

**CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**July 29, 2013**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met on this date, to hold a Special Called Meeting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

**PRESENT:**

Ronnie Hawkins, Chairman  
Jason Falls, Vice-Chairman  
Susan Allen, Commissioner  
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner  
Eddie Holbrook, Commissioner  
David Dear, Interim County Manager  
Bob Yelton, County Attorney  
Kerri Melton, County Clerk  
Many Department Heads were in attendance

Chairman Ronnie Hawkins opened the meeting of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners. Chairman Hawkins said it was his pleasure to inform the staff and the public that Commissioners have completed interviews for the vacant Cleveland County Manager position and have called Jeffrey B. Richardson to be the next Cleveland County Manager. Mr. Richardson has given Commissioners a verbal commitment. Chairman Hawkins called for a motion to name Jeffrey B. Richardson as Cleveland County Manager.

**ACTION:** Susan Allen made the motion, seconded by Jason Falls, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to name Jeffrey B. Richardson as Cleveland County Manager (copy of contract found on Page \_\_\_\_\_ of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_). (Clerks Note: Mr. Richardson will begin as Cleveland County Manager on September 30, 2013. David Dear will continue to serve as Interim County Manager until that time.)*

Commissioners invited Mr. Richardson to join them at the front and asked if he would like to make any comments.

He began by thanking all those in attendance. Having served as Cleveland County Human Resources Director for seven years, he recognized many familiar faces. He expressed his excitement about this opportunity. "It is nice to be back in Cleveland County. I look forward to working hard and working with each of you. I want to fit in and do a good job for Cleveland County."

Commissioners each offered kind words about Mr. Richardson and expressed their excitement for what he can do to continue to move Cleveland County in a positive direction.

Chairman Hawkins thanked all those who took the time to apply for the position. He then asked all Department Heads in attendance to stand and introduce themselves.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting.*

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*Ronald J. Hawkins, Chairman  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

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*Kerri Melton, Clerk  
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*