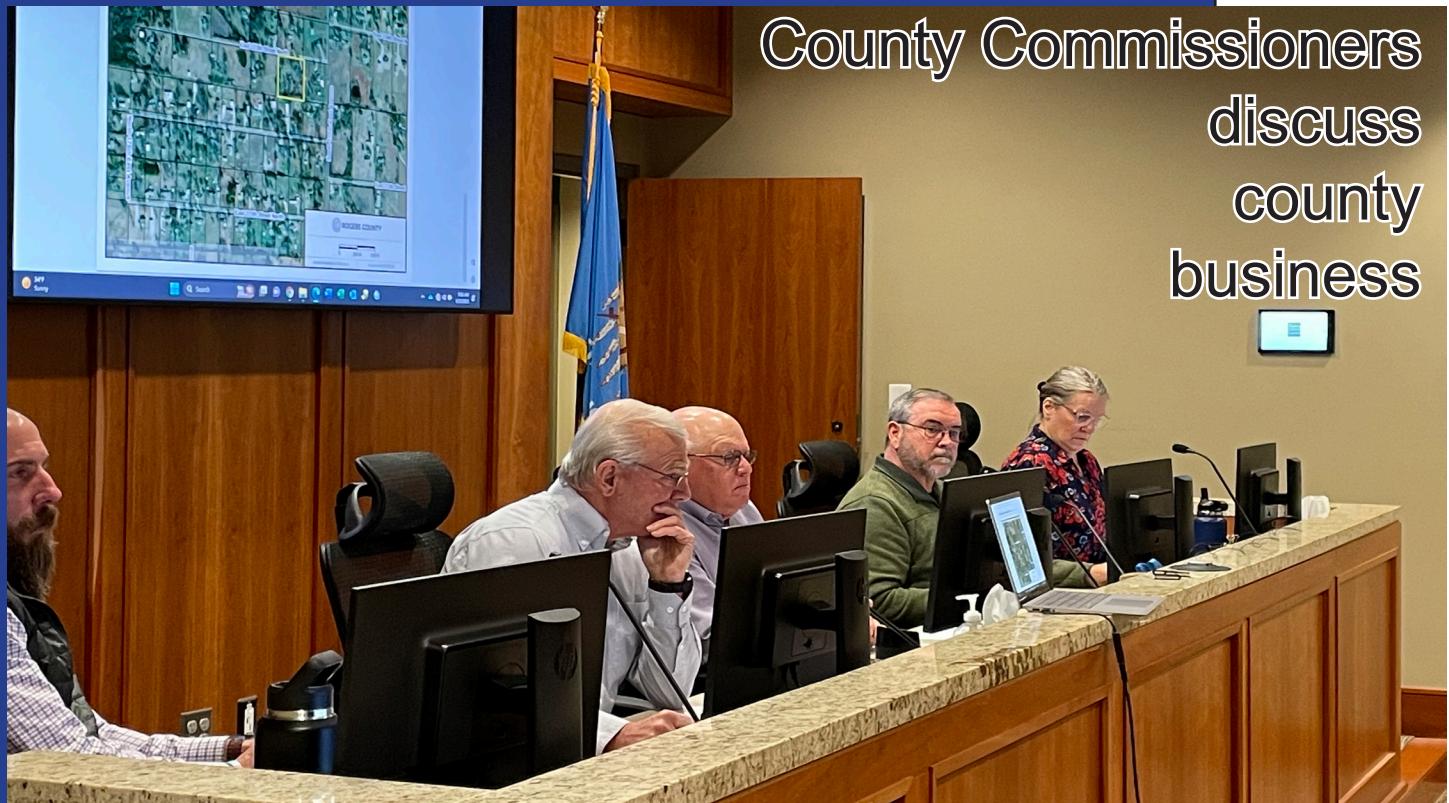


County Commissioners discuss county business



Rogers County Board of County Commissioners responded to multiple agenda items during the regular board meeting on March 20.

The BOCC approved a resolution for Rogers County funding priority list for Oklahoma Department of Transportation's County Improvement for Roads and Bridges (CIRB). The list had the same projects as last year. That is normal since ODOT's five-year construction work plan gets updated annually, allowing projects to be prioritized or added.

Commissioner Chairman Ron Burrows of District 3 said, "Once again, our projects exceed the amount of money that's available," but Commissioners have been extremely aggressive in getting projects pushed to the top of the list.

Commissioner Dan DeLozier of District 1 said, "We are pretty well known around the State...I sit on the state board... and we're pretty well known as the most aggressive county at doing our bridge projects. All three of us have done a considerable amount and still have quite a few to do, but we're working on it pretty hard."

ODOT's CIRB program is state funded for construction and reconstruction of county roads or

bridges of highest priority on the county highway system. About 75 percent of the five-year plan is funded with CIRB funds (state apportionments from the motor vehicle collection tax), while the rest may come from the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP), Tribal federal dollars, city, or county funds (Use Tax).

On that list, DeLozier's District 1 priority projects are to replace the low water crossing on 4310 Road, north of 330 Road; replace Little Dog Creek bridge 75; replace Sweetwater Creek bridge 68; and replace bridge 28 TRIB to Pryor Creek.

Commissioner Steve Hendrix's District 2 priority projects are 193rd E. Avenue - Phase 2; replacement of Fourmile Creek bridge 44; and replacement of Rabb Creek bridge 39.

Burrows' District 3 priority projects include replacement of Dog Creek/Flint Road Bridge 103 over Will Rogers Turnpike to SH-88; and a 3.1-mile reconstruction of Pine Street - 145th to SH-167.

An agenda item that brought many to the BOCC meeting was related to a re-zoning request in Hendrix's District 2.

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