

MINUTES OF WAGONER COUNTY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday 7th, 2011

The Board of Wagoner County Commissioners met with James Hanning, Chairman; Tim Kelley, Vice-Chairman; Chris Edwards, member; Carolyn Kusler, County Clerk. Advance notice of the meeting was posted on bulletin boards and public entrances of the Wagoner County Courthouse on April 6th, 2011.

Location: Coweta High School
14607 305th East Ave.
Coweta, OK 74429
Gymnasium

- I. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hanning at 7:07.
- II. Roll was called and all Commissioners were present.
- III. A motion was made by Commissioner Hanning and seconded by Commissioner Kelley to table Labor Waiver Agreements for Block 2, Lot 27 and Block 2, Lot 29 of Renaissance Park II Subdivision as they are no longer needed. With all members present, all voted aye. Motion passed.
- IV. Commissioner Hanning called on Greg Golden to begin the discussion regarding the creation of Fire Districts in the unincorporated areas of the County surrounding the City of Coweta. He summarized the meetings that have occurred thus far. Commissioner Hanning reviewed answers to several common questions regarding ad valorem taxes, control of volunteer fire departments, how volunteer fire districts are formed, mutual aid, and ISO ratings.
Chris Leffingwell presented a plan which would involve the Rural Water Districts collecting dues from those in the unincorporated areas and remitting to the City of Coweta to continue coverage from the City. He mentioned several funding sources within the County that might be available to construct the fire stations: economic development funds, capital outlay funds, and/or re-allocation of courthouse renovation funds. He stated that all options should be explored. He fielded questions from the audience regarding insurance, checks and balances over the funds, the possibility of the City of Coweta pulling back their fence line so Broken Arrow could

annex, and the collection of dues by the City of Coweta. Clarification was issued regarding the collection of dues on the Coweta water bill being for ambulance service and not fire service.

Commissioner Hanning fielded questions from the audience regarding where the new fire stations would be located and told of recent donations of land should it be needed for a fire station. The audience questioned response times of the volunteer fire departments, how they will be called out to a fire through 9-1-1, whether the Boards of the volunteer fire departments have approved the expansion, how long will the process take, is there enough equipment to begin coverage immediately, can the Fire Sales Tax be reallocated, and are the departments financially able to cover their proposed expansion.

Commissioner Edwards thanked everyone for attending. He said the process was a team effort and different ideas can be brought to the table. Our home is the biggest investment we all have and the goal is to protect our families and our investment. Commissioner Kelley commended the Larry Miller, Ms. Vernon and others in the group that is leading the way to discover a solution.

V. There was no public comment.

VI. A motion was made by Commissioner Hanning and seconded by Commissioner Kelley to adjourn the meeting. With all members present, all voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Presented and approved by the Wagoner County Commission on this 18th day of April, 2011.

JAMES HANNING, CHAIRMAN

TIM KELLEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN

CHRIS EDWARDS, MEMBER

ATTEST CAROLYN KUSLER
WAGONER COUNTY CLERK

By: