

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

ROGERS COUNTY EXCISE BOARD

PLACE: Rogers County Courthouse, 200 South Lynn Riggs Blvd.
Commissioners' Meeting Room, Claremore, Oklahoma

DATE & TIME: Monday, April 13, 2015 at 3:00 O'clock P.M.

MINUTES

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

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Mullen called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 Buck Mullen and Member Leslie Browand 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 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 27, 2015 Special Meeting – Mullen made a motion to approve and Browand seconded. Roll call: Mullen – aye, Browand – aye. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve/disapprove county assessor budget for visual inspection program for fiscal year 2014-2015 - ***This item was tabled from February 27, 2015 – Mullen asked Assistant District Attorney Ben Lepak to give pros and cons on the item. Lepak stated the agenda item was tabled from the last meeting where extensive comment and testimony was heard. What they have before them today is to decide whether to act to change the visual inspection budget that was approved last fall or to take no action to change it. He added that Ms. Browand had a resolution in the next item to lay out reasoning should they choose one course. However, it wasn't his role to give pros and cons as to how they should vote.

Mullen asked if Assessor Scott Marsh was present and Marsh stated he was. Mullen stated he had been told that the school, in the long run, would benefit from the increase in charges and asked Marsh if that was correct. Marsh explained that the process of visual inspection is to get a correct valuation in place and when you do that, what we've seen is good growth. And as far as revenue is concerned, good growth is beneficial. Mullen asked for a reason as to why the increase was such a large percent. Marsh stated it increased because they placed a lot of the budget on the visual inspection side because a lot of people were partaking in it and that they were receiving the benefits from that at a higher rate than the other entities. They were spreading around the cost to all the entities instead of the county taking up the majority of the costs. Visual inspection is touched in just about every area that is worked in the Assessor's office. Mapping is part of visual inspection – a spoke in the wheel. It's a job title that falls underneath visual inspection. There's more than field work that goes into visual inspection. Marsh added there are things that need to be changed and some of the burden needs to be taken off the schools. There is a meeting set for April 29, 2015 at 10:00 AM to go over the visual inspection budget for 2015-2016 with all the schools. The visual inspection budget should be pretty well in place when it's time to start going over the Assessor's budget with the rest of the county. Marsh was concerned with changing the budget – it's been approved, given to the Oklahoma Tax Commission and nothing has been objected.

Mullen stated he has been very upset about this. After hearing all the pros and cons, there's nothing that can be done at this time to relieve it this year. Mullen asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the budget.

Browand stated this has been a learning experience for her, personally, and this will not happen again under her watch. Browand added she would be scrutinizing the budget and making sure all the proper channels and proper steps are taken. Browand stated she was going to ask Marsh to publicly commit to everyone to work with them but felt he had already stated that earlier in the meeting. Browand asked McClaren if the meeting was set and McClaren agreed it was. Mullen stated he seconded everything Browand said.

Browand made a motion to reapprove at the previous amount allocated. Browand asked Lepak if she could acknowledge a gentleman who wished to speak and Lepak agreed she could. A representative from Justus-Tiawah stated this isn't the first year they've had a big increase. Over the last three years, there's been a 121% increase. What other counties have had a 121% increase?

Max Tanner of Oologah-Talala stated in 2012-2013 they paid \$49,173.00. 2013-2014 \$64,254.00 with a district valuation of \$131,486,000.00. This last year was \$94,083.00 with a district valuation of \$119 million. The valuation went down \$15 million but visual inspection increased \$30,000.00. That's a teacher's salary.

Lepak stated there was a motion and asked if there was a second. Mullen seconded the motion. Roll call: Mullen – aye, Browand – aye. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Resolution stating findings of fact regarding county assessor budget for visual inspection program for fiscal year 2014-2015 (Browand) – Browand asked County Clerk Robin Anderson to read aloud the resolution. Browand made a motion to adopt the resolution. Mullen seconded. Roll call: Mullen – aye, Browand – aye. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT: Browand made a motion to adjourn and Mullen seconded. Roll call: Mullen – aye, Browand – aye. Motion carried at 3:18 P.M.

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(SEAL)

BY: _____
Robin Anderson, County Clerk

Notice of said meeting was filed in the Office of the County Clerk on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 9:13 a.m. and the agenda was posted on the Front Door Entrance to the Courthouse and on the county website on Friday, April 10, 2015 at 2:21 p.m.