

January 2, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners of Osage County met at 10:00 A.M., January 2, 2024, in the OSU Extension Building at Osage County Fairgrounds. Members present were Anthony Hudson-1st Deputy for Everett Piper, Steve Talburt, and Charlie Cartwright.

Guests present were Leah Quinton-County Clerk Executive Assistant, Stacey Brace-County Clerk 1st Deputy/HR, Jerry Roberts-Emergency Management, Jerry Butterbaugh-OCIA, Nona Roach-OCIA, Kelly Pedigo-Fairgrounds Secretary, Dalton Higgins-Owners Rep, Ty Loftis-KPMG Radio, Robert Smith-Pawhuska Journal Capital, Matt Clark-Courthouse Security, Scott Haywood-Health Department, Jake Bruno-Planning and Zoning, Brandi Baker, Kevin Harrison, Bud Beaston, Cory O'Banion, Tamara Storkman, and John Herrington.

Steve Talburt called the meeting to order.

Steve Talburt led the prayer.

Steve Talburt led the flag salute.

Steve Talburt moved to elect Charlie Cartwright as Chairman for 2024. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-abstain. Motion carried.

Charlie Cartwright moved to elect Steve Talburt as Vice-Chairman for 2024. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. (#26795)

Under New Business, Cory O'Banion stated she is a domestic violence advocate and is starting a nonprofit in the County. O'Banion stated there are many federal grants available to the County. The nonprofit would increase the services provided in the County and it would need oversight. Charlie Cartwright stated new business is for items that were not able to be put on the agenda before it was posted. O'Banion stated the letter of intent is required tomorrow and if not approved the possibility passes until next year. Cartwright stated he does not feel comfortable approving it without legal review. Brandi Baker stated she was in a meeting and Judge Tate stated he would be comfortable with it but wanted it to go before the BOCC before to make sure the BOCC was ok with the process. Cartwright stated his hands are tied but he will not say Tate cannot sign and told O'Banion to contact Judge Tate. Steve Talburt stated for O'Banion to come back on the 8th with the information for them to review. Steve Talburt moved to approve Resolution allowing James Tarwater, Tom Smith, and Tamara Smith as volunteers for the Fairgrounds. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. (#26796)

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign minutes of December 27, 2023. Steve Talburt seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Steve Talburt moved to approve and sign amended minutes of December 11, 2023. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Anthony Hudson moved to approve blanket purchase orders #244061-#244114. Steve Talburt seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Steve Talburt moved to audit and allow purchase orders for payment. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. The following purchase orders were approved for payment 223889 COUNTRY CORNER FIRE DIST 72735.00; 238219 HAMPTON INN & SUITES 196.00; 234199 C&G OILFIELD EQUIPMENT 174.44; 243884 MARK NICHOLS 13250.00; 243787 REDLANDS OFFICE SOLUTIONS 196.97; 243981 NEXTIVA 143.91; 243912 AT&T U-VERSE 161.10; 242513 US CELLULAR 722.27; 243130 US CELLULAR 1200.00; 243135 MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY 2007.86; 243399 DORMAKABA 373.95; 243575 HILTON GARDEN INN OKLAHOMA CITY -MIDTOWN 104.00; 243757 US CELLULAR 289.19; 243758 SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS 796.98; 243759 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS 110.52; 243860 2-H REFRIGERATION 360.00; 243861 FLOCK SAFETY 45250.00; 243905 TOTAL ASSESSMENT SOLUTIONS CORP 8750.00; 243649 MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL 3356.67; 243266 US CELLULAR 185.22; 243274 VIP VOICE SERVICES 716.75; 243276 WILSON PEST & LAWN 75.00; 241615 ROMANS OUTDOOR POWER 740.56; 242264 RUSH TRUCK 1715.61; 242414 WILSON PEST & LAWN 65.00; 242415 WM HEITGRAS COMPANY 753.66; 242724 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 139.99; 242950 C&G OILFIELD EQUIPMENT 454.98; 242957 WARREN CAT 1292.37; 243072 APAC-CENTRAL 5369.65; 243204 MCCARTYS OFFICE MACHINE 179.58; 243206 BRANDT'S 317.43; 243313 CITY OF SKIATOOK 658.10; 243591 P&K EQUIPMENT 44.49; 243595 APAC-CENTRAL 1174.15; 243613 RONNOCO COFFEE 225.78; 243624 REDLANDS OFFICE SOLUTIONS 681.90; 243626 PAWHUSKA TIRE & SERVICE CENTER 88.00; 243631 APAC-CENTRAL 1524.90; 243644 MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY 213.06; 243691 ACTION TRUCK PARTS 718.48; 243701 RAMBIN PETROLEUM 5005.34; 243706 FORMBY OIL COMPANY 210.00; 243717 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 150.00; 243763 DIRECT DISCOUNT TIRE OF STILLWATER 1132.15; 243770 GRIMSLEYS 80.64; 243772 FORMBY OIL COMPANY 650.00; 243775 DIESEL POWER SOLUTIONS 720.00; 243776 CROSS OIL COMPANY 2707.50; 243789 FLEET PRIDE 299.76; 243801 DAVIS SANITATION 135.00; 243955 CITY OF HOMINY 402.19; 243961 WINDSTREAM CORPORATION 393.49; 243968 OPERS 2453.22; 243996 MCCORD RWD #3 24.45; 243997 PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF OKLAHOMA 488.10; 243998 WINDSTREAM CORPORATION 168.44; 243423 SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS 1329.82; 243863 HARPS FOOD STORES 74.15; 241079 OKLAHOMA TOURISM & RECREATION 880.00; 241734 ESKIMO JOES PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS GROUP 1260.05; 243671 ESKIMO JOES PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS GROUP 627.95; 243774 MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY 478.29; 243470 AT&T U-VERSE 62.15.

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There were no Utility Permits.

The Board acknowledged letter from State Auditor and Inspector effective January 1, 2024 the Internal Revenue Service has set the mileage reimbursement rate at 67 cents per mile in IR 2023-239. (#26797)

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign Resolution setting the filing period as January 22-26, 2024 and the election date as February 5, 2024 for the Free Fair Board. Steve Talburt seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. (#26798)

Steve Talburt moved to table Title Sheet for District #3 for JP34578(04) - W 155th Pl (Holt Road) embankment repairs. Steve Talburt stated they are still waiting for information from ODOT. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Steve Talburt moved to approve and sign Supplement and Modification Agreement No. 2 for JP 29416(04) Project Maintenance Financing and Right of Way for District #3. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. (#26799)

Steve Talburt moved to approve and sign Resolution reappointing Mikel "Mike" Hayman to Excise and Equalization Board for a four-year term effective January 1, 2024 expiring December 31, 2027. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. (#26800)

Anthony Hudson moved to table to reappoint Bruce Gerhold and Leslie Bias for a 6-year term to serve as member of the Osage County Floodplain Board to expire on December 31, 2029. Bud Beaston inquired if the Board will table the item one week as he is waiting on paperwork about Leslie Bias and Bruce Gerhold which he would like to present to the Board. Steve Talburt seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Steve Talburt moved to approve and sign Cash Fund Estimate of Needs (SAI 308) for December 2023 1102 Highway Receipts and December 2023 CBRI 1103 Receipts. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Under Citizen's Input, Bud Beaston questioned and clarified that Bruce Gerhold and Leslie Bias are already on the Floodplain Board and also on the Planning and Zoning Board. Jake Bruno stated yes that the Planning and Zoning term is a three-year term. Beaston inquired how individuals are put on the Board. Steve Talburt stated they are appointed by the Commissioners. Bruno stated in 1987 the bylaws created set forth that four members of the Board will be appointed by the BOCC, four members will be appointed by the City of Pawhuska, and there is a member of the BOCC usually the Chairman on the Board. Jerry Roberts stated Cindy Murphy is in the hospital having triple bypass surgery tomorrow. Talburt added Murphy went to the hospital the week of Christmas and has blockages. Charlie Cartwright asked Talburt to let Cindy know everyone is praying for her. Jerry Butterbaugh stated the Tourism Board, Planning and Zoning Board, and Floodplain Board all favor Pawhuska and suggest the BOCC in the future look into a better way to have the Board set up for fair County representation. Jake Bruno stated the State suggested they use the same people for the Floodplain Board and Planning and Zoning as the meetings are on the same day. John Herrington inquired if Gerhold and Bias hold more than once position. Bruno stated the individuals are on two Boards: Planning Commission and the Floodplain Board. Herrington inquired who put the individuals in that position. Talburt stated it is an appointed position. Herrington inquired when they were originally put in that position. Talburt stated he does not know. Herrington stated he brought that up because under Oklahoma Statute nepotism dual offices is a crime and not allowed in County municipal government under 11-8-106 and he is confused how these individuals can hold dual positions in a public trust. Cartwright replied there are exceptions. Cartwright stated the County attorney is not present today so the BOCC is not prepared to discuss this and if Herrington would like to call the DA to discuss that would be fine. Herrington inquired who is the Attorney. Cartwright stated Ashley Kane and reiterated the that the Board is not prepared to answer questions today and if he has any questions to call Ashley Kane or Jake Bruno.

Steve Talburt moved to adjourn. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Read and approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

Board of County Commissioners  
Osage County, Oklahoma

Steve Talburt, Vice-Chairman

Charlie Cartwright, Vice Chairman

Everett Piper, Member

*Robin Slack*

Robin Slack, Osage County Clerk

