Beaver County, Oklahoma County Commissioners Proceedings November 25, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Office of the County Commissioners on November 25, 2019. Notice of the meeting was posted for public information on October 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the East, West and North entrances to the Beaver County Courthouse and www.beaver.okcounties.org.

Rose called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Those present were C.J. Rose, Chairman; Kerry Regier, Vice-Chairman; Roy Fleming, Member; Reuben Parker, Jr., Scott Mitchell, Becky James, Keith Shadden, Ashley Johnston, Scott Kinsey, Keith Custer, Travis Smalts, Roger Mendell, Kyndra Allen, Alissa Schlessman, Albert Rodriguez, Lesa Slatten and Kelly Yeomans, County Clerk/Secretary.

Motion was made by Rose and seconded by Fleming to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting. Motion carried with voting; Rose, Aye; Regier, Aye and Fleming, Aye.

Becky James was present to follow up on the agreement between Ponderosa Wind and Board of County Commissioners. District Attorney, Mike Boring has relayed to the Commissioners that there are some issues written in the contract that need to be addressed before approval is given. The Commissioners have spoken with representatives of Ponderosa Wind and relayed their concerns. No further action taken at this time.

Motion was made to approve the FY20 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Motion carried with voting; Rose, Aye; Fleming, Aye and Regier, Aye.

10:00 ~ The Commissioners met with the School Superintendents and EMS/Hospital Administrator regarding the 2018 Tax Protest from DCP Midstream LP. Commissioner Rose explained to everyone that it was discovered by Lesa Slatten, Beaver County Assessor, that while getting tax roll corrections ready for the 2018 tax year that Albert Rodriguez, Beaver County Treasurer, relayed to Lesa that there shouldn't be any tax roll corrections from DCP Midstream LP for 2018. He was told by the previous Assessor that there was no active protest for 2018 from DCP Midstream LP. After given that information he proceeded to run the 2018 tax rolls and monies were apportioned to the schools, EMS and the county for the 2018 tax year. DCP Midstream LP did in fact have an active protest going which had not been settled at the time tax rolls were ran in 2018. The money received from DCP Midstream LP that had not yet been settled on should have gone into a protest/escrow account and remained there until the protest was settled. The Treasurer, not knowing they were under protest, did not put any money in a separate account. Now that this error has been discovered the schools, EMS and the County will need to pay back a portion of the monies that were apportioned to them for the 2018 tax year.

Questions were asked as to how long they have to reimburse the county, if they can make several payments, and if they will be charged interest, etc. The Commissioners and Albert Rodriguez are in close contact with our State Auditors and Budget Maker as to how to proceed and handle this unfortunate error. We will provide more concrete information and direction to the entities affected as soon as that information is received.

Motion was made by Regier and seconded by Fleming to deposit the following checks in the Treasurer's Office. Motion carried with voting; Rose, Aye; Regier, Aye and Fleming, Aye.

Motion was made by Rose and seconded by Regier to approve Transfer of Appropriation as follows.

Motion carried with voting; Rose, Aye; Regier, Aye and Fleming, Aye.

Motion was made by Rose and seconded by Regier to approve November payroll. Motion carried with voting; Rose, Aye, Regier, Aye and Fleming, Aye.

Motion was made by Regier and seconded by Fleming to pay the following claims. Motion carried with voting; Rose, Aye; Regier, Aye and Fleming, Aye.

None

There being no other business to come before the board at this time, the board adjourned at 11:30 a.m., Voting; Rose, Aye; Regier, Aye and Fleming, Aye.

C.J. Rose, Chairman	
Kerry Regier, Vice-Chairman	
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	Kelly Yeomans, County Clerk
Roy Fleming, Member	Secretary, Board of County Commissioners