

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
WAGONER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, October 13th, 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 on September 29th, 2011.

Location: Lone Star Baptist Church
10610 South 353rd E. Ave.
Coweta, OK

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Hanning at 6:33 PM. The roll was called with the following responses: Hanning, present; Edwards, present; Kelley, present.

Chairman Hanning called upon Dave Hermesch to present his plan for the Lone Star Fire Protection District. He explained the impetus for the group to form. He stated that they are currently organized as a Title 18 Fire Department, which has voluntary dues, but that they want to become a Title 19 Fire Department which has a stable funding source through ad valorem assessments. He presented the Strategic Plan developed by the T 18 Board for the T 19 District. The first three items to be addressed in the Plan are setting the boundaries, establishing mutual aid agreements, and qualifying for a competitive ISO rating.

Chairman Hanning explained that the meeting tonight is to set the boundaries and determine whether or not to go to a vote for the establishment of a Title 19 Fire Department. Various citizens asked questions concerning the organization of the District, the impact such organization would have on ISO ratings and implications of opting out of the boundary to be set. The pros and cons were

discussed, including Coweta's policy of non-response if manpower falls below a certain level. There were also questions concerning the fire sales tax and the authority to redistribute the funds. An attorney general's opinion will be requested to clarify the authority of the Board of Commissioners in that regard.

In discussing the boundaries, two requests were made to add their residential area to the proposed district. After a show of hands of those for the creation of a Fire District, a motion was made by Commissioner Hanning to approve the proposed district with the two modifications to go to a vote of the people. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. Roll was called with the following responses: Hanning, aye; Edwards, aye; Kelley, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanning to recess. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Roll was called with the following responses: Hanning, aye; Edwards, aye; Kelley, aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Presented and approved by the Wagoner County Commission on this 24th day of October, 2011.

JAMES HANNING, CHAIRMAN

TIM KELLEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN

CHRIS EDWARDS, MEMBER

ATTEST: CAROLYN KUSLER
WAGONER COUNTY CLERK
