



**Official Minutes of  
PAYNE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Payne County Board of County Commissioners met in a special meeting of the board at 2:30 p.m. on **May 15th, 2023**, at the Payne County Administration Building, Gloria Hesser Commissioners Meeting Room 200/201, located in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

**Chairman Zach Cavett called the meeting to order:** Meeting called to order at 2:32 p.m.

**The following members were present:** Zach Cavett – Commissioner District 1, Chris Reding – Commissioner District 2, Rhonda Markum – Commissioner District 3, Leslie Echalk – Deputy County Clerk, Employees from Police, Fire Departments within Payne County, as well as city officials.

**Approve minutes of the previous meeting of the board:** None presented on this date.

**Discussion – Radio Committee Chairman to update the Commissioners about where we are at with the System:** Choplin gave an update to the Commissioners regarding the radio system and having the primes site in place before all can go online. Choplin discussed with the board the sites and the best locations with moving forward.

**Discussion/Action – Motorola System Review discussion between the Payne County Commissioners and the Radio Committee, discussion, and decision to be made about the quantities, types, and accessories for, of subscriber units for each agency that will be receiving said equipment:** Each town presented the number of radios requested for their towns/departments. Cavett stated that he had Shawna Bales mention that anytime the county receives funding from the federal government we have to match 20%. Cavett inquired with the audience if anyone was willing to match their requests with 20%. Comments were made that questions would need to be referred to their City Manager.

**Discussion/Action – Motorola System Review discussion about ownership of subscriber units and maintenance of said equipment:** Cavett stated he did not care to maintain or keep on inventory the radios. Cavett had concerns with the number of radios being requested in the event of a disaster with a lot of them being placed on the shelf in the event we might need them. Choplin felt the county did not have what is needed to handle a disaster should it happen. Cavett stated that every community present today was eligible for ARPA funds. Cavett is concerned about the expense of the system, and who, and how it will be maintained. Dean with Tusa Consulting stated he would go back and break down the expenses per town to help see a better idea on the cost. Cavett stated that the only departments they are required to fund are Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Department therefore he felt that any funding that was provided outside of those two departments was a gift to these other towns. He did not feel that it was being looked at as a gift due to unmet expectations. After discussion, Cavett has requested that Dean with Tusa bring those new numbers to the next meeting. No action taken by the board.

**New Business:** None presented on this date.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Reding, second by Markum. Roll Call Vote: Markum-Yes, Reding-Yes, Cavett-Yes.

**Minutes of the Board attested to:**

**Attest:**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Glenna Craig, Payne County Clerk  
Seal of office

**Approved by the Board of Commissioners**

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_