

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
DECEMBER 6, 2010

Pursuant to notice as required by law, the Ponca City Board of Commissioners met in work session at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chamber at City Hall, 516 E. Grand Avenue, with Mayor Homer Nicholson presiding:

Present:                   Homer Nicholson, Mayor  
                              Paul Krueger, Commissioner  
                              Lanita Chapman, Commissioner  
                              Bill Flegler, Commissioner  
                              Craig Stephenson, City Manager  
                              Kevin Murphy, City Attorney  
                              Marc LaBossiere, Finance Director/City Clerk

Absent:                    Diane Anderson, Commissioner

Others Present:        Chris Henderson, Paula Cain, Phil Johnston, Tana McKinley, City staff; Beverly Bryant, Ponca City News.

1. Mayor Nicholson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
  
2. DISCUSS THE GRANT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PONCA CITY AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER GRANT.

City Manager Craig Stephenson introduced the item, and that staff has been seeking outside funding for some time to renovate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Paula Cain continued, giving history of the FEMA grant that has been awarded and the scope of work that will be completed. Community Development Director Chris Henderson noted that the grant has a required 25% match that will be met with City staff administration, so no cash outlay will be required. Discussion ensued.

3. DISCUSS FEMA -1718-DR-OK, CITY OF PONCA CITY, ACQUISITION PROJECT #010.

City Manager Craig Stephenson noted for commissioners that the hazard mitigation grant to be discussed was originally submitted in January 2009, and that it has taken nearly two years to work through the system. Community Development Director Chris Henderson continued, giving background on flood prone properties, the process of notifying the City and applying for grants, and requirements. Henderson showed pictures of vacant lots from the 2002 storm grant buyout, and clarified that this grant will purchase three houses. Discussion regarding flood prone areas and storm water improvements followed.

4. DISCUSS POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION FOR THE DIESEL PLANT.

City Manager Craig Stephenson reminded commissioners that the item was originally touched on a year ago when a tour of the plant was done, and that Ponca City Energy Director Phil Johnston had been researching possible options for the facility. Johnston continued, reviewing a history of the plant to date. Stephenson clarified options as leaving

the plant secured in its current state, removing diesel engines and holding the facility for future use, or removing the plant and building in total. Discussion on possible options continued.

5. COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor Nicholson thanked commissioners for attending the ribbon cutting for the new Ponca City Aquatic and Family Center – YMCA. Nicholson relayed many positive comments on the facility and exciting event. Commissioner Chapman echoed the comments and feeling that the facility is awesome.

6. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

City Manager Craig Stephenson informed the Commission that 3,800 people had toured the new recreation center, and that 800 members were added on the day of the open house. Stephenson then relayed news of an airplane crash that had just occurred at the Ponca City Regional Airport, including one fatality. Stephenson concluded by reminding commissioners of the upcoming Renaissance Winter Ball, at the Marland Mansion, on December 17, 2010.

7. ADJOURN.

Motion by Commissioner Flegler to adjourn, was seconded by Commissioner Chapman.

Roll: Yeas; Flegler, Chapman, Nicholson, and Krueger. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Mayor Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

***PASSED IN SESSION AND APPROVED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2011.***

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK