

**KAY CO. GRAND JURY  
SUBMISSION OF QUESTION**

I, Claude Williams Bill Williams,  
formally request the Kay Co. Grand Jury to consider the following question  
for review.

**Is it a Conflict of Interest for a City Commissioner to serve on Tourism Board that receives tax money upon authority of the City Commissioners?**

Title 60 O.S. 178.8 (1977), provides, "A conflict of interest shall be deemed to exist in any contractual relationship in which a trustee of a public trust, or any for-profit firm or corporation in which such trustee... is an officer, partner principal stockholder, shall directly or indirectly buy or sell goods or services to, or otherwise contract with such trust..."

The Oklahoma Attorney Generals Opinion of 1982, over urban renewal authorities states that title 60 O.S. 178.8 "prohibits a commissioner of an urban renewal authority from voluntarily acquiring any 'personal interest' in an urban renewal project. It has been held that for purposes of determining whether a party has a "personal interest" in the outcome of litigation, the term "personal" does not exclude one's interest in performing the functions of governmental employment or office."

In Mid-October of 2007, Steve LaValley resigned as City Commissioner, and a Piccola Hudsonpiller was selected by the council to replace him for the remainder of his term in 2009.

Prior to Piccola becoming a City Commissioner, she was working with the Blackwell Tourism Board as a board member and still does today. The Tourism Department (set up by the Chamber of Commerce) receives funds from the Hotel Tax.

It is a direct conflict of interest when (1) the City Commissioners chose her knowing that she worked for the Tourism board, (2) Ms. Hudsonpiller can vote on the Board of Commissioners to influence her position on the tourism board and the use of the Hotel Tax; and (3) Ms. Hudsonpiller can vote on the Tourism Board to influence her position on the Board of Commissioners.

On June 17, 2008, Ms. Hudsonpiller attempted to prevent a conflict of interest by voting " no " on the Tourism Departments budget during a Tourism Department meeting. However, she voted " yes " on the City Council June 23, 2008, to approve the Tourism Department Budget. As a result, the conflict of interest is apparent.

Submitted this day 11-28, 2008.

C. Luke Williams

Requesting Party

Bill Williams

Requesting Party

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
CITY COUNCILORS OF THE CITY OF BLACKWELL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BLACKWELL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
BLACKWELL, OKLAHOMA  
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008**

Pursuant to the legal notice as is required by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including the posting of notice in the Blackwell Journal on June 7, 10 and 14, 2008. The Blackwell Board of Councilors and Blackwell Municipal Authority of the City of Blackwell met in a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall located at 221 West Blackwell, Blackwell, Oklahoma with Mayor/Chairman Cordell presiding to discuss and receive comments on the Proposed City of Blackwell and Blackwell Municipal Authority FY 2008-2009 Budget in accordance with O.S. 11:208.

**Present:** Mark Cordell, Mayor/Chairman  
Nita Carroll, Councilor/Trustee, Ward 1  
Piccola Hudsonpillar, Councilor/Trustee, Ward 3  
Debra Paige, City Clerk/Secretary

**Absent:** Max Wirtz, Councilor/Trustee, Ward 2  
Brad Bechtel, Councilor/Trustee, Ward 4  
Mike Jeffers, Interim City Manager  
Mary Ann Karns, City/Authority Attorney

**Others present:** Staff: Sara Norris, Dave Keen, Linda Mayden, Tom Beliel, Fred Harraman, Fred LeValley, Jim Inmon, Tobie Wright, Charles Abbott, Blackwell Journal and 9 citizens in the audience.

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Mayor/Chairman Cordell called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comments on 2008-2009 Budget.**

Copies of the proposed budget were available for the public in attendance.

Special Projects Coordinator Norris led the review of each fund asking for any comments from the audience and staff. The funds reviewed were the General and Authority, including revenue and expenses.

Other funds included in the discussion were Motel Tax, E-911, Environmental Clean-up, Long Term Debt, Street and Alley, Recreation Sales Tax, Sewer/Water Capital Improvement, Sales Tax Capital Improvements, CUPS, Meter Deposit Fund and Utility Reserve.

Citizens expressed concerns and discussion followed on: Money the City budgets for BIA and Tourism. Coding on ambulance billing and City portion of Motel Tax.

**3. ADJOURNMENT.**

Mayor/Chairman Cordell adjourned the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

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Debra Paige, City Clerk/Secretary

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
BLACKWELL, OKLAHOMA  
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008**

Pursuant to the legal notice as is required by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including the posting of notice on June 19, 2008 and agenda on June 20, 2008, as is required by the terms thereof, the Blackwell City Councilors of the City of Blackwell met in a special meeting at 12:00 p.m. in the council room of City Hall located at 221 West Blackwell, Blackwell, Oklahoma with Mayor Cordell presiding:

**Present:** Mark Cordell, Mayor  
Nita Carroll, Councilor Ward 1  
Piccola Hudsonpillar, Councilor Ward 3  
Brad Bechtel, Councilor Ward 4  
Mike Jeffers, Interim City Manager  
Debra Paige, City Clerk

**Absent:** Max Wirtz, Councilor Ward 2  
Mary Ann Karns, City Attorney

**Others present:** Sara Norris, Special Projects Coordinator; Tom Beliel, Fire Chief; Dave Keen, Electric Supervisor; Charles Abbott, Blackwell Journal; and 8 citizens in the audience.

**1. Call Meeting to Order.**

Mayor Cordell called the special meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**2. BUSINESS:**

**A. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 06-23-08A Adopting Budget for City and Other Related Funds for FY 2008-2009.**

Special Projects Coordinator Norris reviewed the budget for the council. Motion made by Bechtel, seconded by Carroll to approve Resolution 06-23-08A adopting FY 2008-2009A budget for City and other related funds. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Carroll, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**B. Resolution 06-23-08B, A Resolution Adopting a Fee Schedule for the Charges for Copying, Reproducing and Certifying Public Records.**

Motion made by Hudsonpillar, seconded by Bechtel to approve Resolution 06-23-08B adopting a fee schedule for the charges for copying, reproducing and certifying public records. Roll, yeas: Cordell, Carroll, Hudsonpillar and Bechtel. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**C. Discussion and Possible Action on Contract Between the City of Blackwell and Life Emergency Services of Enid, Oklahoma, for the Provision of Ambulance Service for Transportation Outside a Twenty-Five Mile Radius of Blackwell.**

No action taken on Agenda Item C.

**3. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business Mayor Cordell adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

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Debra Paige, City Clerk

**BLACKWELL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2008**

The members of the BLACKWELL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD will meet in regular session on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., in the Chamber Conference room, 120 S. Main, Blackwell, Oklahoma.

On the Agenda is the following:

1. Opening
2. Discuss and take action on Consent Agenda
  - a. May 2008 Minutes
  - b. May 2008 Financial Report
3. Discuss and take action on proposed 2008-09 fiscal year budget.
4. Discuss and take action on flag pole damage.
5. Discuss and review, with possible action, on recent programs & projects:
  - a. New Agri Tourism programs in the area
  - b. Kay County Water Garden Tour
  - c. Centennial clock and plaza project
  - d. Oklahoma Freewheel 2008 bikers
6. Discuss and take action on upcoming events and projects:
  - a. Streeters Rod Run June 21<sup>st</sup>
  - b. Third annual America's Hometown Golf Tournament, June 28<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Independence Day celebration July 4<sup>th</sup>
7. Other new business in accordance with Oklahoma's Open Meeting Act, Title 25, of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 301-314.
8. Motion to adjourn

  
Shane Frye, Executive Director

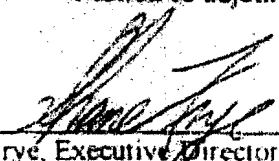
Posted: 6-13-08 Delia Poirer City Clerk 2:35 p.m.

**BLACKWELL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
MAY 20, 2008**

The members of the BLACKWELL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BOARD will meet in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., in the Chamber Conference Room, 120 S Main, Blackwell, Oklahoma.

On the Agenda is the following

1. Opening
2. Discuss and take action on Consent Agenda
  - a. April, 2008 Minutes
  - b. April, 2008 Financial Report
3. Discuss and review, with possible action, on recent programs & projects:
  - a. 2008 National Tourism Week—State Visitors Center
  - b. Work session for upcoming 2008-09 fiscal year budget
  - c. Centennial clock project
4. Discuss and take action on upcoming events and projects?
  - a. Annual distribution of Blackwell materials to area outlets
  - b. Streeters Rod Run in June
  - c. Kay County Water Garden Tour
  - d. Independence Day celebration
5. Discussion and possible action on amending Tourism Development budget.
6. Other new business in accordance with Oklahoma's Open Meeting Act, Title 25, of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 301-314.
7. Motion to adjourn.

  
Shane Frye, Executive Director

Posted 5.13.08 Debra King City Clerk 8:45 A.M.