

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
EXCISE BOARD**

**DON YOUNGBLOOD-CHAIRMAN
DOUG SMITH-MEMBER
STEVE ODLE-MEMBER**

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Agenda was posted Oct, 1, 2019 at 8:59 a.m. in the kiosk on the east lawn of the Courthouse.

The Delaware County Excise Board met in Special Session Oct 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Don Youngblood-Chairman, Doug Smith-Member, Steve Odle-Member, and Barbara Barnes-County Clerk. Don Youngblood called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted.

AGENDA #1- A motion was made by Odle and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated Sept. 10, 2019. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AGENDA #2- A motion was made to approve estimate of needs and requests for appropriations for cities/towns and schools. This agenda item was not needed for this meeting.

AGENDA #3- A motion was made by Odle and seconded by Smith to conduct public hearing concerning the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 pursuant to 68 O.S. SS 3012 and 3013. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AGENDA #3A- A motion was made by Odle and seconded by Smith to provide opportunity for elected officials to discuss proposed budget. All voted aye. Motion carried. Started with the D.A. Kenny Wright: the assistant D.A. makes 15% less than other states the only ones that compare to OK are AR and NM. If they had a pay raise Kenny would be able to attend more meetings and be able to serve better. He would also like to see the Law Library funds increase just recently had to purchase a book for the library that was \$1000.00 that was necessary for the practice of law. Harlan Moore the Sheriff asked why one of the commissioner's was not present. He is not happy with the 10% increase they received that doesn't not equal what most counties have. He said he has had over 400 employees and no one wants to stay due to the pay that they receive. He has had to pay employees out of his cash account. He is not being greedy just wants to know what point in time will his employees be paid what they should be paid. Do not have enough employees to cover the people that are in jail. We have \$381,000 in capital outlay where is that going? David's response: we are using it to fix the courthouse to be up to standards to start with. He is done. Susan Duncan with the Treasurer's office said thank you to the board for the 10% raise she really appreciates it. It has been 12 years. Her office will spend it wisely. Gus Holland from the OSU extension office said we should reconsider the estimate of needs for education. Lost the SCS educator and doesn't have the funds for the divorce classes we need. David reassured Gus that it was OSU that did the cuts not the board. Barbara Barnes from the county clerk's office: Has a full staff now and one of her staff members is now working for the commissioners and they help in paying her. She appreciates the help. Caroline Weaver with the court clerk said most of her money goes to salary and travel she uses her revolving account she has 3 deputies and herself. Larena Ellis-Cook the County Assessor said the general side is up have to spend money wisely and thanks for the raise. General Govt: cut and dry nothing different from last year. Excise Board: all they have is mileage and meeting funds. Election Board Crystal spoke: because of the law the election board will get more money but she gave letters requesting that the get a little more for all the letters that they have to send out for reimbursement. Doug Smith said that the capital outlay is for building and physical stuff the

capital outlay depletes quickly. David said the use tax is a rainy-day fund. Which we are using right now for sales tax on a previous law settlement which should be paid off in 2022 but will drop about 1/3 when the sales tax stops. Larena Ellis-Cook had a question on why did the personal services for the commissioners go up? David replied because he is using his own vehicle for travel and cost sharing for an assistant. Doug said, we also use capital outlay for businesses that come up short during the year. Charity is used for cremation and burial services. Emergency Mgmt the city of Grove pays \$50,000 a year for all things plus what the county pays. Fire Department fees have not changed. Audit had a carry-over of \$11,000 they are up to \$156,000 we are trying to do every year Bill said. E911 is for dispatch salaries. Still same argument as Harlan had for sheriff's department. Highway had an \$100,000 increase from last year. Health Department is up \$400,000 from last year are trying to budget so that they can pay for a new building sometime in the future. Special revenue the state is cutting back this year. EMS account Grove had \$500,000 and Cleora only had \$500. Courthouse \$86,000 and \$300 in revenue. CBRI - \$795,000 - \$492,000 in loan accounts. Court Clerk has \$198,000 left. Justice Authority \$1.4 mil. will have paid off in 2022. Fire Department has 2.9 mil that is their money. Schools is their money. Law Library did have \$17,000 that transfers every quarter it was moved per Caroline. Monkey Island Fire has their own money. Tax \$70,000 their money. Education \$48,000 their money. Resale has \$458,000. Sheriff Commissary has \$18,000 Sheriff Service has \$126,000. Kenny went into an investigation that the elected officials will not be able to give themselves pay raises one of the commissioners in another county is facing criminal charges. Kenny has asked for an opinion from the Attorney General on the commissioner midterm pay raises. Larena commented on the population pay raises when population increases.

AGENDA #3B- A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Odle to provide opportunity for citizens to discuss proposed budget. All voted aye. Motion carried. Started out with Brandon Houston said he has lived in this area for 21-22 years and has been in law enforcement for 21. He has a family and can't figure out why you put the value of a floor more important than family? No response from the board. He also said that the janitors make more money than the sheriff's department. Tracy Shaw continued on the conversation that a 10% raise was not nearly enough. He continued on with the cleaning crew making more money than the sheriff's employees. Tracy Shaw said a lot of the people in the building make even more than he does. He said no one will apply for the sheriff's department positions. He has talked to people in the area and they are angry that the courthouse employees make more than the sheriffs department. They have 2 people running the jail and they need 4 and can only afford the 2. He thinks the budget money needs redistributed. Most people depend on Tribal money. David told Tracy Shaw that is enough. Gayle Wells was the next to talk he said that the sheriff's office has been understaffed since 1980. He is retiring next year and he would like to know that he will have good protection out there where he lives for him and his wife. We have more people in jail due to the good work. Is there a way to take another look at the budget to figure out a way to keep employees and give them more than 800-900 a paycheck. Most of them would stay if the pay was decent. There has to be a way to make it better. Doug replied Nobody is disputing that the sheriff's department doesn't make enough. The money just isn't there. Charles Hayes was the next to speak he has been with the sheriff's department for a month and a half he works nights with 2 people at night with a bunch of prisoners that are not happy and create havoc the equipment is messed up. The prisoners told him the only reason he is here is because dollar general would not hire him. No one has been here longer than 2 years. Don Youngblood talked about the Insurance Auditor coming to the courthouse to look over and inspect the building we need to get escape ladders on the windows or we will be in trouble. Charles mentioned that the lock on the gate was not working. Harlan asked which lock he was talking about he told him which one it was and he said that the courthouse maintenance was not his problem it was the commissioners deal. He went on to say that he went to buy a lock and they would not take a PO so he didn't get one. Larena mentioned that he could use a credit card. Harlan said the state statue does not allow the sheriff's department to get credit cards. Larena said she used her card and was reimbursed by the commissioners. Harlan said he does not want to go there.

AGENDA #4- A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Odle to adopt proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. All voted aye. Motion carried.

AGENDA #5- A motion was made by Odle and seconded by Smith for citizen's participation/public comments. All voted aye. Motion carried.


AGENDA #6- A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Odle to approve to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



**BARBARA BARNES, COUNTY CLERK
(SEAL)**





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