch answered 24,166 calls since January. "Numbers speak for themselves," Beck said. He used the numbers to show what his office is doing.

Beck said he would like to have a citizens' police academy to educate the public. He wants to get more in-house CLEET instructors. He has four presently: himself, Undersheriff O'Neal, Brandon Houston and Allen Hicks. Beck said he wants to run another reserve academy and he has a pepper ball instructor for jail employees. Two deputies have been trained in hostage negotiation. Two employees have attended internal affairs investigation school sponsored by the Cherokee Nation in an effort to increase accountability. He also has a two-year contract in the works for those that the county sends to CLEET training. This will keep people working who have benefitted from the county paying for training.

Beck said he has the district attorney working on a three-year contract for the canine officers. He said the dogs which will be trained for Delaware County are pups now and he would like to buy those dogs now so they will belong to the county when training begins in January.

In regard to the striping, Beck said the parking places need to be powerwashed first to removed old and loose debris so the paint will stick.

Beck said he spoke to the Cleora School Superintendent who wants to set up a joint-funded position for a school resource officer. He said this expense was not included in his estimate of needs and he would need more money to add this position. The officer would be at school whenever school is open. He said building a rapport with students is important and an officer at school all the time who gets to know the students can change their perception of the law. Guthrie said he was there to answer any questions the board might have. Poindexter said he doesn't know if or how the program would work since it has never been done before. Guthrie said school is in session 162 days and he is willing to pay someone for the time spent there. "Other counties do this," Guthrie said. Beck would like the commissioners to appropriate the money and nail it down for the school officer salary only, so the program will stay in place no matter who is the sheriff.

The courthouse officer who keeps the door is supposed to be paid from courthouse revenue, Beck said. He said there is often not enough money in that account and he has to supplement the officer's pay. Beck said one officer is not enough because if there is a disturbance somewhere and the officer has to leave his post, the door is unmanned. He said two or more are needed and he would need more money to pay those officers.

Beck said a DEQ (trash) officer is needed and he believes Solid Waste will pay the salary. He said dumpsters are being closed or put behind fences which means dumping will increase.

Beck said he believes the opioid settlement money must be used for drug enforcement, so he thinks those funds would be well spent to hire an undercover drug officer. He said former officer Jamie Lennox does it for free now with the use of his drug dog. He said this resulted in a large drug bust Monday where a large amount of drugs, guns and cash was seized. He said the bust was out in the county and at a residence in Grove. Various hard narcotics were confiscated, including fentanyl. Commissioner Beck asked the sheriff if more drugs are coming into the county. Sheriff Beck said cocaine and fentanyl are on the rise and were a large part of the Monday drug bust. O'Neal said all officers carry Narcan nasal spray to prevent death from contact with fentanyl. Wright said the Cherokee Nation has provided a lot of Narcan and provides more any time they are asked.

AGENDA #17- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action uplifts for six 2022 Dodge Ram pickups for the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Beck said this item should have been removed because he has only received two estimates and he wants to get at least four to present to the commissioners. Poindexter suggested tabling the item two weeks. Beck said that will not work for him as he will be in "sheriff's school." Poindexter made the motion to table the item until the Sept. 6 meeting. Callihan seconded. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #18-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded Commissioner Beck to open the floor for new business. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. There was none.

AGENDA #19-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to adjourn at 10:06 a.m. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST: 
BARBARA BARNES- COUNTY CLERK

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MOTION MADE BY Callihan SECONDED BY Beck

TO APPROVE/AMEND MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DATED AUGUST 30, 2022

POINDEXTER y CALLIHAN y BECK y
MOTION CARRIED.

WITNESS OUR HANDS THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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