



DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Special Session at 2:00 p.m. on November 7, 2022. The agenda was posted November 2, 2022 at 11:13 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 Barbara Barnes -Secretary. 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 and roll call. All members were present.

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. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Beck-yes. Motion carried. In addition to the Commissioners and County Clerk, Sheriff James Beck, Undersheriff Nick O'Neal, Charlie Smith, Assessor Larena Ellis Cook, Treasurer Susan Duncan, Treasurer's First Deputy Treasa Earp, County Extension Educator Brooke Downing and Commissioner Secretary Kathy Parker introduced themselves.

AGENDA #3- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting dated November 3, 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 conduct Public Hearing concerning the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 pursuant to 68 O.S. § 3012 and 3013. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Beck-yes. Motion carried.

- A. Motion to provide opportunity for Elected Officials to discuss Proposed Budget was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Beck-yes. Motion carried. The sheriff said he needs a lot more money as it takes his office \$14,000 per month to operate. Sheriff Beck said he spent \$25,000 to operate in October and if he doesn't get more money, services will be cut. He said his office has operated at a deficit for over a year. Beck said the revenue from serving papers is up, but that won't pay the minimum cost to run his office. Poindexter said the whole county is in a crunch and asked Beck specifically what his biggest need is. Beck said fuel to patrol is the biggest need. He said fuel to patrol and make transports must all come out of his budget. "All this patrolling is reducing crime," Beck said. Beck said printouts to other agencies costs a lot. "We are not required to dispatch for CN," Beck said, but the minimum costs for taking tribal calls are high and the tribe has not paid anything for the services. Beck said his office is doing 99.9 percent of the Cherokee Nation's police work. Poindexter said he would talk to the Cherokee Nation about funds. Sheriff Beck said he has money in another account, but has not received word from legal counsel whether he can use it for these expenses. Commissioner Beck said he has asked Tribal Counsel Member Mike Shambaugh about paying the sheriff's office for services, but "nothing has happened." Sheriff Beck said he is waiting on \$35,000 he thought he would get in October, but he still needs more. Commissioner Callihan said everyone is in the same boat with the high cost of fuel and each

elected official will have to figure out how to deal with it. Sheriff Beck said how he will deal with it is to park cars and make sure everyone in the county knows the number of deputies patrolling has been decreased because he can't get more money.

Cook asked if she can get a bound copy of the budget. "Here it is," Barnes said, "I tried to get it to you, but you were not here."

Poindexter said he would talk to Melvina Shotpouch, a tribal representative, about funds. "What should I ask her?" Poindexter said. "Tell her to help fund the sheriff because we are working for the tribe for free." Sheriff Beck said no money has come to the county for law enforcement since the McGirt ruling. Poindexter said he knows Sheriff Beck tries to run an efficient office.

Sheriff Beck said if Poindexter can get Cherokee Nation to send him \$10,000 a month, he won't need more of the county's budget. "I don't think \$120,000 a year is not too much to pay for full police service for the Cherokee Nation."

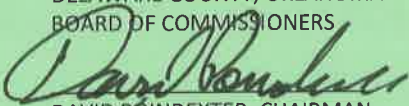
B. Motion to provide for Citizens to discuss Proposed Budget was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Beck-yes. Motion carried. There was none.

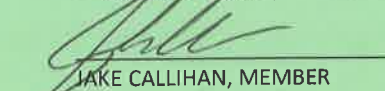
Agenda #5- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve, disapprove or modify Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Beck-yes. Motion carried. Commissioner Beck said he was reluctant to approve the budget because of "shutting the sheriff's department down." Poindexter said if more funds have to be moved in the budget to pay for operating costs, funds for items such as new cars will be unavailable. Commissioner Beck said he will be talking to Shambaugh this week. A motion was made by Commissioner Poindexter and seconded by Commissioner Callihan to approve the budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Beck-yes. Motion carried. There was none.


AGENDA #6 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve adjournment of the meeting at 10: a.m. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Beck-yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST: 
BARBARA BARNES- COUNTY CLERK

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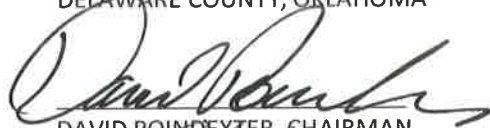
MOTION MADE BY Callihan SECONDED BY Beck

TO APPROVE/AMEND MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2022.

POINDEXTER y CALLIHAN y BECK y
MOTION CARRIED.

WITNESS OUR HANDS THIS 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022

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