

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
WAGONER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, April 10th, 2012
(Joint Meeting with Economic Development Board)

The Board of Wagoner County Commissioners met with Tim Kelley, Chairman; James Hanning, Vice-Chairman; Chris Edwards, Member; Carolyn Kusler, County Clerk; and Char Dubree, Secretary. Assistant District Attorney Holly Chapman was also present. All members of the Wagoner County Economic Development Board were present. Advance notice of the meeting was posted on bulletin boards and public entrances of the Wagoner County Courthouse on April 3rd, 2012.

Location: Wagoner County Courthouse
Commissioner's Meeting Room

- I. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Kelley at 10:05 a.m.
- II. Roll Call – Roll was called with the following responses: Hanning, present; Kelley, present; and Edwards, present.
- III. The Board Discussed the utilization of Economic Development monies to assist the Coweta area with fire protection services. Commissioner Edwards gave a presentation regarding funding mechanisms, which included monies from Economic Development, as well as contributions from City of Coweta, with the County contracting with the City to provide fire protection in the rural area. Economic Development Member Larry Allison suggested the City of Broken Arrow be invited to participate as well. Mr. Harmon with Economic Development suggested we need more details and more commitment, as well as a Business Plan from City of Coweta. There was further discussion regarding changing the distribution of the Fire Tax by a vote of the people, and the possibility of adding ambulance service. There was discussion regarding the status of the request for an Attorney General's Opinion regarding the ability of the Board to change the boundaries of the fire districts. The request has not yet been submitted. Economic Development Chairman Alan Parnell stated the their Board is concerned about Coweta Area fire protection services, and will remain open-minded

about how to best serve the citizens of Wagoner County, but they were not prepared to take any action now. Commissioner Edwards noted that these discussions, considering all of the options available, will make more people aware of the need for some kind of action regarding Coweta area fire protection services. All stakeholders need to be at the table.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kelley and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to table further discussion and possible action regarding this issue. The motion was approved with the following votes cast: Hanning, aye; Edwards, aye; Kelley, aye.

- IV. The Board discussed Economic Development contracting with Retail Coach, out of Dallas, to do a retail business study and develop a marketing strategy to bring retail business to the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Hanning and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the request of Economic Development Board to contract with Retail Coach, not to exceed \$35,000.00. The motion was approved with the following votes cast: Hanning, aye; Edwards, aye; Kelley, aye.
- V. Announcements – There were none.
- VI. Public Comment – Dave Hermish clarified that the City of Coweta’s physical City fence line does not have to change, just the Fire District Line, in order for Lonestar to become a Title 18 Fire Protection District.
- VII. A motion was made by Commissioner Hanning and seconded by Commissioner Edwards to recess at 12:07p.m. The motion was approved with the following votes cast: Hanning, aye; Edwards, aye; Kelley, aye.

Presented and approved by the Wagoner County Commission on this 16th day of April, 2012.

TIM KELLEY, CHAIRMAN

JAMES HANNING, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: CAROLYN KUSLER
WAGONER COUNTY CLERK

CHRIS EDWARDS, MEMBER