

PENDING APPROVAL

OKLAHOMA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST SHEET

For the March 17, 2010 Agenda

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REQUISITION NO. _____ REQUISITION SHEET MUST BE ATTACHED (If applicable)

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Discussion and possible action to approve a letter from the Board of County Commissioners to Governor Henry, Speaker of the House Chris Benge and Senator Glenn Coffee regarding the Commissioner of the Land Office conformance with local government zoning and land use regulations (SB 2311 and HB3026)

This item requested by Ray Vaughn, Chairman.

(ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ATTACHED FOR APPROVAL)

APPROVED BY D.A.
(If Applicable)

APPROVED BY ENGINEER
(If Applicable)

APPROVED BY PURCHASING
(If Applicable)

Assistant District Attorney

County Engineer

Purchasing Agent

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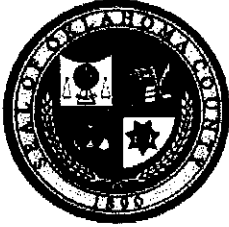
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The Honorable Chris Bengé
Speaker, Oklahoma House of Representatives
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The Honorable Glenn Coffee
President Pro Tempore, Oklahoma Senate
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RE: Commissioners of the Land Office conformance with local government zoning and land use regulations (SB2311 and HB3026)

Gentlemen:

We are writing on behalf of the Board of Oklahoma County Commissioners to express the importance of retaining local zoning and land use regulations with relation to the use of public lands of this state under the authority of the Commissioners of the Land Office. According to proposed SB 2311 (Section 38), the Commissioners would only have to follow local ordinances according to the Secretary's discretion. It reads in relevant part, "The Secretary may require compliance with local regulations, ordinances, or law where compliance is not contrary to trust obligations." Similar language exists in HB3026 with relation to "trust obligations".

As you know, Oklahoma County maintains a Planning and Engineering Department, which develops, administers, and enforces the County's regulations regarding zoning, land use, floodplain, storm water, and County Master Plan. A citizen planning commission comprised of local professionals and experts assists the County in its planning functions. It is important for local governments to maintain management and control of land use within their respective jurisdictions.

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In order to ensure compliance with local zoning and land use regulations, we respectfully request that the language of SB2311 (Section 38) and HB3026 (Section 39) be amended to read as follows, "Surface and subsurface estates in lands which are administered by the Commissioners of the Land Office shall comply with local regulations, ordinances or laws where such are applicable".

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Oklahoma County Commissioner, District 3

WILLA JOHNSON
Vice-Chair, Board of Oklahoma County Commissioners
Oklahoma County Commissioner, District 1

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Oklahoma County Commissioner, District 2

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