

## **Minutes of the County Commissioners Regular meeting held on May 2, 2022**

The Board of the Grady County Commissioners met on this day for an regularly scheduled meeting with the following board members: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

The meeting was called to order and roll call: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker

The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance"

Kirk Painter made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 regular meeting. It was seconded by Ralph Beard. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

Mary Parish along with other OHCE members were in attendance. Mary Parish updated the Board on the volunteer work and accomplishments they have done in the last year. This included education scholarships, quilts to veterans, raising money for the hungry, feeding service organizations, education to Grady County students, 4-H programs, planting trees, sponsoring a window at the Chickasha Public Library, and much more. Kirk Painter made a motion to approve the proclamation for OHCE (Oklahoma Home and Community Education) week for OSU Extension. It was seconded by Mike Walker. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

Mike Walker made a motion to approve the plat map called Heritage Hills Phase 2 and the road would not be maintained by the County. It was seconded by Ralph Beard. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

Ralph Beard read a text message from the District Attorney's Office stating that they did not feel the ARPA money should be used for Premium Pay for County Employees. Lynn Driver stated the Board needed to weigh the District Attorney's opinion, but that it is ultimately the Board of County Commissioner's decision and that it is a perfectly legal expenditure. She stated they worked with other counties and the State Auditor's office to ensure the legality. She also stated the District Attorney's Office must have a non-legal reason for opposing the expenditure. Ralph Beard asked Ms. Driver questions on how other counties decided the monetary amount for their employees. Ms. Driver replied that all the counties she worked with paid the employee's an X amount an hour for each hour they worked at the job site for a set time frame. Ralph Beard asked if different groups could be paid different amounts. Ms. Driver stated that you could, you would need to determine the qualification for this; however, she had not seen a County do it as of yet. Lisa Hannah stated that she was worried about disgruntled employees, she had single moms that had to take off for sick kids that could be negatively impacted because they couldn't come to work. Ms. Driver stated it would be possible to give a single rate to all employees, they would just have to figure how many hours everyone worked and ensure that everyone got paid for the same number of hours. Jim Weir stated that he felt his employee's deserved the premium pay as they worked the entire time in direct contact with the public. Ralph Beard stated that Charles Sifers A.D.A. would be at the meeting next week, and he would like D.A. Jason Hicks to attend as well to discuss their concerns with the Premium Pay. Lisa Hannah reiterated that she felt her employee's deserved the pay as well she is just concerned with all of her employee's being treated fairly. Kealee Romero asked Ms. Driver about how Hazard Pay would be deducted. Ms. Driver stated that she believed the hours that employees were paid Hazard Pay for would be deducted and not the total amount of the Hazard Pay. Kean Spellman asked if the ARPA Funds would be used to cover the employer side of FICA and Retirement so that it would not affect the county's budget. Ms. Driver stated that yes it would. Ms. Driver also said that the departments would need to turn in a copy of the signed

timesheets, a spreadsheet, and the signed affidavit into the County Clerk's Office, and then the County Clerk's Office could submit the entire county's information to them. Kirk Painter stated that we could go back and forth continuously on this, however he was for it. Kirk Painter made a motion to approve the ARPA request for Grady County Premium Pay Program for County Employees in the amount of \$4.00 per hour for the time frame of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 through April 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. It was seconded by Ralph Beard. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

There was no action on the agenda item for American Rescue Plan Act Money.

GCEMA/Fire Report/Safety Director: Emergency Management was absent. Kim Duke reported that she had been off of work on Friday. She also stated that there is a Friend appreciation dinner today between 3:30 pm to 8 pm and that the Auction would start at 6 pm. Rodney Young was in attendance and asked if the Board had an opportunity to resolve the issue with the Fire Department not being able to get water from the town of Bradley. Commissioner Beard stated that he had been in touch with the State Auditors and they would be investigating this situation. If the Fire Department needed water again for a fire to get as the town could not refuse water in an emergency. He also stated that if any of the Firefighters were assaulted that he would press charges on their behalf for assaulting a Firefighter during an active emergency. Bobby Cantu reported that there were two reportable injuries in Grady County. Crystal Creek and himself came last Friday from 5pm to 1:30am to remove the tile, cleanup in Judge Lowes Office, removal of old insulation around two water pipelines, and removing old paint in four of the old jail cell blocks. He will be conducting the second quarterly safety meetings with District 1, District 3, Assessor's Office, and County Clerk's Office. He informed the Board that City Pavement was planning on coming May 7<sup>th</sup> to begin the parking lot; contingent on the weather.

Kim Duke stated she is still writing the job description for the new part time position. Kirk Painter stated that she needed to run the job opening in the paper for two weeks and post it on the website. He requested that the hiring of the part time employee be added to the May 16<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting agenda.

No draw request from Grady Memorial Hospital. Kean Spellman was in attendance, he stated that Covid rates were still down. He also asked the Board to let him know when the Health Department would be able to move into their new building, as they were needing space for their Pulmonologist and other Physicians.

Ralph Beard made a motion to approve of a change order for a bridge over Rush Creek near Cox City for Oklahoma Department of Transportation. It was seconded by Kirk Painter. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

Ralph Beard made a motion to table the supplement agreement on the Ninnekah Road Project between Grady County District 3 and ODOT. It was seconded by Kirk Painter. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

Ralph Beard made a motion to approve the utility/pipeline road crossing permits, waterline/fast-line permits, and driveway/tinhorn permits for District #1 & #3. It was seconded by Kirk Painter. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

Ralph Beard made a motion to approve the purchase orders generated by the Grady County governing bodies during the current and previous months and authorize or deny payment of such

purchase orders 2021-2022: 911 Phone Contractual Services 225844 OK Communications System LLC 50.84; ARPA 2021 Fees 221478 Floyd & Driver, PLLC 14788.77; Emergency Mgmt Software 225411 Midwest Card & ID Solutions 1210.00; General Bottled Water 224031 Culligan/Douma Water Corp 98.10; Equipment 225213 Industry Systems Inc 228.77; Equipment/Supplies 224532 Amazon.Com LLC 351.58; Fees 224178 Streamline Oil & Gas Inc. 5.86; 225662 Amazon.Com LLC 2.97; Juvenile Detention 225748 Canadian County Juvenile 1116.00; Labor/Materials 222719 Michael J King 2400.00; Medical 225733 Ciox Health, LLC 7.40; Repairs 225664 Randall Chavers 486.09; 225746 Betty Crabb DbA, Crabb Upholstery 1435.00; 225817 Express Tire Brake & Alignment Inc 228.00; Service 222778 Shred-Away 115.00; 225759 City Of Chickasha 1469.86; 225853 AT&T 210.07; Supplies 223673 Staples Corporate Accounts 275.65; 223968 OSU Extension Center West District 520.00; 224559 Ross Seed Company, Inc 127.79; 224757 Staples Corporate Accounts 391.08; 224805 Staples Corporate Accounts 58.48; 225028 Staples Corporate Accounts 456.91; 225144 OSU Extension Center West District 387.00; 225371 Staples Corporate Accounts 283.44; 225551 Staples Corporate Accounts 210.81; 225696 Waxie Enterprises, LLC 1168.55; 225749 Locke Supply Inc 91.67; 225758 Staples Corporate Accounts 225.54; 225880 Sherwin-Williams Company Inc 247.20; Travel 225736 Samantha Bari Firestone 199.99; Highway Bottled Water 225266 Culligan/Douma Water Corp 54.35; Drug/Alcohol Testing 224298 Motionworks Industrial Safety LLC 90.00; Equipment 225151 Amazon.Com LLC 49.95; Fuel 225718 Cowboy Express Fuel LLC 16475.78; Lease 225886 SNB Bank N.A. 2803.88; 225887 SNB Bank N.A. 1774.34; 225888 SNB Bank N.A. 2252.70; 225889 SNB Bank N.A. 2252.70; Materials 225152 Dolese Brothers Company Inc 27910.12; 225507 Dolese Brothers Company Inc 67923.45; Mileage 225732 Kirk Painter 56.75; Parts/Labor 225390 Bates Repair Service 2704.71; 225401 Warren Power & Machinery Inc 1801.65; 225768 2M's Mobile Tech Service LLC 1007.00; Registration 224929 ACCO - Dues 70.00; Road Oils 225655 Soil Chem, LLC 28530.00; Rock 225191 Dolese Brothers Company Inc 16688.92; Service 224833 UniFirst Inc 797.61; 225199 AT&T Mobility 60.26; 225271 Darcie Kimbro 130.00; 225850 Public Service Company Of Oklahoma 684.39; 225851 AT&T 401.91; 225858 Suddenlink 112.45; Supplies 220059 HOW Rubber Company Inc 381.58; 225273 Marshall Auto Parts 919.84; 225276 O'Reilly Auto Parts Inc 2335.09; 225859 Ross Seed Company, Inc 1511.92; Tires 225488 Southern Tire Mart LLC 7145.88; 225814 Southern Tire Mart LLC 3147.40; Tires/Repair 225855 Gary Null 2825.00; Vehicle 222818 Reynolds Ford Inc 102567.00; ML Fee Supplies 224048 Industry Systems Inc 864.72; Rural Fire-ST Insurance 225757 The Burrows Agency 115.00; Parts/Supplies 221748 Marshall Auto Parts 975.29; 222673 Marshall Auto Parts 763.87; 224858 Chief Fire & Safety Inc 1310.61; 224861 Chief Fire & Safety Inc 1463.75; 225124 Marshall Auto Parts 638.28; 225126 Marshall Auto Parts 117.86; 225127 Marshall Auto Parts 483.91; Service 225847 AtLink Services LLC 75.95; Supplies 224450 Chief Fire & Safety Inc 1681.00; 224451 Chief Fire & Safety Inc 1153.00; 225320 Chief Fire & Safety Inc 894.00; Tires/Repair 225416 Express Tire Brake & Alignment Inc 1418.40; SH Svc Fee Supplies 225133 Amazon.Com LLC 50.69; 225204 Amazon.Com LLC 116.63; SR Cit-ST Groceries 224591 Clinks Inc 1058.06; Service 225861 AT&T U-Verse 121.34; Supplies 221502 Williams Grocery, Inc. 2888.67; 222034 Hubert Company LLC 772.86; 225089 Ben E. Keith Company 1885.70; 225250 Cable Meat Center Inc 1656.32; 225251 Williams Grocery, Inc. 750.65; 225860 Oliver Packing & Equipment Co Inc 2204.00. It was seconded by Kirk Painter. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

Ralph Beard made a motion to approve the county officer monthly reports for the Treasurer. It was seconded by Kirk Painter. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

Ralph Beard made a motion to approve the estimate of needs, request for appropriations, transfer of appropriations for Sales Tax FD. It was seconded by Mike Walker. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

**Audience Participation:** Lynn Cobb was in attendance and stated he just wanted to come by and say hello. Bob Moore was also in attendance to say hello to the Board. The Harold Fire Chief was in attendance and asked about the progress of their latest ARPA request. He stated that he had 6 firefighter's that could not go out on calls as they were waiting on the ARPA request to buy them Wildland gear. Mike Walker stated that if he submitted the amount needed for the gear, he would get money moved to the Rural Fire Highway account to get the purchase, as it was too risky not having all of our firefighters available to respond to fires.

**New Business:** Kirk Painter stated that the Fire Board currently had two seats open, Farwell and Bradley representatives. He also stated that we recently had an issue with certified mail for a summons to the BOCC on a lawsuit filed against them to get taken to the wrong place. Because of this he wants to take down the drop boxes downstairs and have the mail delivered to each department as was policy pre-covid. He requested that this be added to the agenda next week.

Ralph Beard made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Kirk Painter. AYE: Ralph Beard, Kirk Painter, and Mike Walker.

Meeting Adjourned.

Passed and approved on Monday, May 9, 2022.

The Board of the Grady County Commissioners

Attest: *Bill Locke*  
County Clerk

*Ralph Beard*  
Chairman  
*Kirk A. Painter*  
Vice Chairman  
*Michael Walker*  
Member

