

**NOTICE OF MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING**

ROGERS COUNTY EXCISE BOARD

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

DATE & TIME: Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 1:00 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 1:00 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 Members Lesli Browand and Brandi Payne were present and quorum established.

ITEM 3: AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discussion and possible action to review/approve County Assessor Estimate of Needs/Budget for the Visual Inspection Program for FY 2016-17 – Assessor Marsh explained that this year the budget is \$475,002 and last year's was \$474,002. The increase is due to employees receiving the longevity, which is a county program. The lead appraiser's salary was bumped up to what the appraiser was that left. We don't have any across the board raises. Our M & O was what we spent last year and we trimmed it \$1000. Visual inspection billing looks different because the previous year the lapsed amount was \$69, 671.97 that we got back in the budget. Last year the lapsed balance was \$14, 480.05. We spent more of our budget so that's closer to where we need to be. Mullen asked Marsh, "How does your assessment to the schools compare to last year?" Marsh answered that it was because of the lapsed balance being less, some is based on what they receive from property tax valuation. Most increased somewhere between 4 to 6,000 so they do go up a little bit. The only way to change that is to drastically drop the budget and I don't see that being an option. The budget hasn't changed but the lapsed balance is what changed. Ms. Browand asked if anyone from the schools wanted to speak. Superintendent of Claremore Public Schools Michael McClaren stated that he appreciates the notification by the Excise Board. Our increase was \$7031, 51. Keep in mind most of the school districts are down \$250 per youngster and our budget is 2 million less for the district. If it keeps going up \$7,000 for five years, that equals to a teachers' salary and you can see where I'm going with this. 2010 was our highest level of funding. What you're approving, we had to go back and ask the assessor to make a correction because of Freeport tax. We had to make an adjustment because he never caught it and we never caught it. We had to make an adjustment of 8 million of assessed valuation, \$ 250, 000 for us of basically ad valorem money. If we hadn't caught it, we would have lost access to that and never claimed it. I caution you anytime the districts and county are affected by TIF districts. We've lost \$350,000 in TIF districts alone. Keep in mind that's a good question to ask in future deliberations cause the county loses money in TIF districts as well, but not as much as schools. Mullen asked if anyone else wanted to speak. He then stated that he had a hard time approving raises but I guess we don't have much choice. Browand made a motion to approve and Payne seconded. Roll call: Mullen-aye, Browand – aye, Payne – aye. Motion carried

ITEM 4: RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT: Payne made a motion to adjourn and Browand seconded. Roll call: Mullen-aye, Browand – aye, Payne – aye. Motion carried at 1:09 p.m.

(SEAL)



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BY: Robin Anderson
Robin Anderson, County Clerk

Notice of said meeting was filed in the Office of the County Clerk on August 8, 2016 at 1:41 p.m. and the agenda was posted in the public display case near the Front Door Entrance to the Courthouse and on the county website on August 16, 2016 at 4:18 p.m.