KAY CO. GRAND JURY SUBMISSION OF QUESTION

I, <u>Jessica Pepper</u> , formally request the Kay Co. Gr Jury to consider the following question for review.

Did Sally Norris violate the duel office holding prohibitions of 11 O.S. § 38-118 (1997) and 51 O.S. § 6 (1981) by serving as the Blackwell City Manager and simultaneously serving as Treasurer of the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority (OMPA)?

In an Oklahoma Attorney General's Opinion (hearing date; March 23, 1982), the Oklahoma Attorney General was asked the following question, " If an individual serves concurrently on a municipal urban renewal authority and as a trustee of a public trust of which the municipality is the beneficiary, does such activity constitute unlawful duel office holding?" The Oklahoma Attorney General answered as follows: "An individual may not serve concurrently as a commissioner of a urbane renewal Authority and as a trustee of a public trust of which the municipality is a beneficiary with out violate the duel office holding prohibitions of the 11 O.S. § 38-118 (1997), or 51 O.S. § 6 (1981)."

Sally Norris simultaneously held the office of Blackwell City Manager and the Treasurer of the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority, a public trust of which the City of Blackwell was a beneficiary.

Submitted this day <u>Navimber 28</u>, 2008.

Requesting Party

OWNED BY THE MEMBERS WE SERVE





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Plan

OMPA sets the standard for the provision of energy to meet or exceed our customers' expectations.

As an innovative and dynamic organization, we work together to maximize the benefits of aggregation, and effectively manage our resources.

"Planning without action is futile, action without planning is fatal."

- Unknown



OUR MISSION

To provide reliable, low cost energy and services to municipal entities to enable each municipality to be competitive, while maximizing the benefit to our stakeholders.

Goals and Objectives

- \Rightarrow Have ethical practices throughout the organization.
- \Rightarrow Be the preferred power supplier for municipal electric power systems.
- ⇒ Foster local control.
- ⇒ Have a human resources plan.
- ⇒ Have quality above industry standards.

Major Goals Accomplished

- Character First!© training for Board members and staff began in 2002. The program, which was adopted by the Board, seeks to raise ethical practices throughout the agency. OMPA continues to re-enhance positive ethical standards.
- On September 26, 2003, OMPA's wind turbines at the Oklahoma Wind Energy Center near Woodward begin producing power that goes into the electric grid for the 35 member systems. This is the state's first large scale commercial wind energy project.
- Member cities cooperated with OMPA and approved the extension of contracts which will allow the Authority to enter into long-term financing of ownership purchases in new coal-fired generation to meet future power supply needs of the members.
- Started the process of replacing expiring coal contracts with new coal plant ownership as authorized by the Board. Initiated negotiations for ownership in two new energy efficient coal plants the Red Rock Generating Facility in Oklahoma and the John W. Turk, Jr. Plant in Arkansas that will assist the agency in maintaining power supply diversity and added control of energy costs through plant ownership.
- More than 96 percent of OMPA member cities surveyed in 2006 responded that OMPA provided reliable services, while 91 percent said OMPA provided low cost services.
- $\sqrt{}$ Media Relations Training Parts I and II began in 2002 and was attended by 31 employees from the member cities in 2006.

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."
- Will Rogers

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** BLACKWELL, OKLAHOMA THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

Pursuant to the legal notice as is required by the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, including the posting of notice and agenda on September 4, 2007, as is required by the terms thereof, the Blackwell Board of Commissioners of the City of Blackwell met in a special meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of City Hall located at 221 West Blackwell, Blackwell, Oklahoma with Mayor

Present:

Mark Cordell, Mayor

Nita Carroll, Commissioner Ward 1 Max Wirtz, Commissioner Ward 2 Steve LeValley, Commissioner Ward 3

Sara Norris, City Manager Debra Paige, City Clerk

Absent:

Brad Bechtel, Commissioner, Ward 4

Mary Ann Karns, City Attorney

Others present:

Ryan McDonald and Tom Reser, McDonald & Assoc.; Lesa Ward, Blackwell School Superintendent; Jeff Raley, Floyd Law Firm, Charles Abbott, Blackwell Journal and 2 citizens in the

audience

Attending from Blackwell Industrial Authority: Chairman Darrell Grossardt, Mike Loftis, Greg Sandy, Bruce Dale, Ross Cline, Attorney Jim Menzer, BIA Executive Director Shane Frye and Nancy Thompson.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 1.

Mayor Cordell called the special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Blackwell Industrial Authority Chairman Darrell Grossardt called BIA special meeting to order.

2. **BUSINESS:**

Consideration and action on approval of Resolution 09-06-07A incurring of Α. indebtedness by the Trustees of the Blackwell Industrial Authority to be accomplished by the issuance of lease revenue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness on a tax-exempt or taxable basis in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) to provide a portion of the funds necessary to construct a new elementary school facility and make improvements to other school sites, as necessary at Blackwell Independent School District No. 45, Kay County, Oklahoma (Blackwell Public Schools) and all matters relating thereto, including but not limited to the waiver of competitive bidding in regard thereof and approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of documents in connection therewith.

Jeff Raley, Floyd Law Firm, explained they were asking the Blackwell Industrial Authority to consent to issuance of lease revenue bonds and asking the City to approve that action to help the school system to construct a new elementary school facility and make improvements to other Blackwell school sites. The amount not to exceed \$10,000,000. This action will not cost the City or BIA and will not effect their bonding capacity.