

April 24, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Texas County Commissioners was called to order by Ted Keeling, Chairman. Dolan Sledge, members and Wendy Johnson, County Clerk were present. Aimee Midkiff, Treasurer, Tonde Christian, Emergency Manager, Justin Carnagey, 911 Director, and Grant Wadley, Guymon Fire Chief were also present. Levi Bickford was absent.

The agenda was filed on April 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Keeling verified we were in compliance with the Open Meeting Act with two board members present.

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

GENERAL: 234152, 1754, **\$85.79**, Amazon Capital Services Inc, sign; 234049, 1755, **\$75.00**, Seth Bartels, phone stipend; 234268, 1756, **\$174.14**, City of Guymon, utilities; 234271, 1757, **\$887.56**, City of Guymon, utilities; 234047, 1758, **\$75.00**, Jason Colpetzer, phone stipend; 233726, 1759, **\$200.00**, Embassy Suites Norman, lodging; 233725, 1760, **\$300.00**, Embassy Suites Norman, lodging; 233255, 1761, **\$300.00**, Embassy Suites Norman, hotel stay; 234046, 1762, **\$75.00**, Benji Fuentes, phone stipend; 234169, 1763, **\$643.10**, Gas Lawn Pros LLC, estimate of repairs on sprinklers; 234045, 1764, **\$75.00**, Alex Gregoire, phone stipend; 234053, 1765, **\$75.00**, Stanley Harper, phone stipend; 234239, 1766, **\$50.50**, Darren Ingram, meals reimbursement; 234276, 1767, **\$12.55**, Jennifer Johnson, postage; 234230, 1768, **\$599.81**, Wendy Lee Johnson, travel reimbursement; 233038, 1769, **\$77.25**, Linxup LLC Agilis System LLC, gps locational tech services; 233039, 1770, **\$77.25**, Linxup LLC Agilis System llc, gps locational tech services; 233040, 1771, **\$77.25**, Linxup LLC Agilis System llc, gps locational tech services; 234052, 1772, **\$75.00**, Charles Mark, phone stipend; 234065, 1773, **\$65.00**, OSU/CTP, training; 233021, 1774, **\$10666.66**, OSU Cooperative Extension Services, contractual; 234048, 1775, **\$75.00**, Monty Osborne, phone stipend; 232362, 1776, **\$1371.67**, Otis Elevator Company, maintenance; 234243, 1777, **\$204.09**, PTCI, utilities; 234240, 1778, **\$166.65**, PTCI, utilities; 234241, 1779, **\$193.36**, PTCI, utilities; 234228, 1780, **\$263.25**, PTCI, utilities; 234242, 1781, **\$119.78**, PTCI, utilities; 234267, 1782, **\$202.18**, PTCI, utilities; 232909, 1783, **\$259.40**, PTCI, utilities; 234204, 1784, **\$99.21**, Quadient Leasing USA Inc, postage; 234187, 1785, **\$26.14**, Scissortail Communications LLC, long distance; 234213, 1786, **\$47.79**, SPC Office Products, ink toner; 234177, 1787, **\$61.40**, SPC Office Products, supplies; 234157, 1788, **\$1981.65**, SPC Office Products, extended warranty on copier; 232370, 1789, **\$123.18**, Unifirst Corporation, supplies; 234051, 1790, **\$75.00**, Berta Vela, phone stipend; 234050, 1791, **\$75.00**, Andrea Walters, phone stipend; 234275, 1792, **\$12.00**, Water Barrel, 5 gallon water.

DISTRICT #1: 233596, 1827, **\$196.50**, Teddy P Keeling, travel; 234205, 1828, **\$99.21**, Quadient Leasing USA Inc, postage; 233965, 1829, **\$1137.80**, Tri County Electric Coop Inc, utilities.

DISTRICT #2: 234062, 1830, **\$75.00**, Ronnie Bellar, phone stipend; 234211, 1831, **\$156.57**, Bruckner Truck Sales Inc, headlight; 234059, 1832, **\$519.48**, City of Guymon, utilities; 233872, 1833, **\$96.00**, Hampton Inn & Suites, lodging; 234209, 1834, **\$11.14**, David Johnson, meals reimbursement; 233580, 1835, **\$65.00**, OSU/CTP, training; 233579, 1836, **\$65.00**, OSU/CTP, training; 234063, 1837, **\$268.56**, PTCI, phone service; 234206, 1838, **\$99.21**, Quadient Leasing USA Inc, postage; 233995, 1839, **\$367.54**, Dolan Sledge, travel reimbursement; 234174, 1840, **\$689.99**, Wirtz Lumber & Supply Inc, pruner.

DISTRICT #3: 234179, 1841, **\$184.14**, Liberal Kenworth, door latch; 234162, 1842, **\$130.00**, OSU/CTP, training; 234165, 1843, **\$65.00**, OSU/CTP, training; 234207, 1844, **\$99.21**, Quadient Leasing USA Inc, postage; 234016, 1845, **\$159.80**, Texhoma Public Works Authority, utilities; 230152, 1846, **\$495.00**, Town of Goodwell, water; 234208, 1847, **\$125.00**, West Texas Gas Inc, utilities.

COUNTY CLERK LIEN FEE: 233810, 73, **\$392.00**, Best Western Atoka Inn & Suites, hotel stay; 233254, 74, **\$300.00**, Embassy Suites Norman, hotel stay; 233656, 75, **\$1079.00**, Metropolitan Compounds Inc, pillow pack disinfectant; 233745, 76, **\$130.00**, OSU/CTP, training; 233569, 77, **\$65.00**, OSU/CTP, training; 233763, 78, **\$65.00**, OSU/CTP, training; 233464, 79, **\$65.00**, OSU/CTP, training; 233565, 80, **\$130.00**, OSU/CTP, training; 234189, 81, **\$63.66**, Alisha Perez, meal reimbursement.

FREE FAIR BOARD: 234248, 41, **\$5371.00**, Anchor D Bank, 2022 premiums; 234233, 42, **\$763.05**, Mayfield Paper Company, supplies.

HEALTH MILL LEVY: 234234, 216, **\$65.00**, Bar H Pest Control, pest control; 234183, 217, **\$517.00**, Deal Refrigeration, maintenance on fridge; 234166, 218, **\$90.39**, Yesenia Figueroa, travel reimbursement; 233870, 219, **\$265.00**, Fire Alarm Specialist Inc, fire alarm system; 234226, 220, **\$162.44**, Nyki Long, travel; 234247, 221, **\$52.60**, Mayfield Paper Company, liners; 233859, 222, **\$88.50**, Julie Morlan, travel; 234237, 223, **\$323.23**, PTCI, utilities; 234246, 224, **\$86.41**, Quadient Leasing USA Inc, postage.

LEPC: 233582, 13, **\$400.00**, Ambassador Family Restaurant, catering.

SHERIFF COMMISSARY: 233103, 42, **\$263.16**, Tiger Commissary Services, snack grabber.

SHERIFF SERVICE FEE: 234175, 231, **\$8331.42**, Texas County 911 Trust Authority, dispatch services.

40% SALES TAX: 234217, 13, **\$3323.48**, Memorial Hospital of Texas County, compressor for medical surgical.

HOSPITAL SALES TAX: 233094, 26, **\$52, 257.36**, Anchor D Bank, June pmt.

JAIL SALES TAX: 234055, 745, **\$75.00**, Andrea Fuentes, phone stipend; 234056, 746, **\$75.00**, Marco Crawford, phone stipend; 234054, 747, **\$75.00**, Hunter Martinez, phone stipend;

234172, 748, **\$50.82**, Scissortail Communications LLC, long distance; 233820, 749, **\$100.00**, TLC Pest Solutions LLC, pest control.

PAYROLL:

GENERAL: 1678, Aimee Midkiff, **\$4713.54**; 1677, Tina Henton, **\$3124.86**; 1679, Becky Wilson, **\$2822.37**; 1676, Cindy Fuerstenau, **\$2764.18**; 1682, Wendy Johnson, **\$4713.54**; 1685, Alisha Perez, **\$3178.93**; 1687, Kelly Voorheis, **\$3178.93**; 1684, Peggy Padilla, **\$3178.93**; 1686, Deidre Sommers, **\$3049.43**; 1683, Diana Montalvo, **\$2764.18**; 1680, Susan Homan, **\$2764.18**; 1681, Ivonne Jimenez, **\$2764.18**; 1690, M. Renee Ellis, **\$4713.54**; 1688, Martha Aviles, **\$3178.93**; 1689, Rebecca Brittain, **\$3103.22**; 1691, Judyth Campbell, **\$4713.54**; 1693, Debby Kneeland, **\$3178.93**; 1692, Collete Coffey, **\$3049.43**; 1694, Monty Smith, **\$317.96**; 1695, Suzanne Bryan, **\$1611.32**; 1698, Darren Ingram, **\$3124.86**; 1696, Kirk Brittain, **\$2822.37**; 1699, Jennifer Johnson, **\$2822.37**; 1697, Marlin B. Hines, **\$2287.69**; 1700, Timothy Brittain, **\$3008.21**; 1701, Gary Davison, **\$75.00**; 1702, Monica K Humbard, **\$75.00**; 1703, Shane Metcalf, **\$75.00**; 1704, Teresa Cozby, **\$1972.13**; 1705, Margo Thompson, **\$2500.00**; 1707, Doug Melton, **\$70.00**; 1706, Cheslea Collins, **\$35.00**; 1708, Beverly Richards, **\$70.00**; 1710, Matt Boley, **\$4713.54**; 1711, Tamara Casas, **\$3124.86**; 1713, Benji Fuentes, **\$4410.82**; 1719, Andrea Walters, **\$4157.37**; 1716, Charles Mark, **\$4094.37**; 1712, Jason Colpetzer, **\$4032.64**; 1717, Monty Osborne, **\$4094.37**; 1718, Berta Vela, **\$3540.00**; 1722, Darcy Mckee, **\$570.00**; 1715, Stanley Harper, **\$4032.64**; 1709, Seth Bartels, **\$3500**; 1714, Alex Gregoire, **\$3580.92**; 1720, Tonde Christian, **\$3336.53**; 1721, Pamela Hill, **\$3197.02**; 1724, Ted Keeling, **\$4713.54**; 1726, Dolan Sledge, **\$4713.54**; 1723, Levi Bickford, **\$4713.54**; 1728, Brittany Voorheis, **\$3321.89**; 1727, Lucretia Spry, **\$3321.89**; 1725, Raymond Loosemore, **\$3321.89**; 1744, Aimee Midkiff, **\$500.00**; 1745, Wendy Johnson, **\$500.00**; 1746, M. Renee Ellis, **\$500.00**; 1747, Judyth Campbell, **\$600.00**; 1748, Gary Davison, **\$32.75**; 1750, Shane Metcalf, **\$26.20**; 1749, Monica K Humbard, **\$14.41**; 1751, Matt Boley, **\$700.00**.

COUNTY HIGHWAY: 1769, Darrell Edwards, **\$4250.65**; 1770, Dillon Edwards, **\$3558.14**; 1767, Laura Castaneda, **\$3178.93**; 1764, Anthony Baker, **\$3321.89**; 1765, Colton Baker, **\$3215.84**; 1766, Efrain Castaneda, **\$3321.89**; 1768, Justin Daugherty, **\$3321.89**; 1771, Brandon Furr, **\$3321.89**; 1772, Rodney Hamm, **\$3321.89**; 1773, Eldon Headrick, **\$3215.84**; 1774, Michael Lundgrin, **\$3321.89**; 1775, Scott Martin, **\$3321.89**; 1776, Zane Snook, **\$3215.84**; 1777, Robert Steinle, **\$3215.84**; 1778, Wayland Wehmeier, **\$3321.89**; 1779, Damon Williams, **\$3215.84**; 1780, Arris Anderson, **\$3321.89**; 1782, Ronnie Bellar, **\$4250.65**; 1781, Kenneth Bales, **\$3321.89**; 1783, Hayden Danner, **\$3321.89**; 1784, Marit Edwards, **\$3321.89**; 1785, Brandon Fosdick, **\$3321.89**; 1786, Dustin Hale, **\$3321.89**; 1787, David Johnson, **\$3321.89**; 1789, Roman Martinez, **\$3321.89**; 1790, Kevin Price, **\$3321.89**; 1791, Chance Serna, **\$3321.89**; 1792, Sonny Serna, **\$3321.89**; 1793, Kelsey Shrou, **\$3321.89**; 1788, Tommy Long, **\$3321.89**; 1795, David Burrow, **\$3321.89**; 17965, Rex Cline, **\$4250.65**; 1797, Butch Dickson, **\$3321.89**; 1798, Clinton Ferguson, **\$3321.89**; 1799, Neil Ferguson, **\$3321.89**; 1800, Kelly Fisk, **\$3321.89**; 1801, Justin Guthrie, **\$3321.89**; 1802, Cla Hammers, **\$3321.89**; 1803, Orlando Herrera, **\$3321.89**; 1804, Levi Johnson, **\$3321.89**; 1805, Mike McCarney, **\$2304.29**; 1806, Jeff Tanquary, **\$3321.89**; 1807, Mike Tanquary, **\$3321.89**; 1808, Tim Winters, **\$3321.89**; 1823, Ted Keeling, **\$700.00**; 1824, Dolan Sledge, **\$700.00**; 1825, Levi Bickford, **\$700.00**.

COURT CLERK: 148, Colleen Michael, **\$3049.43**; 150, Susanna Ritter, **\$2876.40**; 146, Shayna Highberger, **\$2822.37**; 149, Jenny Pena, **\$2764.18**; 147, Cindy Kincannon, **\$1,869.30**.

RESALE: 139, Kathlyne Costa, **\$2476.30**.

SHERIFF SERVICE FEE: 222, Jalonda Layton, **\$3178.93**.

60% SHERIFF SALES TAX: 713, Andrea Fuentes, **\$3319.40**; 725, Cathy Valdez, **\$3089.79**; 724, Billy Sinclair, **\$2940.00**; 710, Rebecca Brown, **\$2651.25**; 718, Andrew Lovato, **\$2572.50**; 726, Colton Vargas, **\$1248.24**; 716, Ayden Hegwood, **\$2520.00**; 729, Rachael Harper, **\$708.75**; 715, Jodalee Garcia, **\$2570**; 714, Hunter Fuentes, **\$2570.00**; 720, Ofelia Martinez, **\$2650.00**; 711, Brisa Chavez, **\$2651.25**; 722, Veronica Mccullough, **\$2570.00**; 721, Roman Martinez, **\$2570.00**; 719, Hunter Martinez, **\$3300.00**; 717, Waylon Kygar, **\$5,219.25**; 723, Laramie Muse, **\$2570.00**; 712, Marco Crawford, **\$3300.00**; 727, Greg Elliot, **\$1475.50**; 728, Cade Halliburton, **\$525.00**; 731 Anthony Klenda, **\$1300.00**; 734, Cierra Phillips, **\$1001.00**; 730, Daniela Hidalgo, **\$1423.50**; 733, Gage Martinez, **\$536.25**.

COURT CLERK: 151, Aflac, **\$81.96**; 152, American Fidelity, **\$147.55**, premium; 153, EFT State Depository, **\$434.00**, withholding; 154, EFTPS Account, **\$2,937.31**, federal withholding; 155, New York Life Insurance, **\$45.00**; 156, OPEH & W Health Plan, **\$4,327.32**, premiums; 157, OPERS, **\$2,676.34**, retirement; 158, Standard Retirement Services, **\$100.00**; 159, Standard Retirement, **\$150.00**; 160, Sun Life Financial, **\$137.50**.

GENERAL: 1729, Aflac, **\$186.13**; 1730, American Fidelity Assurance Co, **\$2,066.48**, premiums; 1731, American Fidelity, **\$2,051.70**; 1732, EFT State Depository, **\$5,196.00**, withholding; 1733, EFTPS Account, **\$34,048.23**, federal withholding; 1734, Leaders Life Insurance, **\$39.00**; 1735, Legal Shield, **\$93.70**; 1736, New York Life Insurance, **\$593.85**; 1737, Oklahoma Credit Union, **\$3,619.00**; 1738, OPEH&W Health Plan, **\$38,613.66**, premiums; 1739, OPERS, **\$31,749.13**, retirement; 1740, PALIC, **\$106.50**; 1741, Standard Retirement Services, **\$625.00**; 1742, Standard Retirement, **\$1,325.00**; 1743, Sun Life Financial, **\$1,436.55**; 1752, EFT State Depository, **\$20.00**; 1753, EFTPS Account, **\$448.40**.

HIGHWAY: 1809, Aflac, **\$262.68**; 1810, American Fidelity Assurance Comp, **\$388.16**; 1811, American Fidelity, **\$1,849.32**; 1812, EFT State Depository, **\$4990.00**; 1813, EFTPS Account, **\$34,046.57**; 1814, Legal Shield, **\$68.75**; 1815, New York Life Insurance, **\$1,096.08**; 1816, Oklahomas Credit Union, **\$1,260.00**; 1817, OPEH&W Health Plan, **\$38,218.76**; 1818, OPERS, **\$30,102.28**, retirement; 1819, PALIC, **\$664.63**, premium; 1820, Standard Retirement Services, **\$775.00**; 1821, Standard Retirement, **\$1,840.00**; 1822, Sun Life Financial, **\$1,462.17**; 1826, EFTPS Account, **\$321.30**, withholding.

60% SHERIFF SALES TAX: 735, American Fidelity, **\$469.37**; 736, EFT State Depository, **\$1,524.00**; 737, EFTPS Account, **\$11,242.88**; 738, Legal Shield, **\$25.90**; 739, New York Life Insurance, **\$118.08**; 740, OPEH&W Health Plan, **\$10,059.34**, premium; 741, OPERS, **\$10,479.31**, retirement; 742, Standard Retirement Services, **\$50.00**; 743, Standard Retirement, **\$75.00**; 744, Sun Life Financial, **\$395.95**.

RESALE: 140, EFT State Depository, **\$60.00**; 141, EFTPS Account, **\$326.06**; 142, OPEH & W Health Plan, **\$1,307.92**; 143, OPERS, **\$495.26**, retirement; 144, Sun Life Financial, **\$23.84**.

SHERIFF SERVICE FEE: 223, American Fidelity, **\$61.62**; 224, EFT State Depository, **\$267.00**; 225, EFTPS Account, \$903.98; 226, OPEH&W Health Plan, **\$800.26**, premium; 227, OPERS, **\$635.78**, retirement; 228, Standard Retirement Services, **\$25.00**; 229, Standard Retirement, **\$25.00**; 230, Sun Life Financial, **\$30.61**.

Aye: Keeling, Sledge. Nay: none.

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

GENERAL: 234371, The Hooker Advance, \$2,000.00; 234372, The Hooker Advance, \$2,000.00.

DISTRICT #2: 234370, Ekkel Diesel Repair and Truck Wash, \$15,000.00.

Aye: Keeling, Sledge. Nay: none.

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

Christian gave an update on the Emergency Management Program.

Motion by Sledge, second by Keeling to approve the Transfer of Appropriations; General; \$2,000.00 from 0001-3-3801-2005 maintenance and operations to 0001-3-3801-4110 capital outlay and Court Clerk Payroll; \$.51 from 1211-1-1400-1110 personal services to 1211-1-1400-1222 hospitalization. Aye: Sledge, Keeling. Nay: none.

Tano Tovilla, VP of Operations and Provider Services joined the meeting.

Motion by Sledge, second by Keeling to approve the appointment of Roger Layton as Grounds Maintenance for the Sheriff. Aye: Sledge, Keeling. Nay: none.

Carnagey reported that they are going to have to do a lot of updates to allow for the new 911 system and to cover the Sheriff and some of the Fire Departments. They talked with Homeland Security, and they have some used radios they plan to give us to see what works or not along with possibly helping with \$50,000.00. He asked if there was any way the County could help with a little more, like \$371,000.00 instead of the original \$330,000.00.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to table for one week to see where we are with the ARPA Funds. Aye: Sledge, Keeling. Nay: none.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to approve the Agreement between Texas County and Oklahoma Department of Transportation for a Lease with Purchase Option for Road Machinery or Equipment for a 2023 Mack GR34B Dump Truck VIN #M2GR4GC1RM038107,

ODOT #99-2788 in the amount of \$177,984.00 with 3% down \$5,184.00 leaving a total of \$172,800.00 to be paid in 96 payments of \$1,854.00 per month. Aye: Sledge, Keeling. Nay: none.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to approve ODOT Form 324 claim form for a 2023 Mack GR34B Dump Truck in the amount of \$172,800.00. Aye: Sledge, Keeling. Nay: none.

Motion by Sledge, second by Keeling to approve **Resolution #166-22-23.**

RESOLUTION
#166-22-23

To enforce the policy against drugs and alcohol in the workplace and the policy against employees reporting to work under the influence of illegal or abused drugs or alcohol, Texas County has determined there exists a need for a Drug Alcohol Testing Policy, which is uniformly applied to all employees of Texas County, and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of Texas County have determined that a Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy will significantly improve communications between the County and its employees, and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of Texas County have determined that a written Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy promotes fairness in employment and helps the country comply fully with the Oklahoma and Federal DOT Statues on drug and alcohol testing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to **Okla. Stat. Ann Tit, 19, Section 339**, Texas County, by a majority vote of the elected officials, does hereby adopt the "Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy Handbook – Texas County."

Dated this 24th Day of April, 2023.

Board of County Commissioners of Texas County

ss/Ted Keeling

ss/Dolan Sledge

ATTEST: ss/Wendy Johnson

SEAL

County Clerk

Aye: Sledge, Keeling. Nay: none.

Motion by Sledge, second by Keeling to approve the Purchase Agreement between Texas County and MCC LLC to purchase the Invex Inventory on Demand Software in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the first year to allow fifty employees access to the app. Aye: Sledge, Keeling. Nay: none.

Wadley reported that we are expecting a 20% chance of rain. It's been 237 days with less than ¼" of rain here. We should keep the Burn Ban in place until we see if we even get rain. At the Fire Fighter Association meeting we decided to keep the association in place and not disband.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to approve **Resolution #165-22-23.**

RENEWAL OF TEXAS COUNTY BURN BAN

Whereas; The Texas County Board of Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by Section 16-26. B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire danger exists in Texas County. This situation (as defined in Section 16-26.B1.a-d, Title 2, O.S.) has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's municipal and rural fire chiefs, or their designees.

Whereas; By virtue, if this resolution, it is unlawful for any person to set fire to any forest, grass, range, crop, or other wildlands, or to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn trash or other material that may cause a forest, grass, range, crop, or other wildland fire. All outdoor burning in progress at the time of the passage of this resolution are ordered to be fully extinguished immediately by the property owner or his/her designate. Controlled burns or other activities stated herein which have occurred prior to the passage of this resolution and are ongoing at the time of this resolution shall not be a defense for violation of this resolution.

Whereas; Any law enforcement officer of the State of Oklahoma may carry out the enforcement of this resolution. Any person convicted of violating this resolution shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), to imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Whereas; Certain exceptions may be attached to this resolution by Texas County.

EXCEPTIONS: Exceptions may be authorized as checked below:

NO EXCEPTIONS ARE GRANTED TO THIS BURN BAN

FOR EQUIPMENT RELATED TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Equipment which uses propane or other controlled type burners is generally regarded as safe, however it will be required to have a water pumper on standby any time this equipment is used near a grassy right-of-way. Such requirement is the responsibility of the company or organization conducting the construction, and is not the responsibility of the fire department within the jurisdiction in which the construction activities are taking place.

WELDING/CUTTING TORCH/GRINDING ACTIVITIES

When, conducted over a non-combustible surface of at least 10 feet by 10 feet and

When welding blankets or screens are used to cover flammable vegetation, and;

- 1) Wind speeds are less than 20 m.p.h., and;
- 2) A fire watch, other than the welder, is posted at the welding/cutting torch site with pressurized water or a fire extinguisher.

CAMPERS AND OUTDOOR COOKING

Outdoor campfires or bonfires are prohibited. LPG and charcoal-fired cooking outside in a grilling receptacle are permitted, provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Texas County Board of Commissioners made this COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days from the date of passage by the Board of County Commissioners. If extreme fire danger conditions persist, subsequent resolutions may be passed. This Burn Ban may be removed at any time during the fourteen-day period by the same method by which it was approved and may be overridden at any time by a lawfully declared Burn Ban by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted this 24th day of April 2023 by the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County, replacing **Resolution #165-22-23**, for a period not to exceed 14 days from this date.

s/Ted Keeling
Chairman

SEAL

s/Dolan Sledge
Vice-Chairman

Attest: *s/Wendy Johnson*
County Clerk

s/Levi Bickford
Member

Aye: Sledge, Keeling. Nay: none.

Tovilla reported that the active recruitment for Internal Medicine and Family Medicine Physicians is ongoing, the phones for the Hooker Clinic have been found and will be installed soon. He also asks the county to reimburse the hospital for the Compressor installed at the hospital.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to approve the reimbursement payment to the hospital in the amount of \$4,060.34 for the ER Compressor installation at the hospital. Aye: Sledge, Keeling. Nay: none.

Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to approve the following:

Resolution #167-22-23 for a Utility Permit with Jerry Wiebe for a Gas Line in the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 20-T4N-R19ECM to the NE/4 of the NE/4 of Section 28-T4N-R19ECM and; **Resolution #168-22-23** for a Utility Permit with Jerry Wiebe Gas Line in the NW/4 of the NW/4 of Section 32- T4N-R19ECM to the NE/4 of Section 31-T4N-R19ECM and; **Resolution #169-22-23** for a Utility Permit with Mark Hartman Farms LLC, for a Gas Line in the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 20-T1N-R10ECM to the NW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 21-T1N-R10ECM and; **Resolution #170-22-23** for a Utility Permit with Mark Hartman Farm LLC, for another Gas Line in the SW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 21-T1N-R10ECM to the NW/4 of the NW/4 of the NW/4 of Section 28-T1N-R10ECM and; **Resolution #171-22-23** for a Utility Permit with

Willem Pretorius for a Gas Line in Section 36-T4N- R17ECM to Section 1-T3N- R17ECM and **Resolution # 172-22-23** for a Utility Permit with Marc Voth for a Gas Line in the SW/4 of the SE/ of Section 30-T6N-R19ECM to the NW/4 of Section 31-T6N-R19ECM. All requirements of the permit must be met and it shall be bored. Aye: Sledge Keeling. Nay: none.

Buddy Leach, District Attorney was absent.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

There was no Charity Request to be approved.

12:00 p.m. Motion by Keeling, second by Sledge to recess to Memorial Hospital of Texas County at 5:00 p.m. Aye: Sledge, Keeling. Nay: none.

5:00 p.m. Motion by Sledge, second by Keeling to reconvene the meeting at Memorial Hospital of Texas County with Ted Keeling, Dolan Sledge, Wendy Johnson, Mike Ritter, Harold Robinson, William Ermann, Jack Strain, John Garrison, Aimee Midkiff, John Reid, K.C. Rothschoopf, Levi Bickford, Robert Carter, Spencer Leiter, Mike Boring, Dr. Bautista, Sandra Montes, Tano Tovilla, Ray Davis, Bea Rosales, James Machauf, Michele Reust, Trista Larrabee, Jenni Forman, Dr. Hiantote, Steven Smith were present.

Ermann: In the last meeting we put in a request for ARPA Funds, and I think it is still being reviewed to see if it qualifies, is that still the situation?

Keeling: Yes, it does qualify. The reason we are here today is to bring you up to date on 911, the Ambulances, County Clerk, Fire Departments, we are currently working to see what our balance is. It doesn't look like we are going to be able to come up with that full amount. We are in the process of getting that money incumbered and see exactly where we are at and I don't think we are going to be able to do the full amount for Emergency Room. As I expressed in our meeting the .45% Sales Tax is tight right now along with the other accounts. We are committed to do what we can repair the building where we can. We are still looking at a way of fixing the MRI. Those decisions can't be made here, they will be made in an open meeting with us once we go through our numbers and see what we can do or can't do. I want everyone to know we are 100% on board with saving this hospital within our means. As of July 2022, we have already given the hospital \$1.8 million. To say the County doesn't care... we do. We have a lot of Emergency Services in the County to take care of also. We will continue to look and listen to all of your requests but there is a level to what we can do without hurting the rest of our Emergency Services. I have heard nothing but compliments on the Emergency Room, and the job they are doing. AC going out, we approved to take care of that in March but some confusion on communications about who was doing what. Hopefully, the communications get better so we can better serve you guys. Wendy has been a big help to us and helps you all order stuff but as far as the maintenance and stuff, that's your deal. You let us know what we need to do, and we will do it within our means. We are going to help as much as we can but just like everybody else, we have to look at all our services. I hear comments that the County Commissioners don't care. Since January of 2007 I have been watching this hospital struggle and come back. We are here to serve this board on how the hospital operates to the best of our ability. We have time to say this

is where we can get to what can we do to hold on until we can afford to get there. That's just my opinion, I'm not speaking for the other two. We all need to work together to keep this hospital open. We all know how valuable it is. In the past month I know for a fact that this Emergency Room has saved three lives that I know of, so my hats off to them. That is one thing we have got to have no matter what. Let's all continue to communicate and work together. I have seen the deal between the doctors and the hospital, and we all need to find a way to work together. It takes all of us working together to make this work. Please everybody show a little respect and try to understand where everybody else is coming from. Jack has sat there just like I have. Believe me he is sitting on this board because he cares. We have been fighting for this hospital for years and we are going to continue fighting for it, but we all have a limit. If you guys get back with us Monday, we will have you on the agenda again. We will be more than happy to look and see what we can do, we should have our numbers by then and we can see what we can do to repair the MRI. Thank you.

Ermann: If we get the MRI running and do away with the lease, we will still have about \$1,000,000.00 shortage. So, we would still need \$83,000.00 a month. If the County doesn't have the funds for operations, then we need to change our strategy. We have growth in most areas. I need to know what route we are going to take. I need to know as soon as possible.

Bickford: Ted did a pretty good job. We will give everything we can give. The only other thing on the table for us is to completely and totally forsake all of the other entities that have needs.

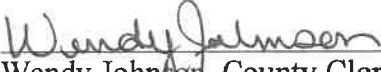
Ermann: If you would like I can look at where we can cut costs and revenues to see where we can get to. There is a Rural Emergency Health, that means you provide Emergency Room Labs, and Imaging Services. Commissioners came to tour the hospital.

Keeling: I appreciate the guys taking us around and showing us the things that have been fixed and the problems that are still out there in the older parts of the building that are not being used. I had comments on stuff on the roof. It's going to be an ongoing effort to keep this building up. We will do our best to keep up with it. We all know it takes money to make money. We need to grow services and hopefully we can continue with that and pace it out.

Sledge: If you don't mind, I did see a few things when we took the tour and I appreciate that. There were some things I saw that need to be addressed that might help the compressor issues. The fins are bent and that is a simple fix. If we could do some preventive maintenance could help in the future. The drainpipes not being hooked up and leaking on the roofs, things like that.

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

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 April 24, 2023.


Wendy Johnson, County Clerk


Ted Keeling, Chairman


Dolan Sledge, Member