

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

ROGERS COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE AUTHORITY

PLACE: Public Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Rogers County Courthouse
200 South Lynn Riggs Blvd., Claremore, Oklahoma

DATE & TIME: Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 9:00 O'clock a.m.

MINUTES

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

- ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Helm called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.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. - Commissioner Helm, Vice-Chairman Holland, Mayor Statum, Mayor Price, and Commissioner Thacker were present and Quorum was established and determined that Notice of Meeting and Agenda were properly posted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.
- ITEM 3: APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** April 3, 2014 – Mayor Holland made a motion to approve the minutes and Mayor Price seconded the motion. Roll call: Holland-aye, Helm-aye, Statum-aye, Thacker-aye, Price-aye. Motion carried.
- ITEM 4: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
1. Engagement letter for audit service for Violet F. Kirkendall, CPA, P.C. *** Note*** This item was tabled from March 6, 2014 and April 3, 2014. ***
Note At this point, move to Item 11:4 ***
Statum made a motion to approve and Holland seconded the motion. Roll call: Helm-aye, Statum-aye, Holland-aye, Price-aye, Thacker-aye. Motion carried.
- ITEM 5: FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE:**
Robin Anderson, County Clerk, gave the members a copy of April 2014 financial ledgers for their review. The balance in the Criminal Justice Authority account is \$1,834,769.49.
- ITEM 6: DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ON CASH FUND ESTIMATE OF NEEDS AND REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS:**
1. Total amount being requested on the April 2014 Cash Fund Estimate of Needs and Request for Appropriations - \$191,776.29
- Sales Tax - \$185,378.14
 - Interest on General Bank Account - \$578.02
 - Interest on Deposit Bank Account - \$8.85
 - Jail Bond Fees - \$5,811.28
 - Doc Reimburse - \$0.00
- ***Note*** DeLozier came into the meeting at 9:08 a.m. and took over as chair at this point.***
Helm made a motion to approve and Holland seconded the motion. Roll call: DeLozier-aye, Helm-aye, Statum-aye, Holland-aye, Price-aye, Thacker-aye. Motion carried.
- ITEM 7: DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ON SHERIFF'S REPORT OF THE JAIL AND UPDATE:** Undersheriff Sappington stated that there was a new director for the Department of Corrections in January. Sappington has contacted the Department of Corrections to see if they would do a contract with the jail, but they are not interested. There were 10 inmates in the jail waiting for transport to the Department of Corrections. It takes \$2.6 million to run the jail and that is at 160 to 180 capacity. The extra Department of Corrections inmates housed in the jail brings an income of approximately \$700,000.00. DeLozier stated that the loss of income to some of the smaller jails could cause them to have to shut down, which could be a benefit to our jail if those criminals are booked into the Rogers County jail. Statum suggested taking to Legislature and discussing. Chief Rhames stated that the Director is not budging and that the Governor is not helping since she appointed him. Sappington further stated that he was looking into federal and immigration contracts to make up the deficit that will be coming with the loss of the Department of Corrections inmates. Thacker stated that it appears jail is a money-making business for non-violent offenses and they are being jailed instead of fined, which is taking bed space for the violent offenders. He further asked if the courts are not fining the non-violent offenders instead of incarcerating them on non-violent crimes. Discussion only.

ITEM 8: DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS:
None presented.

ITEM 9: DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE ACTION ON JUDGES' REPORTS:
Jon Sappington stated that they are getting short notice for transports of the detention centers. Judge Post said she was not aware of this, but will address it with Judge Pazzo. She further stated that it was her understanding that there was an agreement with the detention centers to handle emergency transport or doctors' visits and not at the county's expense. Salesha Wilken with the Claremore Progress asked Judge Post if she could address Commissioner Thacker's question. Judge Post stated that they don't send too many for minor offenses and believe they only send to jail or prison if the individual does not follow what their sentencing was or not doing their community service time. She further stated that Rogers County has established rehabilitation courts and programs to help those of non-violent crimes instead of sentencing them to time in jail. These courts and programs have taken a load off of the Department of Corrections. Mayor Statum stated he would like to have work farms. Commissioner Thacker stated there was a need for inmates or community service workers to work on road crews picking up the trash on the roads of Rogers County. Judge Post said she would look into having individuals that need funds for court cost to work on road crews and would visit with Judge Crosson regarding trustees in the jail working on the road crews. Discussion only.

ITEM 10: DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDERS:
Holland made a motion to approve and Price seconded the motion. Roll call: DeLozier-aye, Helm-aye, Statum-aye, Holland-aye, Price-aye, Thacker-aye. Motion carried.

ITEM 11: AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Update from Legal Counsel James Orbison with law firm of Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison, & Lewis – No one was present.
2. Update from Certified Public Accountant Bill Turner, CPA - No one was present.
3. Invoice from Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison & Lewis #537284 for March 2014 \$313.27 – Holland made a motion to approve and Thacker seconded the motion. Roll call: DeLozier-aye, Helm-aye, Statum-aye, Holland-aye, Price-aye, Thacker-aye. Motion carried.
4. Engagement letter for audit service for David Clanin, CPA, PLLC – Letter was received and reviewed. No action was taken.
5. Discussion and possible action to meet with Municipal Judges regarding Own Recognizance release and daily set sentencing rates (Sappington) –
6. Discussion and possible action regarding medical emergencies that arise on municipal inmates (Sappington) –
Items 11:5-6 were discussed together. Sappington is working to set up a release program with all the city municipal judges for those individuals arrested through a municipality. Judge Post addressed how Own Recognizance works. Judge Post and Sappington are working together to send letters out to the municipalities. Discussion only.

ITEM 13: NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and possible action with respect to any other matters not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to posting the agenda – None presented.

ITEM 14: RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT: Holland made a motion to adjourn at 9:54 a.m. and Statum seconded the motion. Roll call: DeLozier-aye, Helm-aye, Statum-aye, Holland-aye, Price-aye, Thacker-aye. Motion carried.

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BY _____
Robin Anderson, Secretary

(SEAL)

Notice of said meeting was filed in the Office of the County Clerk on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 1:19 p.m. and posted on the front entrance to the Courthouse and on the county website.