

County Assessor's Association of Oklahoma (CAAOK)

Fall Conference

CLGT (via ZOOM) in Stillwater, OK on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

A call to order was given by CAAOK President Guyla Hart at 9:03 a.m. Donise Rogers, Major County Assessor, led the group in the opening prayer followed by Lisa Melchior, Mayes County Assessor, who led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Sarah Batterton, Reporter for the CAAO, presided over the county roll call as follows: Adair 1,1; Alfalfa 0,0; Atoka 1,0; Beaver 1,0; Beckham 1,5; Blaine 1,0; Bryan 1,2; Caddo 0,0; Canadian 1,6; Carter 1,0; Cherokee 0,0; Choctaw 1,3; Cimarron 1,1; Cleveland 1,9; Coal 1,3; Comanche 1,5; Cotton 1,3; Craig 1,0; Creek 1,1; Custer 1,4; Delaware 1,7; Dewey 1,2; Ellis 1,2; Garfield 1,7; Garvin 1,3; Grady 0,0; Grant 1,2; Greer 0,0; Harmon 1,0; Harper 1,0; Haskell 1,0; Hughes 1,0; Jackson 1,5; Jefferson 1,2; Johnston 1,3; Kay 1,6; Kingfisher 1,0; Kiowa 1,2; Latimer 1,4; Leflore 1,1; Lincoln 1,7; Logan 1,5; Love 1,1; McClain 1,3; McCurtain 1,6; McIntosh 1,1; Major 1,4; Marshall 1,2; Mayes 1,4; Murray 1,6; Muskogee 1,1; Noble 1,0; Nowata 1,0; Okfuskee 1,1; Oklahoma 1,13; Okmulgee 1,1; Osage 0,0; Ottawa 1,1; Pawnee 1,1; Payne 0,0; Pittsburg 1,4; Pontotoc 0,1; Pottawatomie 1,1; Pushmataha 1,0; Roger Mills 1,1; Rogers 0,0; Seminole 1,1; Sequoyah 1,3; Stephens 1,0; Texas 1,6; Tillman 1,3; Tulsa 1,28; Wagoner 1,4; Washington 1,5; Washita 1,2; Woods 1,1; Woodward 1,2.

Matt Wehmuller, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the minutes from February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. After dispensing with the reading of the minutes, Todd Mathis made a motion to accept the report and Scott Kirby seconded. The motion passed without opposition. Matt Wehmuller then presented the Treasurer's Report. Larena Cook made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Donise Rogers seconded. The motion passed without opposition.

Denise Bailey, Chair of the Audit Committee, presented the Audit Report. Having reviewed all the district and association books, she found them to be in order and thanked her committee for their help.

Next Guyla Hart introduced Scott Farmer, Superintendent at Fort Gibson Schools, for a presentation of the State Aid Formula. This paused the business meeting at 9:20 a.m.

The meeting continued after the presentation. It began with Lisa Melchior who read a letter from Misty Dunn, Chair of the Memoriam Committee, remembering those who passed in the last year from our association.

Mandy Snyder, Legislative Committee Chair, provided an update on what an unusual legislative session it was due to COVID causing most bills not to be heard or to "die a COVID death." She said next year begins a new legislative session and after talking to several legislators, the most pressing issue they would have to address would be the ability to continue having virtual open meetings which were passed as an emergency last session and would expire at the end of the month. Other important issues faced by the legislature include Medicaid expansion and legislation pertaining to the wind industry. She also

mentioned the interim study on county roads and bridges as it relates to possible funding mechanisms including ad valorem. Mandy said if anyone had any ideas for new legislation to please let her know.

Next Guyla Hart presented a certificate on behalf of the her and the association. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Eric Hayes with OSU CLGT in recognition of his outstanding contributions and assistance in to support of our association by helping to host the conference virtually.

The meeting was reconvened by President Guyla Hart at 3:37 p.m. to vote on the proposed changes to the association's bylaws using Poll Everywhere to vote. This bylaw change would allow for any and all association meetings to be conducted digitally and by electronic video conferencing. Using the individual logins previously established by each county as directed by Eric Hayes, the association unanimously voted to accept this change.

Scott Kirby, Nomination Committee Chair, introduced the other committee members and nominated a new slate of officers for the FY 20/21 year as follows: Lisa Melchior for President; Matt Wehmuller for Vice President; Sarah Batterton for Secretary/Treasurer; and Michelle Fields for Reporter. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Mandy Snyder motioned that nominations cease, and Terri Lee seconded. Nominations for Board of Director vacancies were also presented by Scott Kirby and included Debbie Croasdale for the SE District and Misty Dunn for the NW District (each serving a two-year term). Hearing no nominations from the floor, Mandy Snyder made another motion to cease nominations and Terri Lee seconded. Using Poll Everywhere a vote was taken to accept the proposed Executive Officers and new Board of Director members. The association voted to accept all of the nominations.

Guyla Hart provided Outgoing President's Comments. She began by highlighting what a struggle the year had been navigating the many of challenges of COVID. She reflected on the first year she was elected and how she had been encouraged to get involved with board. She reinforced how the association was like a family and encouraged members to reach out to one another. Lisa Melchior presented Guyla with a plaque and thank her for her service to the association.

Newly Elected President Lisa Melchior said she was looking forward to the year ahead and getting to work with new and current officers. She provided her phone number and encouraged anyone to call her if they had any questions or issues.

In the absence of any Old or New Business, a motion was made to adjourn by Terri Lee and seconded by Mandy Snyder. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.