

MINUTES OF BOCC REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Grant County, Oklahoma (BOCC) held a regular meeting **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**, at 9:00 am. Notice of the Meeting, including agenda, was posted at both entrances of the Grant County Courthouse, Medford, OK, Friday, February 16, 2024, by 9:00 am. in accordance with Title 25, §301-314 O.S.

Fredrick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. After roll call, a quorum was acknowledged. Present were Craig A Fredrick, Max L Hess, and Steve Stinson. Cindy Pratt and Penny Huff were also present. Ben Bowers, Scott Sterling, and Jody Helm were present for portions of the meeting. Laurel Havens was in the meeting until 10:46 a.m. via audio conferencing. Teleconferencing was enabled to comply with the Open Meetings Act. The commissioners used their signature stamp.

Stinson offered a prayer and Hess led the flag salute.

Pratt acknowledged the agenda was properly posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

No comments from the public.

Stinson moved to approve (5) Transfer of Appropriation from: Treasurer M&O 0001-1-0600-2005 to Travel 0001-1-0600-1310 - \$1,500.00 ▪ Gen Govt Retirement 0001-1-2300-1221 to Sheriff's FT Salaries 0001-2-0400-1110 - \$1.82 ▪ Gen Govt FICA 0001-1-2300-1210 to Sheriff's FT Salaries - \$20.73 ▪ Gen Govt FICA 0001-1-2300-1210 to Election Bd PT Salaries 0001-1-2200-1130 - \$5.36 ▪ County Clerk Rec M&O 0001-1-1010-2005 to FT Salaries 0001-1-1010-1110 - \$600.00. Hess seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

At 9:07 a.m. Stinson moved to skip to Item 6o. Hess seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

The floor was open to Laurel Havens, Administrator & Executive Director of Muskogee Co EMS. Havens stated there is a cap on sales tax for ambulance services of 3 mills. Currently, Grant County ambulance services are funded through sales tax. Funding of a 522 Ambulance District would be through the ad valorem tax. This is determined by a vote of the people. Per HB1888 all counties within Oklahoma must have a plan in place for ambulance services, but this does not mean the County has to fund these services. Havens suggested the first thing the BOCC should do is request the call numbers and types of calls received in Grant County for ambulance services. This request would be sent to the OK State Health Dept in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. This information needs to be reviewed for all ambulance services within Grant County. The Oklahoma Constitution determines how the board members are selected. A 522 Ambulance District would be annually audited by OSA&I. All funding would go directly to the 522 Ambulance Board, which would be a minimum of five (5) members with expiring terms with one member being replaced annually. Each district within the county must be represented on this Board. Oklahoma State statutes are also followed which does not allow the board member to be paid to sit on this board. The board members are not allowed to be reimbursed for mileage for travel to and from board meetings. Stinson inquired about transferring ambulance equipment to 522 Ambulance Board and it was relayed that the 522 Ambulance Board can accept donations. Hess inquired as to whether the reports would show all volunteer and paid ambulance services within the county. Haven relayed that by OK State statute all ambulance services are required to submit specific information to the state. The open records request through the Freedom of Information Act should include (1) call received and the demographics of the call; (2) the severity of the call (patient compliant); (3) the location of the call (request actual location not by zip code); and (4) where the patient was transported to (to help determine the longevity of the call/run). It is estimated that the annual cost per ambulance unit is between \$400,000 and \$500,00. Haven relayed that approximately 80% of this cost is for payroll, benefits, etc. Haven reaffirmed the importance of concentrating on the fixed cost. The larger the area the more diluted the fixed cost become. The 522 Ambulance Board can contract with public service providers and/or private service providers.

At 10:46 a.m. Stinson moved to return to Item 6b. Hess seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to approve Blanket Purchase Orders. Hess seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to skip to Item 6n. Hess seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Discussion was had but no action was taken regarding the repairs needed at the jail building. Sheriff Sterling will get quotes on the work needed and check on relocating the inmates to

another county during the repairs due to the fumes produced from the products used for some of the repairs needed.

Stinson moved to return to Item 6c. Hess seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve Purchase Orders and Travel Claims. Stinson seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

AMB SVC-ST 51, ACCUFILE, 654.00, 52, HEARTLAND MEDICAL DIRECTION, 1250.00, 53, PIONEER TELEPHONE, 199.03; **ASSR REV FEE** 15, CENTURY BUSINESS TECH, 22.31, 16, XEROX, 146.45; **DONATIONS - ALL COUNTY** 2, DOLESE, 9895.22, 3, DOLESE, 12902.71; **EMS 522-ST** 10, COMDATA, 245.68; **FAIR IMPROVE-ST** 74, RAZZLE DAZZLE DESIGNS & MORE, 162.00, 75, MEDFORD PATRIOT STAR, 84.00; **GENERAL** 1072, LOCKE SUPPLY, 332.19, 1073, MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY, 45.61, 1074, GRANT CO FREE FAIR, 900.00, 1075, KELLEY'S AUTO PARTS, 57.71, 1076, SPIRIT ELECTRONIC, 1059.52, 1077, RK BLACK., 38.11, 1078, MEDFORD PATRIOT STAR, 119.00, 1079, GALLS, 308.92, 1080, CROSSROADS CO MARKET, 27.87, 1081, OK DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 390.00, 1082, XEROX, 132.23, 1083, D.A.L. SECURITY, 42.00, 1084, HUFF, PENNY, 68.34; **HEALTH** 143, AT&T MOBILITY, 104.42, 144, OG&E, 343.52, 145, PITNEY BOWES, 173.61, 146, THEDFORD MELISSA, 56.28, 147, LAZCANO, HELEN, 72.36, 148, QUILL, 340.14; **HIGHWAY** 1271, YELLOWHOUSE, 424.46, 1272, BANK OF AMERICA, 99.99, 1273, DOLLAR GENERAL, 25.80, 1274, LITTLE B'S TWO, 30.00, 1275, YELLOWHOUSE, 1053.94, 1276, BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES, 330.00, 1277, FARMERS GRAIN, 14113.23, 1278, UNIFIRST, 886.57, 1279, BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES, 864.68, 1280, BRUCKNER TRUCK SALES, 53.62, 1281, MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY, 369.14, 1282, TRUCKPRO, 66.22, 1283, DEVINE WATER, 21.98, 1284, PIONEER TELEPHONE, 190.52; **RURAL FIRE-ST** 168, MUNN SUPPLY, 110.41, 169, PIONEER TELEPHONE, 56.50, 170, PIONEER TELEPHONE, 116.25, 171, BAILEY'S GARAGE LLC, 1032.94; **SH COMMISSARY** 23, CROSSROADS CO MARKET, 264.52, 24, CALDWELL HEALTH MART, 52.95; **SHERIFF-ST** 11, DAVISON FUELS & OIL, 1623.04; **SH SVC FEE** 152, CINTAS, 99.23, 153, OG&E, 55.12, 154, XEROX, 208.29, 155, XEROX, 206.95, 156, AT&T MOBILITY, 46.31, 157, US FOODS, 1741.51, 158, XEROX, 54.15.

Hess moved to approve the Special Payroll for February 2024 disbursement. Stinson seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve the January 2024 Court Clerk's Rec Mngt and Preservation Monthly Report. Stinson seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve **2024-18** revised Resolution for ODOT Co Rd & Machinery Rev Fund for District 1 for a 2024 Broce Broom. Stinson seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve the purchase of 2024 Broce RCT 350 Broom from the BuyBoard which is a statewide approved vendor for District 1. Stinson seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to approve **2024-08A** revised Resolution of Surplus of 2012 Belly Dump Trailer for District 3 which was previously approved 02-05-24 as a 2011 year model and should have been 2012. Hess seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve the minutes of 02-12-24 regular meeting. Stinson seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to approve the following Resolutions for Donations to the Free Fair for the 2024 Spring Jr Livestock for Premium/Awards. Hess seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

- 2024-14** – Establish Acct & Donation from Jerry L & Shirley Biby
- 2024-15** – Establish Acct & Donation from Micah Buzzard Agency
- 2024-16** – Donation from 81 Boondocks, LLC
- 2024-17** – Donation from FW Zaloudek & Sons
- 2024-19** – Donation from PCH Young Farmers
- 2024-20** – Donation Medford Economic Development Authority

Hess moved to approve the January 2024 Monthly Officers' Report- Assessor, County Clerk, Court Clerk, District Attorney, Election Board, Health Dept., Sheriff, & Treasurer- all subject to audit. Stinson seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Stinson moved to acknowledge the January 2024 Jail Report. Hess seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve the January 2024 Request for reimbursement for DA Expenses in the amount of \$246.43. Stinson seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Hess moved to approve the January 2024 Request for reimbursement for Election Bd Secretary Salary in the amount of \$3,375.00. Stinson seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

No new business.

Stinson reported District 3 is working on Grady Road. The District 3 crew did a lot of grading last week. District 3 has some employees at training today.

Hess reported the chip spreader should be repaired soon. District 1 has some employees at truck driving training today. The Town of Manchester received a grant to demolish some old houses and has requested the assistance of District 1 on this project. Work will begin later this week on the concrete for the new building to be constructed in Wakita.

Fredrick reported District 2 is aggressively grading roads after the moisture received. District 2 has all three trucks running rock right now.

At 12:11 a.m. Hess moved to adjourn. Stinson seconded. Fredrick – aye; Hess – aye; Stinson – aye; Motion carried.

Approved this 26th day of February 2024

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GRANT COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

/s/ Craig A. Fredrick, Chairman /s/ Max L. Hess, Vice Chairman /s/ Steve Stinson, Member
/s/ Cindy Pratt, County Clerk