Beaver County, Oklahoma County Commissioners Special Meeting Proceedings April 6, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners met in Special session at 10:00 a.m. in the Office of the County Commissioners on April 6, 2011. Notice of the meeting was posted for public information on April 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the East entrance to the Beaver County Courthouse and www.beaver.okcounties.org.

Rose called the meeting to order. Those present were C. J. Rose, Chairman; Brad Raven, Member; Frank King, Member; Mike Ruby, OG&E; Keith Stockton, OG&E; Ryan Davis, ECI/OG&E; Dale Cook and Tammy Millikan County Clerk/Secretary.

Ruby began with explaining to the Board that OG&E is beginning the wind energy transmission lines process coming through Beaver County, running from Woodward to Guymon. It will begin at the substation near Sharon with Southwestern Public Service picking it up at the Beaver/Texas County border. Pictures depicting the structure which will be dual circuit, 3,000 AMPS each and 345,000 volts, were presented to the Board. The structure will most likely be vertical, no taller than 170 feet, with a span between towers of 1200 and 1400 feet. The soil type will determine the foundation used and all lines will be overhead. They will attempt to parallel them with existing facilities, running approximately a half mile from highway, for less visual impact and environmental protection.

At this time OG&E is in the informational stage and will hold public meetings as follows: May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Josie Adams Cultural Center, Woodward from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Activity Center, May from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Laverne Public School, Laverne from 4:00 – 6:30 P.M.

Letters will go out in the mail on April 15, 2011 to the landowners whom will be affected by the transmission line.

When asked a time frame for completion OG&E said they will determine the route by July, 2011. This will be followed by the right-of-way process, surveying and negotiating with landowners for easements. They are hoping this process will be complete by June or July 2012 and the engineering finalized by December 2012. At this time, the construction, which is anticipated to take approximately eighteen months, will begin.

Raven asked if they knew what the economic impact would be for Beaver County and OG&E said there should be a substantial increase in ad valorem taxes, and they would put some figures together to present at the public meetings. They feel the schools, along with other entities within the county, will benefit greatly. They also anticipate numerous future wind projects once the lines are completed. OG&E, as well as the Board, acknowledged that our legislators are in favor of this project.

Ruby advised the Board that the CEO of OG&E strongly believes in treating the residents in the county fairly and expects his company to be held accountable. They will hire a crew to open the right-of-way so they can drive the entire line. Upon completion in each area, the crew will return and restore the property as best they can to the natural state.

There being no other business to come before the board at this time, the board adjourned, Voting; Rose aye, King aye and Raven aye.

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