

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S FOR ROGERS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

PLACE: Rogers County Courthouse, 219 South Missouri, Room 1-109, Claremore, Oklahoma

DATE & TIME: Monday, September 24, 2012, at 9:00 O'clock A.M.

RECESSED MEETING
MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

*****CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING LISTED ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mike Helm called the recessed meeting back to order at 1:05 p.m.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Determine that Notice of Meeting and Agenda were properly posted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

Chairman Mike Helm, Commissioner Kirt Thacker and Commissioner Dan DeLozier were present and quorum established and determined that Notice of Meeting and Agenda were properly posted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

ITEM 24: The Board of County Commissioners will be attending the Rogers County Excise Board's regular scheduled meeting regarding presentation of Estimate of Needs (budget) for 2012-2013 for Excise Board consideration and/or approval on Friday, September 28, 2012, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. CST in the Commissioner's Meeting Room 1-109, located on the 1st floor of the Rogers County Courthouse, 219 South Missouri, Claremore, Ok 74017 –

Chairman Helm reported the Board of County Commissioners met with the elected officers and department heads three (3) different times regarding the 2012-2013 County budget; total Estimate of Needs requests = \$11,361,233.43 with a shortfall of \$984,000.00; few offices lowered their requests.

Chairman Helm continued that the Sheriff is asking for 20 new cars = \$220,000.00; Commissioners were going to buy 10 cars each thru T-Highway fund; received a legal opinion stating that could not be done. The Commissioners voted 2 to 1 to approve the 2012-2013 budget as being presented today. We are currently funding 2 courthouses at this time. Have added different departments: maintenance is separate department; Human Resources and General Fund Dispatching = employees; currently 911 pays for 4 dispatchers; new telephone systems were accounted for in this year's budget, that won't be needed next year; plus moving expenses and/or furniture; capital outlay was removed; and all carryover monies taken away; Commissioners salaries along with FICA are being paid from T-Highway funds instead of general fund = approximately \$200,000.00 savings for general fund; also kept 95% of the ad valorem revenue this year instead of the 90% that has been done in the past.

Chairman Helm spoke of the number one priority being Sheriff's cars; and public safety being the number one priority of Rogers County; and 2 to 3 additional deputies for Sheriff. Under-Sheriff Jon Sappington stated the Sheriff's Office is not willing to take liability for public safety issues when cars are needing to be replaced; there is a need for twenty (20) new cars with lease-purchase for three (3) years.

Chairman Helm reported that all dispatchers are no longer under the Sheriff, getting them training and ready for the new 911 Center; all dispatchers were moved under the 911 Director, Janet Hamilton. ***NOTE***dispatchers while under Sheriff's jurisdiction was paid for from Civil fees*** are now being paid from General Fund with the exception of the four (4) dispatchers being paid from 911 funds.

Excise Board member Gerry Payne questioned as to how the Sheriff's Office got to needing twenty (20) cars, because in the past the Sheriff's Office was always given the funds to purchase 2 to 3 new cars every year. Under-Sheriff Sappington reported the cars have been being denied. Payne expressed his concerns over \$200,000 being allotted for the next three (3) years for lease-purchase.

Excise Board Chairman Buck Mullen questioned Commissioner DeLozier on why he voted no on the 2012-2013 budget. Commissioner DeLozier stated he felt more cuts could be done to this year's budget in order to keep from having deeper cuts next year; felt using 95% of ad valorem reserves was too risky.

Excise Board Vice-Chairman Casey Reed discussed his concerns over economic risks. Payne expressed he felt the County was eating into the reserves and what if collections are down next year. Chairman Helm reminded public safety is the number one priority for Rogers County.

Assessor Scott Marsh spoke of the upcoming election regarding a cap law from 5% to 3% and the effect the difference could have on Rogers County next year; also a new law regarding intangible personal property.

Chairman Helm reported the Board of County Commissioners were presenting a balanced budget to the Excise Board.

Excise Board Vice-Chairman Reed made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 budget as presented with Member Payne seconding the motion. Roll Call: Mullen-aye, Reed-aye, Payne-aye. Motion carried.

ITEM 25: RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner DeLozier made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Chairman Helm seconding the motion. Roll Call: Helm-aye, Thacker-aye, DeLozier-aye. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROGERS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

By: _____
Peggy Armstrong, Rogers County Clerk

(SEAL)

*Notice of said meeting was filed in the Office of the County Clerk on **Thursday, September 20, 2012, at 1:17 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 Courthouse; on the wheelchair ramp door; and on the county web site.*