



## DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on February 7, 2023. The agenda was posted February 6, 2023 at 8:35 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 Commissioner 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 Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. The commissioners' room had a standing room only crowd including many firefighters and fair supporters.

**AGENDA #3**- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve the minutes for the special meeting dated February 2, 2023. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner 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. 2022-2023: ARPA 2021 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 4357 FLOYD & DRIVER 7594.54; CBRI ROAD MATERIALS 4121 LONGAN CONSTRUCTION 6325.00; Emergency Mgmt TELEPHONE SERVICE 3604 VERIZON 87.91; General COOLER 3801 HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE 8.00; INTERNET 2714 GRAND TELEPHONE CO. 35.00; 3775 GRAND TELEPHONE CO. 75.00; 3777 GRAND TELEPHONE CO. 50.00; MISC3980KELLPROINC.374.00; PLUMBING SERVICE/REPAIRS 3592 T-N-T PLUMBING 629.00; 4131 T-N-T PLUMBING 600.00; PUBLICATIONS 3906 THE AMERICAN 516.20; 3907 THE AMERICAN 318.50; 3910 THE AMERICAN 36.60; 3911 THE AMERICAN 36.60; SERVICE CALL 3982 ADT COMMERCIAL 623.17; TELEPHONE 2423 GRAND TELEPHONE CO. 252.57; TELEPHONE SERVICE 2712 GRAND TELEPHONE CO. 256.70; 3298 GRAND TELEPHONE CO. 44.85; 3299 GRAND TELEPHONE CO. 122.60; 3800 GRAND TELEPHONE CO. 237.94; Health LEASE 3749 LEAF 506.70; TELEPHONE SERVICE 3762 GRAND TELEPHONE CO. 313.50; WATER/RENT 3596 HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATERSERVICE 27.95; Highway ELECTRIC SERVICE 3376 AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA. 340.60; 3496 AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA. 541.13; FIRST AID SUPPLIES 3575 CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY 195.89; FUEL 4105 LAKELAND-CPP 4250.99; 4106 LAKELAND-CPP 3430.00; 4107 LAKELAND-CPP 4991.83; INTERNET SERVICE 3991 BOLT FIBER 154.09; LEASE PAYMENT 4118 WELCH STATE BANK 2080.93; 4119 GRAND SAVINGS BANK 1682.86; METAL 4128 VANOVER METAL BLD. SALES 266.60; MISC 4143 EQUIPMENTSHARE CO. 127.96; PARTS 4122 YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY 2377.82; 4147 YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY 310.98; RANDOM DRUG TESTING 2486 AAVCOR 40.00; REPAIR 4317 NEO DIESEL 4065.42; ROAD MATERIALS 3854 KEMP STONE CO INC. 1672.44; 4152 WALTER SPECIALTY SERVICE 16942.09; SIGNS 4138 UTILITY TRI-STATE 331.20; TREE REMOVAL 3437 WE LUV TREES 4000.00; UNIFORMS 3576 UNIFIRST CORP 282.75; Rural Fire-ST null 4115 O-REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC. 232.60; BLANKET 3150 EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS 130.95; 3654 STEVESON L.P. GAS 809.25; 3668 WALKER HARDWARE & LUMBER 340.87; 3669 SPEEDYS 66 380.00; ELECTRIC SERVICE 3174 REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP 270.89; 3193 REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP 469.98; 3194 REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP 206.31; FUEL 3720 SPEEDY S #4 211.47; INSURANCE 4151 THE BURROWS AGENCY 1548.00; MONTHLY SERVICE 3217 AT&T MOBILITY 86.06; 3230 REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP 1561.00; 4304 BOLT FIBER 75.99; PROPANE 2870 MAYES COUNTY PROPANE 1195.00; 3426 RURAL PROPANE 940.50; 4099 STEVESON L.P. GAS 1245.00; SANITATION 3692 CARDS NEO, LLC 110.00; SOFTWARE LICENSING & SUPPORT 3285 FLUENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS INC 1000.00; TELEPHONE SERVICE 4258 GRAND TELEPHONE CO. 134.94; 4272 SST 124.42; 4274 SST 169.79; 4276 GRAND TELEPHONE CO. 121.02; VEHICLE 3912 SALINA SPAVINAW TELEPHONE 24999.00. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

**AGENDA #5-** A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve all monthly reports submitted by officers. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Reports were submitted by the County Clerk, Sheriff, Assessor and Election Board.

**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. There were none.

**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 the county ended January with 139 employees. There have been five new hires and three exits. Two positions, a deputy and a dispatch operator, are in the hiring process. Cossairt said 12 full-time positions and one part-time position are advertised for the county at present. She said one position in each law enforcement group stays posted all the time. Cossairt said there are interviews today for road employees and next week interviews will be conducted for the Election Board position.

**AGENDA #8-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 #9-** A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss the E-911 Trust Authority with the Trust Authority Director. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Poindexter told E-911 Director Don Youngblood he promised to talk to Cleora about coming into the system after a regional consolidation meeting months ago at Monkey Island. He asked Youngblood if he had talked to anyone. Youngblood said to get Cleora on the present 911 system, another antenna would have to be placed here. He said a repeater would have to be installed to hit Cowskin, and he has asked GRDA to put up a tower to tie the present system in to Grove. Poindexter asked if the current system will handle Grove. "I don't see why not," Youngblood said. "We can help hire a part-time dispatcher and see if that helps." Youngblood said the law will no longer allow the 911 Trust Authority to place signs or do tower work. The trust may make signs, but cannot use wireless funds to do it. He said signs are \$50 to \$75 each. Poindexter asked how long it would take to get Cleora on the system and on the state 911 footprint maps. Youngblood said about a month and the maps are due in March, but "even if you put the whole county on the map, that doesn't mean it will all be covered at once." Youngblood said he has bids out on new radios to upgrade his system. "Why did the BOCC not know this?" Callihan said. "That's a waste of money." "If we are used as a backup, we will need all this," Youngblood said. "This (proposed) system will be digital. Your system runs on VHF. How will this be a backup?" Poindexter said. Youngblood says the current system will back up digital, so it needs to stay. "This (proposed) system has 95 percent guaranteed coverage in the bid," Callihan said. "Well Rogers County has been fighting that," Youngblood said. "There has not been enough communication," Youngblood said. "You were invited to 13 meetings," Callihan said, holding up the papers to prove the invitations. "I am new, but as I understand it, the BOCC is responsible for the trust. I'm concerned the BOCC doesn't get any reports. Until just the other day, I didn't even know Don Youngblood was one of the members," said Commissioner Beck. "Grove already has this digital system and will back us up," Poindexter said. "How is it a fair bid for Stolz to say it will hook up to this system?" Youngblood said. "It has to be a P25 system." "It's compatible!" Callihan said. "Last week you said a specific brand was in the (bid) specs." "It (the bid specs) only refers to the standards," said District Attorney Doug Pewitt. "The bid is appropriate for national standards." James McKay of Stolz Telecommunications said the system bid is a P25 system. "What happens to the warranty after five years? I know five years is included in the bid, but will you shove it off on 911 then?" Youngblood said. Firefighter Josh Rowe said new proposed 911 laws will bring in an additional \$385,000 to the system. "E-911 is a county entity that pays for the system now," Poindexter said. "Who takes over the payments for that maintenance after five years?" Youngblood said. "I guess we would have to," Poindexter said. "Service from Oklahoma City will take too long," Youngblood said. He said his current service from Muskogee would be much better. "But they didn't bid," Callihan said. Youngblood said the E-911 board does not approve of the upgrade nor the consolidation plans for county-wide service, and he believes he is speaking for all the board members. "I am a board member and you are not speaking for me," Sheriff James Beck said. "I don't even know what a lot of this stuff is you're talking about, but the time factor to an officer getting (radio) service is my major problem." McKay said multiple redundancies are installed to run the upgraded system to ensure service is never interrupted. He said the Stolz service contract is 24/7 and a phone call at any time will go all the way to the owner if needed. McKay said most problems can be fixed

remotely, but if that is not possible a truck will run within two hours. "This is a Public Safety System which is made to stay up and running."

"I know there are lots of emotions here," Callihan said, "but we need to lay personal problems aside. Everyone has been invited to the meetings and we need to solidify this."

Poindexter asked the sheriff if the current system could handle Grove.

"Absolutely not," Sheriff Beck said. He said there are not enough dispatchers. Currently, there are two working at a time. He said new equipment is needed, but more staff is more important. He said the county needs five people in dispatch to handle the entire county. That is the number included in the new proposed system. Sheriff Beck said the county is growing and the new facility allows room for growth.

Youngblood said the E-911 Trust has found land and they will buy it to build another center.

The proposed new center will be housed in an existing building the county already owns.

E-911 member Ron Cate said the system needs to be updated. If we do this all together, we can save the county money, he said.

"Grove has already replaced its system," Poindexter said, "so half the county is already on a digital system."

"Consolidation is what this is," Callihan said. "This has all been going on for months. We wouldn't be looking at this if it wasn't compatible."

Youngblood said the sheriff will not be able to hire enough dispatchers at the rate the county pays.

The sheriff said he has given raises, as much as \$2 per hour at one time. He said some hires don't work out in dispatch, but he doesn't have trouble finding candidates.

"Let's see about setting up Cleora," Poindexter said. "Do you have a date to meet with Grove?" Youngblood said he did not.

Poindexter jumped to item 13 as he said Health Department workers might need to get back to work.

**AGENDA #13-** A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss vacation of the Health Department from the county's building per Commissioner Callihan. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Poindexter said "as you know, your director has received a formal request for you to leave the building, but we will work with you. I talked with Mr. Reed Monday and he is coming to look at the building." Jake said the hold up for moving was said to be a water leak, but he inspected the building and can find no evidence there is a water leak from the roof. "We are more than willing to work with you guys," Poindexter said.

**AGENDA #10-** A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to select a vendor for upgrading emergency communications for Delaware County, tabled from the Feb. 2 meeting. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

Callihan asked David Floyd, the attorney representing the county on ARPA matters, how much of the ARPA funds are unencumbered. Floyd said all the money has been preliminarily budgeted except \$30,000. He said \$2 million is now budgeted for E-911, but other funds can be moved to that item. He reminded the commissioners that to keep from losing the funds, all ARPA money must be allocated with open purchase orders by Dec. 31, 2024.

The total quote for a turnkey dispatch center from Stolz Telecom is 3.75? Callihan asked. He asked Emergency Management Director Jeff Reeves how much he has applied for on a consolidation grant. Reeves said \$1.3 million.

Callihan said as much as he is in favor of the fairgrounds project, the E-911 Center is more important. Three million dollars was preliminarily budgeted for the fairgrounds and Callihan said some of that might have to be used to make up the difference for the E-911 Center.

Reeves said the next meeting for the state to review grant applications is Feb. 15 and grant awards are made on the first Thursday of each month. Reeves said the grant is on its second review and he provided some more information requested by the state.

The commissioners discussed whether they could accept a part of the bid. Pewitt said the bid is one piece so it must be accepted or rejected as a piece.

"We need to be committed regardless," Callihan said. "My only question is how do we do it and not mess up the grant."

Floyd said all the funds can be set aside for this project, then wait for the grant results.

"All you have to do today is accept the bid or not," Pewitt said.

A motion was made by Callihan and seconded by Poindexter to accept the bid from Stolz Telecom to upgrade the county emergency communications system in the amount of \$3,724,725.29. 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 discuss with possible action the contract with West Termite Extermination Services. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Poindexter said there have been issues with extermination, there are bugs, the company doesn't come or if they show up, the company doesn't do a good job.

Callihan confirmed with Pewitt that the contract can be terminated because the terms have not been met. The job will need to be rebid. A motion was made by Callihan and seconded by Beck to terminate the contract with West Termite Extermination Services. 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 discuss whether the fairgrounds project should continue per Commissioner Callihan. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

Callihan said to recap, a steering committee has been formed which presented a preliminary proposal for a new fairgrounds building and remodel last week. Callihan said the question is whether the committee should keep working on the project. He asked if the other commissioners had a chance to review the packet.

Poindexter asked how the septic system will be set up. Committee member Jimmie Hollenback said the Advanced Plumbing Solutions quote obtained by Jimmy Caudill to put in a system will accommodate 1,000 people.

Poindexter said the Highway 59 widening project took a lot of the fairgrounds' land. He asked if there will be enough room to run lateral lines. "Have you spoken to DEQ?" Poindexter asked.

Callihan said there is plenty of room. The new building will be north of the old one, which will be torn down.

Poindexter said it would be prudent to speak to DEQ first.

Hollenback said there is already a septic system in place that will handle 600 people, and it might be possible to tie into that one.

Poindexter asked when the water line could be run. Callihan said the City of Jay is getting right-of-way easements now.

Poindexter asked if there will be enough parking. Hollenback said there will be a road around the entire perimeter and since the old building will be removed, some parking will be gained there.

"So, what do you want to do?" Callihan asked. Poindexter said the committee should talk to DEQ.

Commissioner Beck asked if the job can be completed at the amount proposed. Hollenback said yes, because a cushion was added. He said the plumber who made the proposal thought the septic system would be no problem.

Reeves said the water supply lines have to be large enough to handle the fire suppression system. Callihan said that has been discussed and fire hydrants will be placed at the fairgrounds. Jay Fire Chief Bandon Alexander said the water supply will be adequate.

"So, what are we going to do?" Callihan asked.

Poindexter suggested getting a response from DEQ and putting the item on the agenda again.

AGENDA #14-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to adjourn at 10:38 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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