

MINUTES OF **SPECIAL** MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ROGERS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 219 SOUTH MISSOURI, COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM 1-109, CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008, at 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

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Notice of said meeting was filed in the Office of the County Clerk on Tuesday, September 30, 2008, at 9:05 A.M. and posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board; Outside the Commissioner's Meeting Room; on the Exterior Window at the Southeast Entrance and Front Door Entrances to the Courthouse and on the Wheelchair Ramp Door.

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dan DeLozier called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL:

Chairman Dan DeLozier, Commissioner Mike Helm and Commissioner Kirt Thacker were all present.

ITEM 3: DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2008-2009 –

Chairman DeLozier opened the meeting by asking if anyone present had any questions. Commissioner Helm asked, we tabled this item from Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and why are we here today? Chairman DeLozier replied, to get it done and get the publication approved and get it published in the newspaper ahead of the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. DeLozier continued that he didn't see any reason why to wait until Monday, (October 6<sup>th</sup>) when we have had three (3) days to look at it.

Commissioner Helm stated that he has had personal issues come up, my step-dad went in for open heart surgery for five (5) valve replacements, and I haven't really given a lot of time to this budget. Chairman DeLozier replied, it was his idea to go ahead and have a special meeting to get the budget done.

Sheriff Prather stated to the Board that he very much appreciated trying to get the budget approved and move forward, because funds are getting tight on the 25% appropriations that were approved previously. And if we don't get the budget approved, we'll have to get more money re-appropriated. Also, I appreciate the time and long hours everyone has spend on it.

Melissa Anderson, Rogers County Assessor, spoke about until the protest period is over, capital outlay items cannot be bought, and she has a broken camera that needs replaced. And the later we wait, the later it will be when I get figures to the Treasurer's office for them to be able to run tax statements. Cathy Baker, County Treasurer, stated that the later it is when we get the tax statements out, it is less time for the taxpayer to have to get them paid and generate more funds for the schools and payroll.

Baker inquired from Commissioner Helm if there were some items that need to be brought to light that is wrong? Commissioner Helm replied, since he received the budget Monday, and he's very good at reading his papers, hasn't had time to go over it. The budget-maker makes the budget and congratulating all of us, we don't make the budget and again I received it Monday. And Monday I left here and went straight to the hospital. I haven't had time to go over it, but I'll leave it up to the other two.

Baker then inquired from Commissioner DeLozier and Commissioner Thacker if they were okay with the findings of the budget-maker? DeLozier replied, that we have had copies of the officers requests for a long time and we have had plenty of time to look over those. The budget-maker did come in with the numbers and I think Commissioner Helm and Commissioner Thacker and myself have all talked to the budget-maker during this process. So we pretty well know what is going on. Baker replied, so you feel confident? DeLozier replied, yes.

Baker inquired from Melissa (Anderson) if she had any concerns? Anderson replied that she addressed them on Monday, (September 30<sup>th</sup>). DeLozier replied that he talked with Mr. Turner last night, and we was going to fax the changes to the County Clerk's office. Commissioner Helm asked, do we have those? Marilyn Gibson, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy/Purchasing Agent for Rogers County Clerk's Office, replied no, not yet. Commissioner Helm continued, what are those changes? DeLozier replied, the changes are on the spreadsheet that was handed out the other day at the Commissioner's meeting. In fact, Mr. Turner went over the changes, he had a couple of transposition errors, he told me. And he had plenty of time to look at it and said it was a good budget.

Anderson explained the changes to Commissioner Helm, on the one-cent account, we made a column for the subdivision account and took it out of the M&O account. The subdivision account should have \$104,492.48 as of June 30, 2008, and the M&O account was lowered by that amount. The other change was in general government, and Mr. Turner had taken \$10,000.00 that was the lapsed balance and put it as capital outlay, and it should have been put in

the building improvement account. And the \$185,084.48 amount was also in a different account, so we had him move the \$185,084.48 and the \$10,000.00 into the building improvement capital outlay account. Also, the audit account was a few hundred dollars less and it was adjusted. None of the changes affected the grand total amount, the amounts were moved within the funds.

Chairman DeLozier asked Commissioner Thacker if he had any questions and Thacker replied, not one. Commissioner Helm stated that he had a problem with the one-cent capital outlay for District #2 being only \$1.00. Commissioner Helm asked about the page on the balance sheet as of June 30, 2008, where the cash fund balances are \$4,702,547.48, when we had to do the supplemental, what changed?

Melissa (Anderson) explained that for fiscal year 2007-2008, in one-cent was 90% of anticipated revenues on the collections of that year. And a portion of the \$4,702,547.48 is the 10% above the estimated amount, which was approximately \$800,000.00. We also had interest collections, along with prior year lapsed balances, and the lapsed balance of approximately \$300,000.00 in miscellaneous collections and approximately \$200,000.00 increase in property taxes that was collected above what was estimated. And you add all those in together and you arrive at the \$4,702,547.48.

Anderson continued, at the time Kirt needed the money, we didn't have enough money in collections over the 10% to enable us to fund him without pulling the funds out of Latshaw Drilling.

Commissioner Helm stated again as of last year, the Commissioner's ended up with \$1.00 in capital outlay and I just wanted to know why for District #2 \$1.00 was put in there? Anderson replied, if you need that changed, Mr. Turner can make that change. Commissioner Helm continued, on the Commissioner's part-time help, there is no money in the account and on the budget I see a lot of other offices have part-time help. Why does the Commissioner's account not have part-time help? Chairman DeLozier replied, that was his doings, don't see any reason for any part-time help in there, when we've got an active secretary that can take care of it and when she had to be off, the phone can be answered across the hall by other offices. There is no sense in having part-time in there. Commissioner Helm stated that is where we disagree, it's for our office and for all three (3) of us to be contacted in a timely basis. Chairman DeLozier replied, we get contacted in a timely basis, from across the hall when they answer the phone, then they call us. They call me every time I get a phone call. Commissioner Helm continued, when it's not covered, there is time that people are not contacted and it's simply a place of our office being open.

Baker asked is that the only area that you gentlemen use part-time help for, do you have part-time help at your county offices? DeLozier replied, that he has part-time help at the county warehouse and Thacker replied that he does too. Commissioner Helm stated that we have receiving agents that cover for us. But we still send our people for education, just like everybody else.

Commissioner Helm asked, so I just need to submit the change on one-cent to Mr. Turner for the change for the publication? DeLozier replied, either that or what until the budget is done and make a transfer. Or contact Mr. Turner and let him know how much you want in your capital outlay before the budget is finalized. Anderson stated that she felt the budget could be approved and note in the minutes the stipulation of a change will be made in District #2 capital outlay.

Commissioner Helm inquired at to what fund was the remodel of the Election Board coming from? DeLozier replied out of general government.

With there being no more questions from officers or department heads, Commissioner Thacker made a motion to approve. Chairman DeLozier seconded the motion. Roll Call: DeLozier-aye, Helm-abstain, Thacker-aye. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF PUBLICATION SHEET, ROGERS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JUNE 30, 2008, AND ESTIMATE OF NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009, OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ROGERS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA -

Commissioner Thacker made a motion to approve. Chairman DeLozier seconded the motion. Roll Call: DeLozier-aye, Helm-aye, Thacker-aye. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman DeLozier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Thacker seconded the motion. Roll Call: DeLozier-aye, Helm-aye, Thacker-aye. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 A.M.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Armstrong, Rogers County Clerk

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