

**MINUTES
OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

February 17, 2006

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Ray Don Jackson
Jay Keel
George Lindley
Charlie Nobles
Gary Taylor
Charlie Jackson
Lonelia Simmons

PRESENT FROM THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

Don Bray, Dorothy Brown, Larry Cavin, Kevin Clagg, Ron Coplan, Richard DeLaughter, Joe Giem, Jeff Gifford, Donna Glandon, James Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Tammy Kelly, Gregory Lee, Linda McLennan, Robert Morey, Rick Olderbak, Marla Parish, Richard Parish, Tom Ray, Kim Sardis, Elizabeth Stewart, Mary Jo Sullivan, Shantha Varahan

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OTHERS PRESENT

Judge Thomas H. Alford, Shawn Black, Linda Bell, Jason Benskin, John Bowman, Allen Carroll, Kelly Chambers, Susan Crutcher, Ellen Harwell, Barbara Hoberock, Tamara Lawson, Nancy Morin, Susan Morris, D. Dean Riley, Cherie Sales, Linda Shaw, Edith Shoals, Wayne Thompson, Bruce Walker, Holly Webb, Lisa Winters, Brent Wolfe

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lonelia Simmons called the February 17, 2006 Regularly scheduled Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Office of Juvenile Affairs to order at 10:03 a.m. at State Office, 3812 N. Santa Fe, Suite 400, Oklahoma City, OK.

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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT

Linda McLennan, Board Secretary, confirmed the Board of Juvenile Affairs is in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Chairman Lonelia Simmons read the Office of Juvenile Affairs Mission Statement.

Board Member Ray Don Jackson made a special presentation to past Chairman of the Board Charlie Nobles. Mr. Nobles was presented a plaque for his service to the Board this past year as chairman. Mr. Nobles is a member of the original OJA Board of Directors appointed in 1995.

Ms. Simmons recognized special attendees: Judge Thomas Alford from Muskogee, Ron Coplan and Joe Giem from JSU in Muskogee, James Johnson, COJC Superintendent, Barbara Hoberock, *Tulsa World*, Kelly Chambers, *Journal Record* and Shawn Black, Executive Director, OAYS.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Richard DeLaughter, Executive Director, presented. Mr. DeLaughter reported that OJA staff attended the American Correctional Association Conference in Nashville, TN to accept the ACA Accreditation Certificates for Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center and Lloyd E. Rader Center. The accreditation is valid for three years.

On January 31, OJA had its first Committee Meeting with Oklahoma Association of Youth Services (OAYS) to work through contracting issues. February 6 was opening day of the Legislative Session. A New Worker Academy began at the Norman Training Center with 17 new JSU field employees on Monday, February 6. Mr. DeLaughter attended a meeting on Friday, February 10 with the Tulsa County Juvenile Trust Authority. He was invited to give information on OJA to the Trust Authority.

Mr. DeLaughter attended a meeting on February 16 regarding Rocmond Detention Facility. The Facility is asking for OJA's help through the Legislature for a new facility. Mr. DeLaughter met with Rocmond Staff and their County Commissioners to discuss details of addressing this issue with the Legislators. The 2nd Board Out-Reach Committee meeting was held on February 16 with OAYS and work is continuing to work through difficult issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments presented.

REPORTS**SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mary Jo Sullivan, Substance Abuse Programs Manager presented. Ms. Sullivan is giving a brief overview of the Substance Abuse Task Force. She explained the beginning of the Task Force, the work completed and in progress and programs planned for the future. The Substance Abuse Task Force was originally formed in the late 1990's. The original members developed a mission statement and began defining goals and moving toward meeting those objectives. The Task Force began developing numerous concepts and ideas, gaining a great deal of information on program implementation and what should be accomplished agency wide. The amount of information received was enormous. Mr. DeLaughter hired a Programs Manager in June 2001 to coordinator the functions of the tasks coming from that particular committee of people. One of the first tasks was to develop a statewide drug-testing program. In 2002 a policy was developed and drug testing began. Impressive numbers were given to the Board on the numbers of juveniles involved in drug testing. In 2002, 939 juveniles were tested and the number increased to 5,303 juveniles tested in 2005.

The second task taken on by the Task Force was the establishment of Level E Group Homes program specific treatment of substance abuse. The Lighthouse opened in 2002. The Task Force then worked to establish Institutional Programs and initial admission criteria. In 2003, an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse was established.

The Original Task Force has developed and moved into what is now referred to as the Behavioral Health Task Force. Areas being addressed are substance abuse issues, mental health issues, and programming beyond the two areas previously mentioned.

A success story developing from the Substance Abuse Task Force is the Muskogee County Drug Court established in 2004. The Muskogee County Juvenile Drug Court Team consists of Judge Thomas Alford; Judge Robin Adair; Larry Cavin, Drug Court Coordinator; Kristin Littlefield, DA's office; Ms. Cecilia Collins, Muskogee County Sheriff's Office; Heather Hilfiger, Defense Attorney; John Cooper, Muskogee County Alternative School; Reed Felts, Muskogee Police Department; Rusty Bingham and Brad Minnick of Muskogee County Council of Youth Services; and OJA staff, Ron Coplan, Joe Giem, Victor Anderson, Greg Lee, Lynne Flushe.

The first juvenile was received into the Drug Court on February 3, 2004. The first juvenile graduated from the program on January 4, 2005. A total of 37 juveniles have participated in the program. Of these 37 juveniles, 11 graduated, 11 were discharged and there are presently 15 active juveniles. Of these 11 discharges – 3 aged out; 3 were relocated; 3 were moved to higher supervision and 2 were placed with mental health issues.

The Drug Court Success Rates:

Graduates	90.9%
Discharges	81.8%

The Muskogee County Drug Court funding is:

OJA	\$35,000.00
DMHSAS	\$35,000.00
Total	\$70,000.00

Compared to serving these number of juveniles:

Institutional	\$1,155,225.00
Group Homes	\$428,000.00
Drug Court	\$70,000.00

Also addressing the Board Members regarding the Drug Court were Brent Wolfe, Tulsa County Youth Services; Judge Thomas Alford, Muskogee District Court; and OJA District Supervisor, Ron Coplan.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Marla Parish, Legislative Liaison, presented. Ms. Parish gave an overview of the Legislative Bills impacting the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the author of the bill and the cost effect to OJA.

SB 1633 (Johnson, C) Subject to appropriation of funds, directs Office of Juvenile Affairs to increase salaries for its employees.

Cost \$4,688,326

SB 1746 (Riley, N) Increases time frame from 6 hours to 24 hours that a child can be held in detention if that

child has been arrested for a crime that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult, or who is an escapee from OJA custody.

Cost \$1,197,984

SB 1756 (Riley, N) Requires that records related to Youthful Offenders clearly identify them as such.

Cost \$0.00

SB 1758 (Hobson, C) Creates the Office of Citizen Concerns for Criminal and Juvenile Justice to respond to concerns and inquires of elected officials, state agencies, families and friends of offenders and the general public.

Cost Unknown

SB 1760 (Riley, N) Modifies ages/crimes under Youthful Offender Act. Allows persons 13 or 14 charged with murder to be certified as a youthful offender or a juvenile, but provides that any person 15, 16 or 17 charged with murder in the first degree shall be tried as an adult.

Cost \$0.00

SB 1764 (Riley, N) Requires identification of the educational needs of any child under 18 who is detained, regardless of status, within 72 hours of arrest or detention, and requires that the child be afforded educational opportunities without delay.

Cost \$0.00

SB 1765 (Riley, N) Enacts recommendations of the Youthful Offender Task Force: Directs court to commence a preliminary hearing within 90 days of filing, or show cause why not. Directs court, when ruling on a motion for certification as a youthful offender or juvenile delinquent to place greater weight on level of violence, degree of personal injury, and past history. Removes 10-year cap on sentencing. States intent that youthful offenders be held separate from juvenile delinquent population.

Cost \$0.00

SB 1799 (Riley, N) Provides for OJA to retain custody of a youthful offender through age 25, if ordered by the court. Provides that at such time as separate youthful offender facilities are constructed and operational, OJA shall be authorized to retain a youthful offender until age 25 without a court order.

Cost FY 07 \$ 1,094,060

FY 08 \$11,000.000

SB 1839 (Johnson, C) Provides for reintegration services to commence within 2 months for youth released from an institution or other designated place. Provides for services to be rendered by community service provider for 6 months, to ensure a successful transfer into the community and home.

Cost \$296,730

SB 1844 (Corn, K) Transfers responsibility for planning and coordination for statewide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention services from the Office of Juvenile Affairs to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY). Authorizes OCCY to establish and maintain the Office of Community-Based Youth Services, and to enter into contracts with Youth Services Agencies for the provision of services. Modifies membership of the OCCY Commission to exclude state agency directors and the chair of the SJR 13 Oversight Committee.

Cost \$19,461,494

SB 1893 (Riley, N) Authorizes court to extend OJA custody of a youthful offender to age 25. Removes 10-year cap on sentencing; prohibits the death penalty for 15-17 year olds convicted of first-degree murder.

Cost FY 07 \$1,094,000

FY 08 \$21,000,000

SB 1952 (Riley, N) Provides for mandatory minimum sentence of four years for youthful offenders, who would not be eligible for a deferred or suspended sentence, probation, or any delay of the imposition of the sentence.

Cost FY 07 \$1,094,000

FY 08 \$11,000,000

HB 2105 (Balkman, T) Reduces the Medicaid eligibility level for children from 185% to 175% for poverty.

Cost \$28,000

HB 2366 (Jett, S) Permits OJA to contract with former employees. Permits facilities to open and read mail addressed to a child. Abolishes regimented training programs. Prohibits child taken into custody for truancy violation from being placed in a jail, lockup or detention facility.

Cost \$0.00

HB 2366 is OJA's request bill for this legislative session.

HB 2374 (Newport, J) Increases time frame from 6 hours to 24 hours that a child can be held in detention if that child has been arrested for a crime that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult, or who is an escapee from OJA custody.

Cost \$1,197,984

If passed, this bill would violate the 1974 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act.

HB 2860 (Harrison, T) Modifies lists of crimes by which a person 15, 16, or 17 shall be considered a Youthful Offender to eliminate first-degree murder. Requires District Attorney to notify OJA upon filing of Youthful Offender charges. Requires court to commence preliminary hearing within 90 days, or forfeit its right to seek an adult sentence.

Cost \$0.00

HB 2915 (Morgan, D) Directs Office of Juvenile Affairs to conduct a study focused on the cost of building four separate secure facilities to house a maximum of 50 offenders each.

Cost \$15,000 to \$1,094,060

This bill came from the Youthful Offender Task Force and is for housing Youthful Offenders only.

HB 2999 (Winchester, S) Transfers responsibility for planning and coordination for statewide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention services from the Office of Juvenile Affairs to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY). Authorizes OCCY to establish and maintain the Office of Community-Based Youth Services, and to enter into contracts with Youth Services Agencies for the provision of services. Modifies membership of the OCCY Commission to exclude state agency directors and the chair of the SJR 13 Oversight Committee.

Cost \$18,454,494

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNITY OUT-REACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Charlie Jackson presented. The committee of Ray Don Jackson, Charlie Nobles and myself has met on three (3) occasions since the Board Retreat in January. In those meetings, the committee has met with OJA staff and with OAYS and Youth Service Agencies Directors to discuss problem issues. We have had communication concerning contracting. One of the major issues is developing Rates and Standards for the services that are provided through our youth services agencies. Rates and Standards would seem to be a workable solution for both OJA and OAYS. Interestingly, the Board Committee started at the Retreat with the thought that the shelter rates and standards might be a fairly simple place to start. As of the meeting yesterday and the presentation made by OAYS, I believe there have been some possible rates and standards for most of the services except for the shelters. The Rates and Standards Committee will now be doing some work on the numbers given by OAYS. OJA and OAYS will be meeting again on March 2nd for the next meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Charlie Nobles presented. The Finance Committee met this morning prior to this Board Meeting and Shantha Varahan will be giving the financial report to the Board.

FINANCE REPORT

Shantha Varahan, Financial Services Division Administrator, presented the Board Finance report for the Month Ended January 31, 2006.

FY-06 Budget Projections as of January 31, 2006

Description	Totals
FY-2006 Budget Work Program	\$114,849,951
Year-to-Date Expenditures	(57,209,389)
Encumbrances	(34,815,140)
Balance as of January 31, 2006	22,825,422
Less: Remaining Payroll Costs (Est.)	(19,407,151)
Less: Remaining Travel Budget	(307,007)
Less: OJJDP/JAIBG/Other Adjustments	(824,222)
Current Budget Balance Available	2,287,042

FY-06 Budget to Actual for Payroll as of February 10, 2006

	State Office	Residential Services	JSU	Totals
YTD BWP	3,693,205	14,018,310	8,601,781	26,313,296
YTD Exp	3,352,544	13,793,331	8,377,331	25,523,205
YTD Vary	340,661	224,979	224,450	790,091

Comparison of FY-06 Travel Costs to Budget

FY-2006 Budget	FY-2006 Actual	Total Variance	FY-2005 Actual
307,213	295,702	11,511	245,297

FY-06 Revolving Fund Revenues as of January 31, 2006

	FY-2006 Budget	FY-2006 Receipts	Variance from Budget	FY-2006 Expenditures	FY-2005 Receipts
Sub-Total	483,474	450,593	(32,881)	501,847	485,620

FY-06 Title XIX and IV-E Combined as of January 31, 2006

	FY-06 Budget	FY-06 Receipts	Variance from Budget	FY-05 Receipts
Sub-Total	5,413,065	4,616,837	(796,228)	4,809,273

FY-06 Title IV-E as of January 31, 2006

	FY-06 Budget	FY-06 Receipts	Variance from Budget	FY-05 Receipts
Sub-Total	367,059	-	(367,059)	-

FY-06 Targeted Case Management as of January 31, 2006

	FY-06 Budget	FY-06 Receipts	Variance from Budget	FY-05 Receipts
Sub-Total	1,750,000	1,693,789	(56,211)	1,823,995

Residential Behavior Management Services as of January 31, 2006 for FY-06

	FY-06 Budget	FY-06 Receipts	Variance from Budget	FY-05 Receipts
Sub-Total	3,109,337	2,923,048	(186,289)	2,985,278

FY-06 Title XIX – Admin as of January 31, 2006

	FY-06 Budget	FY-06 Receipts	Variance from Budget	FY-05 Receipts
Sub-Total	186,669	-	(186,669)	-

Emergency Purchases

Date	Location	Description	Repair Cost
12/19/05	L.E. Rader Center	Electric power supply & security monitor	\$10,000.00
12/23/05	L.E. Rader Center	ITP Boiler, regulate heat	\$1,500.00
1/24/06	L.E. Rader Center	Mold Testing	\$2,500.00
1/24/06	COJC	Repair fire alarm system	\$1,000.00

Sole Source

Control #	Vendor	Date	Cost	Requestor	Division/Purpose

CRL2006-715	Multi Health Systems	2/3/06	\$6,300.00	Mary Jo Sullivan	Support Services license agreement for the youth level of service case management inventory.
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GENDER BASED PROGRAMMING – COJC

Elizabeth Stewart, Division Administrator, Institutional Services, presented. The Gender Special Task Force Members are:

Debbie Simms, Director of Arts Learning, Oklahoma Arts Council
 Dr. Denise Beesley, Professor, OU
 Dr. Melissa Frey, Professor, OU
 Laura Boyd, Executive Director, Oklahoma Therapeutic Care Association
 Billie Linam, Facility Director, Canadian County Child Justice Center
 Jo Ann Randall, Oklahoma City Police Department, Retired
 Susan Morris, CEO, Youth & Family Services, Shawnee
 Ruby Cooper, District Supervisor, Department of Corrections
 Tamara Lawson, Training Director, State Auditor and Insurance Office
 Gary Bolin, Deputy Director, OJA
 Donna Glandon, Advocate General, OJA
 Elizabeth Stewart, Division Administrator, Institutional Services, OJA
 Kim Sardis, Division Administrator, Community Services, OJA
 James Johnson, Superintendent, COJC
 Helen Killian, Programs Manager, OJA
 Sam Davis, Research, OJA
 Mary Jo Sullivan, Substance Abuse Programs Manager, OJA
 Reeda Thompson, Programs Field Representative, OJA
 Debbie Hutchins, Secretary, OJA

The mission of the Gender Specific Task Force is “To develop and carry out a plan that brings together individuals from many areas of interest in a united effort to better meet the needs of female adolescent offenders and female adolescents who are at-risk of offending.”

With the assistance of a federal grant, approved by the Governor’s State Advisory Group for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Office of Juvenile Affairs Board, the agency was able to focus on several areas identified by the task force. The areas addressed were (1) Staff Training, (2) Treatment Program Assessment (3) Educational Assessment (4) Gender Policy and (5) Fiscal Enhancements.

Ms. Stewart introduced James Johnson, COJC Superintendent. Mr. Johnson spoke to the Board about the improvements that have been made at the facility since the beginning of the Gender Specific Task Force. A Women’s Clinic was established at COJC after receiving the federal grant. Education and better health care for the females was emphasized. Beginning August 17, 2005, the Pottawatomie County Health Department has provided COJC with an advance Practice Nurse once a month. New and additional services and equipment have been added to the Women’s Clinic. In addition to the Women’s Clinic, recreational activities specifically for females was established. The most noticeable changes have been the updating of the furniture, programming equipment and treatment materials for the female units.

Mr. Johnson introduced a resident at COJC, Amanda, who gave her views of the improvements made to the COJC facility through this Gender Based federal grant.

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPROVE THE BOARD RETREAT MINUTES OF JANUARY 12 AND 13, 2005.

MOTION BY JAY KEEL WITH SECOND BY GEORGE LINDLEY TO APPROVE THE BOARD RETREAT MINUTES OF JANUARY 12 AND 13, 2006 AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Ray Don Jackson
 Jay Keel
 George Lindley
 Charlie Nobles
 Gary Taylor
 Charlie Jackson

Lonelia Simmons

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPROVE THE UPDATES AND REVISIONS TO RULES TITLE 377, OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS.

Robert Morey, Policy Manager, presented.

1. Chapter 1. Function and Structure of the Office of Juvenile Affairs

Subchapter 1. Function and Structure of the Office of Juvenile Affairs
377:1-15. Board of Juvenile Affairs

MOTION BY CHARLIE NOBLES WITH SECOND BY CHARLIE JACKSON TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 1. SUBCHAPTER 1, 377:1-15 AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Ray Don Jackson

Jay Keel
George Lindley
Charlie Nobles
Gary Taylor
Charlie Jackson
Lonelia Simmons

2. Chapter 3. Administrative Services

Subchapter 13. Office of Public Integrity
Part 5. Requirements for Municipal Juvenile facilities
377:3-13-86. Organization, administration, and finance
377:3-13-88. Personnel

MOTION BY CHARLIE NOBLES WITH SECOND BY CHARLIE JACKSON TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 3, PART 5. 377:3-13-86 AND 377:3-13-88 AS PRESENTED

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Ray Don Jackson

Jay Keel
George Lindley
Charlie Nobles
Gary Taylor
Charlie Jackson
Lonelia Simmons

3. Chapter 25. Juvenile Services Unit

Subchapter 5. Court
377:25-5-3. Certification hearings [REVOKED]

Subchapter 7. Custody

Part 1. General Provisions

377:25-7-1. Definitions [REVOKED]

377:25-7-3. Placement of OJA custody juveniles

377:25-7-4. Short-term, up to thirty-day intensive, highly structured

placement [REVOKED]

377:25-7-27. Rules of Supervised Community Placement (SCP)

377:25-7-28. Non-compliance with Supervised Community Placement

rules

377:25-7-29. District review hearing

MOTION BY JAY KEEL WITH SECOND BY GARY TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE REVISION AS PRESENTED WITH THE ADDITIONAL CHANGES ON PAGE 10:

377:27-7-29

(4) transferred to a ~~Level D, D+, or E facility from his or her own home, a foster home, therapeutic foster home, specialized community home, or Level C facility;~~ higher level of community care; or

(b) Notification of the date, time and place for the hearing, and the specific purpose of the hearings ~~is~~ are ~~must be~~ made either in person or by phone, etc. . . .

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Ray Don Jackson
 Jay Keel
 George Lindley
 Charlie Nobles
 Gary Taylor
 Charlie Jackson
 Lonelia Simmons

4. **Chapter 30. Residential Services**
 Subchapter. General Provisions
 377:30-1-1. Legal base, scope and purpose
 377:30-3-1. Administration [REVOKED]

MOTION BY CHARLIE JACKSON WITH SECOND BY RAY DON JACKSON TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 30, 377:30-1-1 AND 377:30-3-1 AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Ray Don Jackson
 Jay Keel
 George Lindley
 Charlie Nobles
 Gary Taylor
 Charlie Jackson
 Lonelia Simmons

5. **Chapter 35. Institutional Services**
 Subchapter 11. Juvenile rules/Discipline
 377:35-11-2. Waiver of Intensive Treatment Program Transfer Hearing
 [REVOKED]
 377:35-11-3. Intensive Treatment Program Transfer ~~Hearing~~ Process

MOTION BY CHARLIE JACKSON WITH SECOND BY GEORGE LINDLEY TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 35, 377:35-11-2 AND 377:35-11-3 AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Ray Don Jackson
 Jay Keel
 George Lindley
 Charlie Nobles
 Gary Taylor
 Charlie Jackson
 Lonelia Simmons

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF MUSKOGEE vs. 'OWNES' (SIC) MORE PROPERLY KNOWN AS BRENDA J. OWENS. ENTRY OF JUDGMENT ON A CITATION ISSUED ON 11-6-05 FOR OPERATING A FOSTER HOME IN AN AREA NOT ZONED FOR BUSINESS IN VIOLATION OF THE CITY OF MUSKOGEE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Dorothy Brown, Assistant Attorney General, briefed the Board Members on the legalities of this issue. The Municipal Court in the City of Muskogee found that Brenda J. Owens is paid for her services as a foster parent for juveniles for the State of Oklahoma and that as Brenda J. Owens is paid for her services she is operating a business from her home and is therefore in violation of the City of Muskogee Code. This is an OJA foster home. The issue is whether OJA has an interest that needs to be protected as a result of this order. Appeals must be filed within 10 days. If the Attorney General is to complete any research regarding the matter, it needs the direction of this Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY TAYLOR WITH SECOND BY GEORGE LINDLEY TO AUTHORIZE DOROTHY BROWN AS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL TO RESEARCH THE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES FOR OJA AGENCY ACTION BUT TO BRING ALL POSSIBILITIES BACK TO THIS BOARD BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN REGARDING THE CITY OF MUSKOGEE vs. BRENDA J. OWENS.

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Ray Don Jackson
 Jay Keel
 George Lindley

Charlie Nobles
 Gary Taylor
 Charlie Jackson
 Lonelia Simmons

VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY RAY DON JACKSON WITH SECOND BY GEORGE LINDLEY TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
 MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Ray Don Jackson
 Jay Keel
 George Lindley
 Charlie Nobles
 Gary Taylor
 Charlie Jackson
 Lonelia Simmons
 Charlie Nobles

VOTE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION BY CHARLIE JACKSON WITH SECOND BY RAY DON JACKSON TO CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION
 MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Ray Don Jackson
 Jay Keel
 George Lindley
 Charlie Nobles
 Gary Taylor
 Charlie Jackson
 Lonelia Simmons
 Charlie Nobles

VOTE ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY CHARLIE NOBLES WITH SECOND BY GEORGE LINDLEY TO TERMINATE THE SERVICES OF RICHARD DELAUGHTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE TODAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2006 WITH THE PROVISION THAT HE BE PAID FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS PROVIDED HE MAKES HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION TO HELP IN THE TRANSITION.

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: George Lindley
 Charlie Nobles
 Gary Taylor
 Lonelia Simmons

Voting Nay: Ray Don Jackson
 Jay Keel
 Charlie Jackson

Dorothy Brown, Assistant Attorney General, requested a recess. Ms. Simmons announced a five-minute recess.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHARLIE JACKSON WITH SECOND BY GEORGE LINDLEY TO APPOINT DEPUTY DIRECTOR GARY BOLIN TO ASSUME THE DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNTIL AN INTERIM DIRECTOR OR NEW DIRECTOR CAN BE APPOINTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting Aye: Ray Don Jackson
 Jay Keel
 George Lindley
 Charlie Nobles
 Gary Taylor
 Charlie Jackson
 Lonelia Simmons
 Charlie Nobles

Ms. Simmons called for a Special Board Meeting to be held on at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 24, 2005, at the State Offices of the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

Jay Keel made a statement for the record stating his respect for the structure of this Board and would like to express his appreciation of Richard DeLaughter. Mr. Keel stated that he felt that Mr. DeLaughter has done an admirable job as Executive Director for the Office of Juvenile Affairs and it is his hope that the Board has not made a grave mistake today. Board Members, Ray Don Jackson and Charlie Nobles also expressed appreciation to Mr. DeLaughter for his work.

Board Members Gary Taylor stated his appreciation for the job Mr. DeLaughter has done under very difficult circumstances and this decision today has been heartfelt and thoughtful and not done lightly. George Lindley added his appreciation and stated that the decision was a very difficult one.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lonelia Simmons adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 17th day of March, 2006.

Lonelia Simmons

Lonelia Simmons, Chairman

PREPARED BY:

Linda McLennan

Linda McLennan
Secretary to the Board of Directors