

April 29, 2010

The **Oklahoma County Excise Board** met in special session on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the County Office Building at 320 Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma following statutory notice of public meeting being properly posted on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. The following members were present:

Donald Strube, Chairman
Frank Burns, Vice-Chairman
James Harrod, Member

The Oklahoma County Excise Board meeting was called to order by Donald Strube, Chairman at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Harrod, second by Burns **to approve minutes for the special meeting dated Tuesday, March 23, 2010. (Document Received)** APPROVED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Harrod, second by Burns to approve the following consent items:

Resolution CIR 15-10: Inter-fund transfer from Capital Improvement-Regular Fund 2010 to Employee Benefits Fund 4010 in the amount of \$100,000.00 as follows:

From 2010-1200-2010-55000	Capital	\$100,000.00	
To 4010-0001-2010-54000	Operation		\$100,000.00

Transfer is to move cash and appropriate funds to the Employee Benefits Fund in order to pay medical and prescription claims for the remainder of April. (Document Received.)

Resolution WC 15-10: Inter-fund transfer from Worker's Compensation Fund 4020 to Employee Benefits Fund 4010 in the amount of \$75,000.00 as follows:

From 4020-0001-2010-54000	Operation	\$75,000.00	
To 4010-0001-2010-54000	Operation		\$75,000.00

Transfer is to move cash and appropriations in order to pay medical and prescription for the remainder of April 2010. (Document Received)

Receive for filing Budget Amendment No. 3 for the Midwest City-Del City School District No. 52 General Fund raised \$843,644.19 and the Sinking Fund raised \$6,121.00. (Document Received)

Receive for filing Financial Statements and Estimate of Needs for KIPP Reach College Preparatory School.

Receive for filing Annual Financial Report Luther School District No. 3, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Receive for filing Annual Financial Report for Western Heights School District No. 41 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Receive for filing Annual Financial Report for the Midwest City School District No. 52 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

APPROVED. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and action to certify preliminary estimates of General Fund revenue for fiscal year 2010-11. This item requested byCarolynn Caudill, County Clerk and Secretary to the Board. (Document Received)

Danny Lambert, Budget Director for Carolynn Caudill, County Clerk presented the revenue estimates for the fiscal year 2010-11 for the General Fund. He explained The first column is the Amended Budget that was approved in September of 2009. The second column is the Actual Revenue as of March 31, 2010. The third column is the Year to Date Revenue projections based on 9 months of actual collections and 3 months of estimated revenues to come up with the fourth column with is the Total Estimated Projections for fiscal year 2010-11. The last column just shows the change from the 2009-10 fiscal years to the 2010-11 estimates. Burns asked if that is 90% projection. He asked if the \$52 million for advalorem was a 90% projection. Lambert explained that the advalorem figure is a projection from the County Assessor's office and that we will get the final valuation numbers in September and then we will update all the revenues at that time. Lambert did explain that we can only budget 10/11ths of our advalorem so that is why our current advalorem revenues are always higher than what is budgeted because there is that cushion because we can only budget the 90%. Burns asked what the estimated advalorem was last year at this time. Forrest "Butch" Freeman, County Treasurer stated that our estimated revenue this year is currently \$2.7 million higher than it was at this time last year. Freeman stated that the 5% cap on advalorem is banked growth. We are only taxing you at the 5% cap, but even if your house has not gone up in value if you are not on the Assessor's books at the total maximum your house is worth then your taxes will still go up because you are not on the maximum value that your house is worth, but it can only be increased 5% a year until that maximum is reached. Burns stated that we are not projecting less income this year than last year. Lambert stated not on property taxes. Burn asked why is there discussion around the courthouse that department may be cut from what they received last year. Lambert stated bottom line there are other factors that go into our projections for revenue. Lambert stated that property tax is one category, with the current, prior and miscellaneous items. We are estimating about \$600,000 over our current revenues. The next category is Intergovernmental Revenues and there are several items that make up that category. A lot of these are estimated at 90% projections and they are coming up at \$296,312 less than this years revenues. Lambert continued the next category is the Charge for Services and we are estimating a \$291,615 decrease over this year's revenue. The next category is Interest Income and we are estimating a \$21,400 decrease in interest. Interest rates are way down and this number is given to us by the Treasurer's office. Our next category is Miscellaneous Revenue and most of these items are estimated at 90%. That category is down about \$81,392 down over this current year. The total estimated revenues are \$66,588,556, which is down by a total of \$54,750 over current year revenue projection. The next category is the fund balance. Fund balance consists of revenue over and above what we projected this year. The bulk of that is property tax because we can only budget 90%. Another amount that goes into the fund balance is the money the departments don't spend that is lapsed. That is based on a 2% projected lapse. The departments took a 3% across the board cut last year so we are projecting they will be spending all but about 2% of their budgets this year. So the reason we are looking at less dollars this year is because we are looking at \$1,785,166 less at what we had in Fund Balance for the 2009-10 fiscal year. When you take the Fund Balance decrease of \$1,785,166 and the \$54,750 decrease in the projected revenues we are looking at a total of \$1,839,916 less that we currently have to work with in revenues. Freeman stated that the

last words he said are very important that we currently have. Remember what we are doing is looking at our April projections rather than actual dollars. When we get to September we will know our true advalorem numbers and we will also know the final fund balance. When we receive those numbers they will get us back up there. So when the dust settles our numbers will be higher than what we have this year, however, our challenge that is leading to a lot of the comments around the courthouse is our medical and dental program. We are self funded on our medical program and it continues to skyrocket. Freeman stated the good news is we are continuing to look at growth, but just like all over the country the medical cost are showing a 26% growth and Oklahoma County is real close to that. I think by the time we get to September we will be looking at level funding for the departments. The Treasurer's office has been asked if the collections have gone down due to the economy. Freeman stated no they really are not. We are only down by .05%, which is not really significant. Strube asked what is off track betting. Lambert stated the county receives 45% of 1% of the total monies wagered at off track sites. Lambert distributed a list of explanations for the revenues and explained the Clerk's office is asking the Excise Board to approve and certify the revenues as presented. The Budget Board adopted these numbers on Tuesday.

Motion by Harrod, second by Burns **to approve and certify preliminary estimates of General Fund revenue for fiscal year 2010-11. This item requested byCarolynn Caudill, County Clerk and Secretary to the Board. (Document Received)** APPROVED. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' participation. Any citizen wishing to address the Oklahoma County Excise Board on an Agenda Item may do so at this time. No citizens wishing to participate at this time.

Excise Board Comments/General Remarks. There were no remarks from the Board at this time.

There being no other business to come before the Board motion by Harrod, second by Burns to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 am until the next meeting. ADJOURNED. Motion carried unanimously.

Oklahoma County Excise Board

Donald Strube, Chairman

Frank Burns, Vice-Chairman

Attest:

James Harrod, Member

Carolynn Caudill, County Clerk and Secretary to the Board