

January 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Texas County Commissioners was called to order by Levi Bickford, Chairman. Dolan Sledge, Ted Keeling, members and Wendy Johnson, County Clerk were present. Tonde Christian, Emergency Manager, Sandra Montes, VP of Finance, Steve Smith, Controller at MHTC, Darrell Edwards, Spencer Leiter, Allan Mendenhall, Adams Fire Chief, Aimee Midkiff, Treasurer, Grant Wadley, Guymon Fire Chief and Ray Davis, VP of Patient at MHTC Care were also present.

The agenda was filed on January 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Bickford verified we were in compliance with the Open Meeting Act with all board members present.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to approve the following claims and purchase orders for payment.

GENERAL: 242837, 1088, **\$217.98**, Amazon Capital Services Inc., supplies; 240153, 1089, **\$1301.45**, City of Guymon, utilities; 241424, 1090, **\$120.00**, The Compliance Resource Group Inc., services; 242970, 1091, **\$332.83**, Guymon Daily Herald, advertising; 242826, 1092, **\$32.40**, The Hooker Advance, advertisement; 240078, 1093, **\$1539.20**, The Hooker Advance, advertisement; 241649, 1094, **\$423.35**, L&J Auto Parts Inc., supplies & services; 240870, 1095, **\$960.00**, LEHR Electric, services; 242875, 1096, **\$77.25**, Linxup LLC, services; 242068, 1097, **\$250.00**, Mathis Oil Co Inc., supplies & services; 242924, 1098, **\$878.22**, Mathis Oil Co., fuel; 240220, 1099, **\$88.03**, Mathis Oil Co., fuel; 240270, 1100, **\$152.45**, Mathis Oil Co., fuel & maintenance; 240094, 1101, **\$791.60**, Mayfield Paper Company, supplies; 240045, 1102, **\$900.00**, Mungias Heating & Air Cond Inc., services; 242975, 1103, **\$50.00**, Oklahoma Emergency Management Association, membership; 241848, 1104, **\$880.00**, Oklahoma Juvenile Justice Serv. Inc., juvenile housing; 241757, 1105, **\$6.40**, Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, fees; 242969, 1106, **\$12.30**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 242968, 1107, **\$5.56**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 242461, 1108, **\$14.46**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 242936, 1109, **\$16.10**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 242935, 1110, **\$7.13**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 240160, 1111, **\$10.08**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 242987, 1112, **\$10.14**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 240068, 1113, **\$3.67**, Southern Office Supply Inc., supplies; 241834, 1114, **\$60.00**, State of Oklahoma, recertification; 242989, 1115, **\$736.92**, Texas County Election Board, expenses; 240573, 1116, **\$1224.00**, Western Plains Youth & Family Serv. Inc., juvenile housing.

DISTRICT #1: 242879, 1097, **\$600.00**, Alvarez Upholstery, repairs; 241882, 1098, **\$413.00**, The Compliance Resource Group Inc., services; 242239, 1099, **\$75.00**, Darrell Edwards, phone stipend; 242574, 1100, **\$1747.74**, Ekkel Diesel Repair, repairs & parts; 242813, 1101, **\$17,463.55**, Fronk Oil Company Inc., fuel; 242392, 1102, **\$739.06**, Fronk Oil Company Inc., supplies; 242393, 1103, **\$1065.98**, Hooker Hardware & Auto LLC, parts & supplies; 242561, 1104, **\$6017.08**, Kirby Smith Machinery Inc., repairs; 242647, 1105, **\$1854.00**, Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation, lease payment; 242237, 1106, **\$11.73**, Scissortail Communications LLC,

services; 242399, 1107, **\$474.40**, Unifirst Corporation, uniforms; 242881, 1108, **\$5999.00**, Warren Cat, parts; 242806, 1109, **\$26.98**, Wirtz Lumber & Supply Inc., supplies.

DISTRICT #2: 242402, 1110, **\$52.00**, Advanced Water Solutions, water machine; 242698, 1111, **\$101.98**, B&B Sales Co., supplies; 242403, 1112, **\$237.28**, B&B Sales Co., supplies; 242611, 1113, **\$249.62**, Berry Tractor & Equipment Co., supplies; 242424, 1114, **\$4834.49**, Central Salt LLC, salt; 242529, 1115, **\$685.00**, Circuit Engineering Dist. #8, signs; 242878, 1116, **\$1162.00**, Direct Discount Tire of Stillwater LLC, tires; 242840, 1117, **\$2732.00**, Direct Discount Tire of Stillwater LLC, tires; 241569, 1118, **\$265.36**, Fast Lane Tires LLC, repairs; 242406, 1119, **\$426.86**, Guymon Tire, repairs; 242407, 1120, **\$1842.76**, L&J Auto Parts Inc., parts; 242662, 1121, **\$429.79**, L&J Auto Parts Inc., parts; 242889, 1122, **\$235.63**, Liberal Kenworth, parts; 241572, 1123, **\$203.25**, Linde Gas & Equipment Inc., supplies; 241205, 1124, **\$257.20**, Mayfield Paper Company, supplies; 242649, 1125, **\$2735.94**, Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation, lease payment; 242648, 1126, **\$3998.43**, Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation, lease payment; 241667, 1127, **\$118.00**, Prairiefire Coffee Roasters, supplies; 242610, 1128, **\$1945.10**, Warren Cat, parts; 242007, 1129, **\$212.40**, Western Equipment LLC, parts.

DISTRICT #3: 242908, 1130, **\$40.00**, Bar H Pest Control, services; 242650, 1131, **\$1555.20**, Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation, lease payment; 242910, 1132, **\$258.05**, PTCI, services; 242911, 1133, **\$170.00**, Stateline Wash & Service, services; 242531, 1134, **\$748.19**, Texhoma Supply LLC, parts; 242909, 1135, **\$1111.73**, Tri County Electric Coop Inc., utilities; 242534, 1136, **\$845.74**, Unifirst Corporation, uniforms; 242090, 1137, **\$172.00**, Unifirst First Aid & Safety, supplies.

FREE FAIR: 242934, 23, **\$4900.00**, Panhandle Printing LLC, fair books.

HEALTH MILL LEVY: 242608, 172, **\$408.03**, Mayfield Paper Company, supplies; 242986, 173, **\$68.56**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services.

SHERIFF COMMISSARY: 242419, 32, **\$257.83**, Tiger Commissary Services, commissary.

SHERIFF SERVICE FEE: 242971, 91, **\$734.90**, AT&T Mobility, services; 240650, 92, **\$36,558.20**, John Vance Motors Inc., vehicle; 242925, 93, **\$3173.00**, Prodigy Solutions Inc., services; 242808, 94, **\$8331.42**, Texas County 911 Trust Authority, services.

MORTGAGE CERTIFICATION: 242142, 1, **\$3545.00**, Apprentice Information Systems of Ok. Inc., equipment.

40% SALES TAX: 243015, 11, **\$114.00**, Memorial Hospital of Texas County.

HOSPITAL SALES TAX: 240508, 24, **\$52,257.36**, Anchor D Bank, February payment.

60 % JAIL SALES TAX: 242937, 445, **\$600.00**, S&S Services LLC, services; 242972, 446, **\$44.99**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 242932, 447, **\$11.69**, Wirtz Lumber & Supply Inc., parts; 241421, 448, **\$46.51**, Wirtz Lumber & Supply Inc., supplies; 242929, 449, **\$17.99**, Wirtz Lumber & Supply Inc., parts.

Aye: Keeling, Sledge, Bickford. Nay: none.

Motion by Sledge, second by Keeling to approve blanket purchase orders for usage.

GENERAL: 243003, Southern Office Supply Inc., \$200.00; 243004, Southern Office Supply Inc., \$200.00.

DISTRICT #1: 243005, Teddy P. Keeling, \$500.00; 243006, Teddy P. Keeling, \$500.00; 243007, Darrell Edwards, \$500.00.

DISTRICT #2: 243008, Wirtz Lumber & Supply Inc., \$300.00; 243009, Western Equipment LLC, \$40,000.00.

HEALTH MILL LEVY: 243010, Memorial Hospital of Texas County, \$750.00; 243011, Memorial Hospital of Texas County, \$750.00; 243012, Memorial Hospital of Texas County, \$750.00.

Aye: Keeling, Sledge, Bickford. Nay: none.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Aye: Sledge, Keeling, Bickford. Nay: none

There were no Transfer of Appropriations to be approved.

Christian reported that the Hospital opened up 19 beds in the hospital for people that are dependent of electricity for medical situations during the cold weather. She was able to get several warming stations opened up also. They are looking at installing a switch out at the activity center for a generator so they can use it as a warming station also. She has staging classes set up. She now has an AED and Emergency Exit Lights at the Emergency Management Building. Safety Meetings will be held on January 30th and February 1st and 2nd.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to approve the Addendum to Ad Valorem Tax Appeal Agreement as to Legal fees and Litigation Expenses.

**Addendum to Ad Valorem Tax Appeal
Agreement as to Legal Fees and Litigation Expenses**

WHEREAS, pursuant to several agreements, the school districts and Texas County have been sharing proportionately the Legal Fees and Litigation Expenses in various ad valorem tax appeals;

WHEREAS, the employment of Tisdale & O'Hara, PLLC and the litigation of the ad valorem tax appeals pursuant to those agreements have been very successful;

WHEREAS,, the parties would like to continue with the proportional sharing of the legal fees and litigation expenses indefinitely and apply the terms of the agreement executed in 2021, to all future ad valorem tax appeals.

IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED as follows:

Texas County, by and through the County Commissioners, and the school districts hereby agree to continue the ad valorem tax and appeal agreement as to legal fees and litigation expenses and apply the terms of the agreement executed in 2021, to all future ad valorem tax appeals, including but not limited to the valuation of oil and gas assets, wind energy assets, etc; but subject to the right of any party hereto to opt out of said agreement in writing at any time.

IN WITNESS HEREOF and as evidenced by the signature of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners immediately below, this agreement was approved on this 16th day of January, 2024, by the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TEXAS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Attested By:

(S E A L)

By: s/Levi Bickford

Chairman

s/Wendy Johnson

Count Clerk, Texas County

Approved:

s/George H. Leach III

District Attorney

Aye: Sledge, Keeling, Bickford. Nay: none

Motion by Sledge, second by Keeling to approve the update to the HVAC Computer Controlling System at the jail in the amount of \$15,952.00 from the (1X) 1327-1-2100-9415 Sales Tax Fund. Aye: Sledge, Keeling, Bickford. Nay: none

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to approve the payment of \$10,000.00 to fix the transmission on the Hooker Fire truck to be paid out of the Undesignated Fire Account. Aye: Sledge, Keeling, Bickford. Nay: none

Motion by Sledge, second by Keeling to approve exchanging the current chaise for Baker Fire for one that is already on the sale floor so they can get the firetruck faster. Aye: Sledge, Keeling, Bickford. Nay: none

Drew Smith was unable to attend the meeting so there was no action taken on the Goodwell Fire Truck.

There was no action taken on the resolution for the Activity Center/Fairgrounds.

There was no action taken on the contract with the construction manager.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to approve **Resolution #114-23-24** for a Utility Permit with PTCI for a Telephone Line in the NE/4 of the NE/4 of Section 12-T1N-R17ECM to the NW/4 of the NW/4 of Section 7-T1N-R18ECM. All requirements of the permit must be met and it shall be bored. Aye: Sledge, Keeling, Bickford. Nay: none

Wadley reported that there was no need for a burn ban although there was a roadside fire, and they don't know what started it.

Matt Boley, Sheriff joined the meeting.

Montes requested \$114,000.00 to be able to make payroll for the hospital and reported that they have 3 patients in the hospital now.

New Business:

Wadley reported that the FDC and sprinkler system at the Activity Center has not been inspected for at least 10 years now. The hospital exit doors are not opening when they should, the county put a purchase order in place to fix them on September 6, 2023 so there is an issue, and they need to be working because it is a fire hazard.

Midkiff said that the CD she has is going to expire and needs to know if she needs to hold out any money before she renews it.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to recess until the District Attorney could get here.
Aye: Sledge, Keeling, Bickford. Nay: none

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to reconvene the meeting.

Buddy Leach, District Attorney joined the meeting.

They asked the District Attorney if they could do the money for the hospital as a loan to be paid back when they get the loan from the bank. He said that would be fine and the District Attorney typed up a form for them to sign.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to approve paying the \$114,000.00 from the 40% Sales Tax Account but only as a loan until they can get the loan from the bank and then they are to pay that account back. Aye: Sledge, Keeling, Bickford. Nay: none

Motion by Sledge, second by Keeling to recess the meeting until 1:00 p.m. Aye: Sledge, Keeling, Bickford. Nay: none

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to reconvene the meeting. Aye: Sledge, Keeling, Bickford. Nay: none

Discussion on how to change the activity center director duties and what to put on the agreement for the construction manager. There was nothing decided, and Bickford is going to talk to the District Attorney about it.

There was no Executive Meeting required.

Buddy Leach, District Attorney had nothing to report.

There were no Charity requests to be approved.

The Inspection of the Activity Center was postponed.

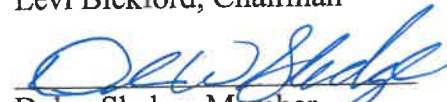
Motion by Sledge, second by Keeling to adjourn. Aye: Sledge, Keeling, Bickford. Nay:
none

Adjourned.

I, Wendy Johnson, the duly elected and qualified County Clerk in and for Texas County, Oklahoma, do certify the above is a true and complete statement of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners held in this office on January 16, 2024.


Wendy Johnson, County Clerk


Levi Bickford, Chairman


Dolan Sledge, Member


Ted Keeling, Member