

MINUTES OF **SPECIAL** MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TO BE HELD AT CITY OF CLAREMORE, CITY HALL COMPLEX, 104 SOUTH MUSKOGEE, CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009, AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

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Notice of said meeting was filed in the Office of the County Clerk on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 4:09 P.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 Rogers County Courthouse; on the Wheelchair Ramp Door and City Hall Bulletin Board.

Mayor Brant Shallenburger, City Manager Troy Powell, City Attorney Randy Elliott, City Clerk Nan Pope, Police Chief Mickey Perry, Assistant City Manager Matt Mueller, and City Council Members Paula Watson, Thomas Lehman, Terry Chase, Mick Webber, Flo Guthrie, Tony Mullenger and Buddy Robertson were present at the meeting.

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Helm called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL:

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

\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* Sheriff Scott Walton; District Attorney Gene Haynes and County Clerk Peggy Armstrong were present at the meeting.

ITEM 3: DISCUSSION ONLY WITH THE CITY OF CLAREMORE COUNCIL MEMBERS ON FUTURE PLANS FOR CITY/COUNTY:

Chairman Helm stated that he and City Manager Troy Powell had met a few weeks back and discussed the need to go forward on ideas that would be beneficial to both the city and county and all the citizens.

The City of Claremore is needing space and so is the county and one possible solution would be to build administrative offices that would house both city and county offices and leave the courtrooms and judges in the existing courthouse. The city and the county already share costs in Emergency Management and another possible solution is sharing E911 system command center jointly.

Mayor Shallenburger spoke of concerns as to where funding resources would come from and Chairman Helm stated possibly from Rogers County Industrial Development Authority.

District Attorney, Gene Haynes, reminded the Board and informed the City Council of the problem that Craig County had when they tried to build a new courthouse. They had opposition to the courthouse being moved out of the original townsite and it was discovered later that it was a courthouse could not be built out of the original townsite, just need to keep that in mind.

Chairman Helm inquired if that was strictly for the courthouse and could administrative offices reside outside the original townsite and Haynes stated he would have to research the matter more in depth.

Councilman Mick Webber applauded the Commissioners for coming before the council and bringing both board together for discussion on ideas to make for a stronger county and city to work together to make Rogers County the best it can be for the citizens. Any sharing of equipment, resources, monies, etc. would be nothing but a benefit for all. The city already has been putting ideas together and making plans on space, fleet maintenance, dispatching, joint health care bids, transportation and the list goes on.

Councilman Terry Chase spoke of the business principles that the city is bringing to their form of government and the need to reduce costs by consolidating. Chase asked City Attorney and District Attorney to get together and discuss what the city and county can do legally together.

Sheriff Scott Walton spoke of the fleet/vehicle maintenance program that the city has and he has been working with them so the Sheriff's office can utilize this program for their vehicle maintenance.

Commissioner DeLozier stated that he, Chief Perry and Assistant Chief Stan Brown have been working together and discussing the possibility of county-wide dispatching were all municipalities would share in the costs, but at this time have no idea of costs.

Councilman Tony Mullenger commented that other assets is the Cherokee Nation in Rogers County. Chief Perry stated that they met last Friday, and Cara Cowan Watts is researching and looking into.

Discussion continued about possible recourses, funding mechanisms, county-wide dispatching, fleet maintenance, transportation problems and the need for space for everyone.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall Council Chambers Board Room.

ITEM 4: RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Helm made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Commissioner Thacker seconding the motion. Roll Call: Helm-aye, Thacker-aye, DeLozier-aye. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ROGERS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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

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