



**Official Minutes of  
PAYNE COUNTY BUDGET BOARD**

The Payne County Budget Board met in a regular meeting of the board at 11:00 a.m. on **Monday, August 12th, 2019** at the Payne County Administration Building, Commissioner Meeting Room, Suite 200 located in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

**Chairman Reding called the meeting to order:** at 11:00 a.m.

**The following members were present:**

Chris Reding-Commissioner District 2, James Cowan- Assessor, Carla Manning- Treasurer, Glenna Craig-County Clerk, Lori Allen-Court Clerk, Zach Cavett-Commissioner District 1, Kevin Woodward-Under Sheriff, Rocky Blasier Commissioner District-3. Also, in attendance various department heads, employees, media, representatives of Premier Consulting.

**Approve minutes of the previous meeting of the board:**

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Allen to approve minutes as presented, second by Woodward. Roll Call Vote: Woodward-Yes, Blasier-Yes, Cavett-Yes, Craig-Yes, Cowan-Abstain, Allen-Yes, Reding-Yes. Manning was not present for this vote.

**Financial Reports:**

**Cash Appropriations:**

The Clerk's Office presented the cash appropriations as certified by the Payne County Treasurer August 1st, 2019; these have also been approved by the Board of Commissioners:

3	Alcoholic Bev. Tax	\$31,838.17
#0001	General	
#1102	Highway	\$314,890.73
#1103	CBRI - 105 Monies	\$36,973.85
#1201	911 Phone Fees	\$61,664.61
#1202	C.L.E.A.N.	
#1204	Assessor Revolving Fee	\$390.83
#1208	County Clerk Lien Fee	\$3,304.45
#1209	County Clerk RM&P	\$5,844.12
#1211	Court Fund Salaries & Fringe Court	\$27,065.77
#1212	Emergency Mgt.	\$5,000.00
#1213	Flood Plain	
#1214	Free Fair Board	\$20,648.34
#1216	Health	\$12,981.93
#1218	LEPC	
#1220	Resale Property	\$40,959.54
#1223	Sheriff Commissary	\$20,277.59
#1226	Sheriff Service Fee	\$74,272.57
#1227	Sheriff Training	\$5.18
#1228	Solid Waste Management	\$76.47
#1230	Treasurer Mortgage Cert	\$1,562.97
#1235	Donations	
#1237	Self-Insurance Program	\$66,593.19
#1308	Extension 3/8 ST	\$27,513.24
#1310	Fair Maintenance 3/8 ST	\$76,327.55
#1311	General Gov. 3/8 ST	\$59,010.79
#1313	Roads & Bridges 3/8 ST	\$207,598.35
#1315	Jail Debt 1/8 ST	\$127,302.76
#1321	Rural Fire 1/16 ST	\$66,080.77
#1327	Fire 3/8 ST	\$19,711.14
#1331	Jail Debt ¼ ST	\$251,099.46
#2000	Capital Projects	
#7202	Child Abuse Prevention	\$10.00
#7205	Law Library	\$12,639.40
#7207	Mental Health	\$4,391.65
#7303	Seizure of Property	
#7304	District Attorney Revolving	\$2,386.44
#7305	District Attorney Evidence	
#7402	Excess Resale	\$21.89
#7403	Unapportion Revenue	
#7410	Protested Tax	\$
#7411	2018 Protest Tax-Citigroup Energy	\$276.70
#7431	Co. Bridge & Road Investment	\$260.76
#7432	911 Phone Fees Investment	\$901.02
#7433	Co. Clerk Lien Fee Investment	\$98.55
#7434	County Clerk RM&P Investment	\$151.72
#7435	Health Investment	\$1,703.46
#7436	Resale Property Investment	\$1,362.78

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#7437	Treasurer Mtg Cert Investment	\$145.69
#7438	Self-Insurance Prog Investment	\$3,551.82
#7439	Fair Main. 3/8 ST Investment	\$745.24
#7501	Estray Cattle	\$25.00
#7603	Econ Dev Trust	

Motion by Cowan to approve cash appropriations as presented, second Allen. Roll Call Vote: Blasier-Yes, Cavett-Yes, Craig-Yes, Cowan-Yes, Allen-Yes, Reding-Yes, Woodward-Yes Manning was not present for this vote.

**Transfers:**

None presented on this date.

**Letter of Commitment:**

None presented at this time.

**Range changes/discussion/possible action:**

None presented on this date

**Approval of Employee request for Leave and/or Request for leave share:**

None presented on this date.

**New Hires/Discussion/Possible Action:**

Craig stated Mary Watt who retired from the Clerk's Office has come back after a year to work part time on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Discussion/Possible Action – D1 and D3 request for funding from county general for scale for Sheriff Dept weights and measure officer:**

D1 and D3 Request for funding for scales for weights and measures from 3/8<sup>th</sup> general fund: Cavett discussed this was something for the county roads, and the Sheriff's office will be using and in the Sheriff's inventory. Motion by Cavett, second by Craig to take funds from the County General 3/8<sup>th</sup> cent sales tax. Roll Call Vote: Cavett-Yes, Craig-Yes, Cowan-Yes, Allen-Yes, Reding-Yes, Woodward-Yes, Blasier-Yes. Manning was not present for this vote.

**Premier Consulting – Updates on Health Insurance Renewal:**

Cary Taylor from Premier Consulting presented. Cary Taylor discussed that he believed the Budget Board gave a clear understanding and directive to get a renewal from Community Care. Taylor stated his team was fully prepared to present today based on their July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting but now seeing the agenda with two items listed for presentations from two (2) other firms they would not be presenting today. Taylor stated he is aware of firms calling and wanting to offer their services but felt as if Premiere as Payne County's broker was responsible for vetting those firms on behalf of Payne County. Taylor also wanted to make it very clear that Premier Consulting would not offer up any of Payne County's rates without a written directive from the board. Taylor stated that Friday his office received a phone call requesting those rates and they were not given out. At the July 8<sup>th</sup> Budget Board meeting Taylor felt the understanding from all of the officials that day was to move forward with Community Care but to shop Life Insurance. Taylor said they would now be doing a full market shop due to this delay. Craig stated that her office always sends any firms to Premier Consulting. Reding stated that as part of the potential problem of this when he attended ACCO summer conference Reding said he did talk to two (2) of the individuals present today. Reding stated one of the firms relayed to Reding that whatever you chose they would beat it by up to 10% for the exact same coverage. Reding stated that he sent them to Premier and then placed them on the agenda to hear what they had to say, he did apologize for any miscommunication on his part. Taylor relayed to Reding that in the past they have always welcomed that but didn't appreciate the confusion feeling like there was a clear directive. Taylor stated that being said they will now move forward to use their marketing efforts and shop around for the County. Craig stated that was her impression as well because her office was already working on getting enrollment ready for September. Cavett stated he doesn't feel that Taylor got the wrong impression at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting that the board did want to move forward with Community Care. Cavett stated he also felt that it was the boards job to present everything in order to make the best decision. Taylor agreed but that is what having a Broker is for is to allow them to vet the firms and present the information to the board. Taylors understanding as being the Broker for Payne County is to work for the County whether that is moving forward with Community Care as he thought they wanted to do or continue to shop the market. Craig stated that is why we have a benefits broker to vet these firms for us. Taylor said he felt his marching orders were to move forward with rates from Community Care so that is what they did. Craig stated we have always used Premier to bypass so that our office is not having to be bombarded with so much information. Premier vets them for us and presents the information to us rather than having to vet them ourselves. Reding stated that was why they sent them to Premier. Craig stated but now they are on the agenda and now we can't move forward with presenting. Taylor said once they have their new findings he would get back with the county in a few weeks. No action taken.

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**American Trustee, Inc. county paid life insurance:**

Representative from American Trustee stated that they are a broker firm, not with a direct insurance company for life insurance. Craig asked for clarification in stating so you are not with OneAmerica, you are a broker like Premiere Consulting, the representative stated yes, but they are here discussing with the board a life insurance firm OneAmerica. The representative stated that they will undercut our current life insurance rate with an automatic 10% decrease or better. The representative discussed the term life insurance, long term disability and short-term disability. The representative stated that if the county would give them permission, they would shop all of our insurance. Craig had an issue with this stating that they are another broker, vs another broker, Craig did not agree with that, and would not agree to putting our broker, against another broker, and having them both represent the county in renewal quotes. Another rep from American Trustee requested the rates and coverage with permission from Premier Consulting. Craig inquired with the rep why would we give you our rates from Premier Consulting when we already have a broker. They felt that it was an opportunity to save the county more money. The rep requested the rates on our life insurance, so they quote the that coverage. Reding stated that he was not aware they were a broker he thought they were only an insurance company. Motion by Craig to direct their quote to Premier Consulting and that our proprietary information for claims to another broker not be released, second Cowan. Taylor with Premier Consulting inquired on what the difference was with them approaching One America and the other broker approaching them. The rep stated because they were the broker on record with them, Taylor stated that Premier Consulting was also a licensed carrier with them, the rep stated that they have a different contract with One America so it wouldn't be the same quote. Roll Call Vote: Manning-Yes, Allen-Yes, Reding-Yes, Woodward-Yes, Blasier-Yes, Cavett-Yes, Craig-Yes, Cowan-Yes. The Rep inquired on when they would receive the claim information, Craig stated that all would go through Premier Consulting and they would contact the insurance company that they represent.

**OPEH&W Health Plan (Oklahoma Public Employee Health and Welfare):**

Representative stated they are not a broker; they are representing a health insurance company for Payne County Benefits. They discussed their structure, that they rent their plan from Blue Cross and Blue Shields of Oklahoma, but have a separate claims structure, and benefit basis. Premier Consulting wanted the representative to address the self-insurance, and claim distribution, and runout claims and leaving the plan. The claims that have been received and not paid for leaving the plan, the entity leaving the plan is responsible for the claims at that point as self-insured. The board directed the representative to discuss the claim quote for renewal with Premier Consulting. The representative stated that ACCO is currently on this plan. Cavett asked for a list of counties on the plan, the representative will give that information to the county. No action by the board.

**FEMA Assistance Portal Documentation:**

Reding stated that Jeff Kuhn, Emergency Management Director was not present, so this item needed to be tabled. Motion by Craig to table, second by Cowan. Roll Call Vote: Allen-Yes, Reding-Yes, Woodward-Yes, Blasier-Yes, Cavett-Yes, Craig-Yes, Cowan-Yes, Manning-Yes.

**Payne County Christmas Party:**

Cavett requested that this be placed on the agenda. Cavett would like to see the Christmas Party for the county start back up again. Manning and Reding both stated they polled their offices and they do miss having it. Craig felt if we did start this back up again that something needed to be different. Craig stated the last 31 plus years it has changed so much so she felt in order for it to be successful that something needed to be changed. Craig and Allen both felt for employees to be invested in coming there needed to be efforts put in by all of the officials to plan it. Reding inquired on putting this on the September budget board agenda.

**Personnel Policy Changes/discussion/possible action:**

None presented at this time.

**New Business/discussion-no action will be taken.**

None presented at this time.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Craig, second by Cowan. Roll Call Vote: Manning-Yes, Allen-Yes, Reding-Yes, Woodward-Yes, Blasier-Yes, Cavett-Yes, Craig-Yes, Cowan-Yes.

**Minutes of the Board attested to**

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

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Approved by the Budget Board

On the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chairman\_\_\_\_\_