

Beaver County, Oklahoma  
County Commissioners **Special** Meeting Proceedings  
February 17, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in **Special** session at 5:35 p.m. in the EMS Building, Beaver Oklahoma on February 17, 2020. Notice of the meeting was posted for public information on February 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the East, West and North entrances to the Beaver County Courthouse and [www.beaver.okcounties.org](http://www.beaver.okcounties.org).

Fleming called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Those present were Roy Fleming, Chairman; Kerry Regier, Vice-Chairman; C.J. Rose, Member; Alissa Schlessman; Leslie Collison; Sue Grose; Clay Leisher; Gregory McReynolds; Kerry Patzkowsky; Cody Gregory; Megan Stephens; Mike Baker, Kathy Starbuck, David Glascock, Dusty Sperry, Loren Sizelove, Lynn Sizelove, Susan Trippet and Kelly Yeomans, County Clerk/Secretary.

Roy Fleming addressed the Board of Emergency Medical Services and asked that Commissioner, C.J. Rose take the floor regarding the EMS Ad Valorem Tax. C.J. briefed the Board on the concerns the Commissioners have on the intermingling of monies designated to the EMS through ad valorem tax of two mills. Board of County Commissioners signed a Resolution on December 8, 2008 to call for special election to the registered voters of Beaver County whether to levy an ad valorem tax of two mills for the purpose of funding and maintenance of the Beaver County Emergency Medical Services. On February 10, 2009 registered voters of Beaver County voted yes on the proposition during Special County election. The Beaver County Hospital Authority also receives monthly Sales Tax. Rose stated the Commissioners would like to see the EMS have a separate account from the hospital general and sales tax monies. There would be better accountability and a clear picture of monies going in, out and all expenditures. Rose stated the Commissioners have obtained advice from our State Auditor, Cindy Byrd and our District Attorney, Mike Boring.

Gregory McReynolds spoke and was present with Alissa Schlessman during a conversation with State Auditors and they got the impression that there was not a problem with the way the monies are being tracked. Gregory stated the auditors told them to put monies in their general fund. Sue Grose, EMS Board member said she got the same impression. The contract states the EMS District will remit no more than 90% of all monies from the mill levy to the Beaver County Hospital Authority.

Rose also noted another concern was having the same Board members serving on the EMS Board and the Beaver County Hospital Authority Board. It could potentially be a conflict of interest. This is another issue that is being further investigated and will get advisement from our counsel, Mike Boring and State Auditor.

Kerry Patzkowsky stated he didn't feel like The Commissioners would be responsible for any wrong doing or have any concerns with the way the funds are being handled per the results and the input they have received from the State Auditors.

Leslie Collison, EMS Board Member spoke and did express her opinion that several items should be addressed and revised. She does feel the Board members do need to be separated. She believes the verbiage on the EMS millage needs to be updated and specifically designate the definition of what up to 90% should be. She stated the EMS millage should stay with the EMS.

Rose asked Alissa if EMT's are hospital employees and if they receive benefits. She stated all EMS employees and Hospital Employees are all employees under the Beaver County Hospital Authority and all receive benefits if they are full time employees.

Alissa also brought up the Individual Bond requiring each Board member to be bonded for \$10,000.00 each. She has visited with Brett Law at Colvin Mills Insurance Agency and he let her know it would be very difficult to issue an Individual Bond and/or a Blanket Bond as Board Members don't always stay long. She is in hopes to do away with the Bond via Resolution and just follow their Director and Officer Policy. She will forward the information she has received from Mr. Law to the Commissioners.

Alissa stated that they are consulting with the State Auditors on the issues as well as their legal advisor. Rose also stated the same and is hoping that Mike Boring, District Attorney and Cindy Byrd, State Auditor can work together and present them with a solution on the best way to handle this for all entities. He is hoping to have a resolution to the problem at the next EMS monthly board meeting.

All in attendance seemed to be in agreeance and see what the Auditors and legal advisors recommend.

Motion was made by Rose and seconded by Regier to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried with voting; Fleming Aye; Regier, Aye and Rose, Aye.

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Roy Fleming, Chairman

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Kerry Regier, Vice-Chairman

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C.J. Rose, Member

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Kelly Yeomans, County Clerk  
Secretary, Board of County Commissioners