

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF BECKHAM

RESOLUTION # 05-88

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF BECKHAM COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER USERS OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES WITHIN BECKHAM COUNTY SHOULD BE ASSESSED A NINE-ONE-ONE EMERGENCY WIRELESS TELEPHONE FEE NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT REQUIRED BY LAW (CURRENTLY 50 CENTS PER MONTH PER WIRELESS CONNECTION) FOR WIRELESS CONNECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND LEVYING OF SUCH A FEE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS OF BECKHAM COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION, DISBURSEMENT AND USE OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND IMMEDIATE EFFECT, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO LAW.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Beckham County, State of Oklahoma, is the only political subdivision within Beckham County, Oklahoma, authorized by the Oklahoma Statutes to submit to the voters of Beckham County the question of whether a nine-one-one emergency wireless telephone fee not to exceed the maximum amount required by law (currently 50 cents per month per wireless connection) should be imposed upon each wireless connection in Beckham County as determined by the zip code of the subscriber for the purpose of providing revenue to fund the costs of processing nine-one-one emergency wireless calls, including when possible automatic number identification and automatic location identification of wireless nine-one-one calls and selective routing of such calls, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2843.1; *and*

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Statutes provide that whenever a nine-one-one emergency wireless telephone fee is approved by a majority of the voters of the county voting thereon, the proceeds of such a fee, upon collection from the county's customers of wireless telephone service providers, must then be paid over to the substate planning district that represents the county and be deposited into a special nine-one-one fee account established by said district, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2844(A); *and*

WHEREAS, such substate planning district is required by the Oklahoma Statutes to then apportion and disburse the collected proceeds of the nine-one-one emergency wireless telephone fee to every public agency within the County that has *either* established an emergency wireless telephone service, *or* that has made a written request to a wireless telephone service provider for the installation, maintenance, and operation of an emergency wireless telephone service, in the manner provided by Oklahoma Statute, 63 O.S. 2001, §§ 2843.1; *and*

WHEREAS, the proceeds of a nine-one-one emergency wireless telephone fee may only be used by the recipient public agencies for services and costs related to the provision of nine-one-one emergency wireless telephone services, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2843.1, *and*

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Beckham County, State of Oklahoma **FINDS** that it is in the Public Interest that the voters decide whether a nine-one-one emergency wireless telephone fee for such purposes should be imposed; *and*

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners must call an election within one (1) year of the date of this Resolution to obtain approval by the voters located within the geographical boundaries of Beckham County, Oklahoma, for the imposition of a nine-one-one emergency wireless telephone fee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Beckham, State of Oklahoma, subject to the approval by a majority of registered voters at an election called as provided herein upon the question set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution, hereby assesses, levies and imposes, a special fee of the maximum amount required by law (currently 50 cents per month per wireless connection) upon each wireless connection within Beckham County as determined by the zip code of wireless telephone subscriber's billing address; said special fee to be known as the "Nine-One-One Wireless Emergency Telephone Fee."

SECTION 2: The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Beckham, State of Oklahoma, is hereby authorized and directed to call an election to be held in said county on the 13th day of the month of December of the year 2005, A.D., on the following question:

SHALL A NINE-ONE-ONE WIRELESS EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FEE OF THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT REQUIRED BY LAW (CURRENTLY 50 CENTS PER MONTH PER WIRELESS CONNECTION) BE IMPOSED UPON EACH WIRELESS CONNECTION IN BECKHAM COUNTY AS DETERMINED BY THE ZIP CODE OF THE SUBSCRIBER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING REVENUE TO FUND THE COSTS OF PROCESSING NINE-ONE-ONE EMERGENCY WIRELESS CALLS, INCLUDING WHEN POSSIBLE, AUTOMATIC NUMBER IDENTIFICATION AND AUTOMATIC LOCATION OF WIRELESS NINE-ONE-ONE CALLS AND SELECTIVE ROUTING OF SUCH CALLS; SAID REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED, APPORTIONED AND DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO THE METHOD AND MANNER PROVIDED BY STATE STATUTE TO EVERY PUBLIC AGENCY WITHIN BECKHAM COUNTY THAT HAS EITHER ESTABLISHED AN EMERGENCY WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE OR THAT HAS MADE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO A WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF AN EMERGENCY WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE; SAID REVENUE TO BE USED BY THE RECIPIENT PUBLIC AGENCY ONLY FOR SERVICES AND COSTS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF NINE-ONE-ONE EMERGENCY WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICES?

The ballot used at said election shall set out the foregoing question as above set forth and shall also contain the words:

_____ For the above question.

_____ Against the above question.

Said election shall be held at the same places and in the same manner prescribed for the conduct of state and county elections and the polls shall be opened at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and remain open continuously until they are closed at 7:00 o'clock P.M. Notice of election upon such question shall be given in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 3: In the event that a majority of registered Beckham County voters voting thereon approve the question set forth above in Section 2 at the election called therein, all wireless telephone service providers having Beckham County subscribers shall commence collecting the Nine-One-One Wireless Emergency Telephone Fee assessed, levied and imposed above in Section 1 within sixty (60) days of the date of said election as required by the Oklahoma Statutes, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2843.1. Such fees shall be added to and stated separately in the billings to the service user, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2843.1. All collected Nine-One-One Wireless Emergency Telephone Fees shall be remitted to the Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) not later than thirty (30) days after the last day of the month during which the fees were collected; provided that the wireless telephone service provider may retain

an administrative fee of not more than two percent (2%) of the amount collected as an administrative fee as provided by Oklahoma Statutes, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2843.1. The wireless service provider shall have no obligation to take any legal action to enforce the collection of the Nine-One-One Wireless Emergency Telephone Fee, however, should any service user tender a payment insufficient to satisfy all charges, tariffs, fees, and taxes for wireless service, the amount tendered shall be credited to the Nine-One-One Wireless Emergency Telephone Fee in the same manner as other taxes and fees, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2843.1. The wireless service provider shall maintain records and account for the collected fees in the manner provided by Oklahoma Statutes, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2844(B).

SECTION 4: The county's substate planning district, Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA), shall receive all collected Nine-One-One Wireless Emergency Telephone Fees from wireless telephone service providers and shall segregate and deposit such fees to the credit of a special nine-one-one wireless emergency telephone account established by the district at a federally insured financial institution, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2844. SWODA shall apportion and disburse the collected fees to eligible public agencies as now provided in 63 O.S. 2001, § 2843.1(C), or as may hereafter be provided by the lawful Act of the Oklahoma Legislature. SWODA shall account for the receipt and disbursement of the fees as provided by law, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2844.

SECTION 5: All eligible public agencies receiving revenue from Nine-One-One Wireless Emergency Telephone Fees shall expend the same only for costs and services related to providing nine-one-one emergency wireless telephone services as authorized by the Oklahoma Statutes, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2843.1. The governing body of such public agency shall meet at least quarterly to oversee the operations of the emergency wireless telephone system, review expenditures, set and approve an operating budget, and take such other action as necessary for the operation and management of the system, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2844. The public agency shall account for the receipt and disbursement of the revenue received from Nine-One-One Wireless Emergency Telephone Fees as provided by law, 63 O.S. 2001, § 2844.

SECTION 6: This resolution shall become effective on March 1st, 200~~6~~⁶. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the peace, public health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

IT IS HEREBY FINALLY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this Resolution shall be published as provided by law.

Approved this 3rd day of October, 2005.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Under and by virtue of Title 63, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2843.1 and the Order of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Beckham, State of Oklahoma, authorizing the calling of an election for the purpose hereinafter set forth, as approved by said Board of County Commissioners on the 13th day of December, 2005, I the undersigned Chairman of the said Board of County Commissioners of the County of Beckham, State of Oklahoma, hereby call an election to be held in Beckham County on the 13th day of December, 2005, for the purpose of submitting to the registered, qualified voters of Beckham County the following proposition:

SHALL A NINE-ONE-ONE WIRELESS EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FEE OF THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT REQUIRED BY LAW (CURRENTLY 50 CENTS PER MONTH PER WIRELESS CONNECTION) BE IMPOSED UPON EACH WIRELESS CONNECTION IN BECKHAM COUNTY AS DETERMINED BY THE ZIP CODE OF THE SUBSCRIBER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING REVENUE TO FUND THE COSTS OF PROCESSING NINE-ONE-ONE EMERGENCY WIRELESS CALLS, INCLUDING WHEN POSSIBLE, AUTOMATIC NUMBER IDENTIFICATION AND AUTOMATIC LOCATION OF WIRELESS NINE-ONE-ONE CALLS AND SELECTIVE ROUTING OF SUCH CALLS; SAID REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED, APPORTIONED AND DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO THE METHOD AND MANNER PROVIDED BY STATE STATUTE TO EVERY PUBLIC AGENCY WITHIN BECKHAM COUNTY THAT HAS EITHER ESTABLISHED AN EMERGENCY WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE OR THAT HAS MADE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO A WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF AN EMERGENCY WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE; SAID REVENUE TO BE USED BY THE RECIPIENT PUBLIC AGENCY ONLY FOR SERVICES AND COSTS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF NINE-ONE-ONE EMERGENCY WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICES?

The ballot used as said election shall set out the foregoing Proposition as above set forth, and shall also contain the words:

_____ For the above question.

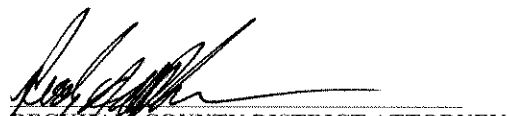
_____ Against the above question.

Said election shall be held at the same places and in the same manner prescribed for the conduct of State and County elections and the polls shall be opened at 7:00 A.M., and remain open continuously until and be closed at 7:00 P.M.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Beckham, State of Oklahoma.

ATTEST:

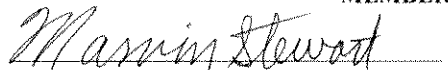

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