

Beaver County, Oklahoma
County Commissioners **Special** Meeting Proceedings
December 20, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met in *Special* session at 5:35 p.m. in the EMS Building, Beaver Oklahoma on December 20, 2021. Notice of the meeting was posted for public information on December 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the East, West and North entrances to the Beaver County Courthouse and www.beaver.okcounties.org.

Regier called the meeting to order at 5:56 p.m. Those present were Kerry Regier, Chairman; C.J. Rose, Vice-Chairman; Roy Fleming, Member; Alissa Schlessman, Sue Grose, Gregory McReynolds, Kerry Patzkowsky, Tiffany Dziuban, Charles Mahaffey, Todd Boston, Meredith LeMaster, Karla Leisher, Jennifer Stafford, Debra Bobeck, Dusty Sperry, Sherri Wooldridge, Lyn Sizelove, Arlene Brown, Shannon Locke, and Kelly Yeomans, County Clerk/Secretary. Georgiana Buss and Dr. Aaron Sizelove were present via zoom.

Regier brought the meeting to order. Sherri Woodridge, State Auditor then gave a report on the EMS Audit Report for 2021. Sherri stated there were three findings, but non reportable. Total money generated from Ad Valorem and Donations were \$427,498. Disbursements totaled \$719,420, leaving an ending cash balance of \$136,037.

Dr. Sizelove also spoke and asked questions regarding the Windfarms and protests and how the process works. Discussion then began regarding segregation of monies, duties and responsibilities of the EMS Board. A Special Meeting was held back on February 17, 2020 when it was determined money generated for the EMS, ad valorem etc. needed to have a separate account from the hospital. It was also advised and recommended to have separate board members.

Wooldridge explained to all in attendance the need for separate duties and responsibilities. At this time there is a Management Contract between the hospital and the EMS. She explained a Service Contract would be better and you could be specific on whom does what. At this time the Hospital is basically managing the EMS. The EMS Board should be responsible for managing, operating and contracts for the EMS. There are a lot of issues that need figured out and who will be responsible for vehicle coverage, insurance, meeting agenda's, paying bills, etc.

Dziuban questioned the ownership of the assets, insurance and the responsibility.

Sperry explained the process of the large area that Beaver EMS is responsible to cover for ambulance runs, being all of Beaver County.

Fleming stated that everyone seems upset that new Board members were appointed. Fleming explained that Mike Boring, Beaver County District Attorney at the time gave the Commissioners legal advice on how the board should operate and be separate from the hospital board.

Rose reported that at this time Ad Valorem is good but that might not be the case in the future years. He also explained OEDA REAP Grant process and their requirements for showing separate monies from EMS entities to apply for grants.

Regier explained that he was very happy that Sherri Wooldridge, State Auditor was present and was able to explain and communicate how the EMS Board should be operating and how the funds need to be separate. He felt like some mis-communication and not understanding everything from the meeting back on Feb.17, 2020 has created this friction regarding all these changes. We are all here to serve the citizens of Beaver County and we all need to work together to resolve any issues going forward. One thing is for certain and agreed upon is we need our EMS Services to stay intact.

No action was taken by the Commissioners.

Motion was made by Fleming and seconded by Rose to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried with voting; Fleming Aye; Regier, Aye and Rose, Aye.

Kerry Regier, Chairman

C.J. Rose, Vice-Chairman

Roy Fleming, Member

Attest:

Kelly Yeomans, County Clerk
Secretary, Board of County Commissioners