

SB 531

THE STATE SENATE
Wednesday, February 19, 2003

Senate Bill No. 531
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 531 - By: LITTLEFIELD of the Senate and ROBERTS of the House.

An Act relating to counties and county officers; amending 11 O.S. 2001, Section 36-113, which relates to municipalities; authorizing the board of county commissioners to make certain improvements to certain municipalities; amending 19 O.S. 2001, Section 339, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 142, O.S.L. 2002 (19 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 339), which relates to the general powers of the county commissioners; modifying powers of the board of county commissioners; increasing population limit of municipalities in which county owned equipment may be utilized; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2001, Section 36-113, is amended to read as follows:

Section 36-113. A. The Department of Transportation may, or the board of county commissioners of any county or federally recognized tribal government shall, by agreement with the governing body of a municipality having a population less than five thousand (5,000), construct, improve, repair or maintain any of the streets of the municipality.

B. The Subject to the provisions of Section 339 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the board of county commissioners may construct, improve, repair, or maintain any of the streets of a

1 municipality having a population of less than five thousand (5,000)
2 ~~subject to the provisions of Section 339 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma~~
3 ~~Statutes.~~

4 C. Subject to the provisions of Section 339 of Title 19 of the
5 Oklahoma Statutes, the board of county commissioners may construct,
6 improve, repair or maintain any of the streets of a municipality
7 having a population of less than fifteen thousand (15,000) if the
8 county has passed a sales tax with the proceeds earmarked to
9 construct, improve, repair or maintain any of the streets **or**
10 **roadways of such county.**

11 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 339, as
12 amended by Section 1, Chapter 142, O.S.L. 2002 (19 O.S. Supp. 2002,
13 Section 339), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 339. A. The county commissioners shall have power:

15 1. To make all orders respecting the real property of the
16 county, to sell the public grounds of the county and to purchase
17 other grounds in lieu thereof; and for the purpose of carrying out
18 the provisions of this section it shall be sufficient to convey all
19 the interests of the county in such grounds when an order made for
20 the sale and a deed is executed in the name of the county by the
21 chair of the board of county commissioners, reciting the order, and
22 signed by the chair and acknowledged by the county clerk for and on
23 behalf of the county;

1 2. To audit the accounts of all officers having the care,
2 management, collection or disbursement of any money belonging to the
3 county or appropriated for its benefit;

4 3. To construct and repair bridges and to open, lay out and
5 vacate highways: Provided, however, that when any state
6 institution, school or department shall own, lease or otherwise
7 control land on both sides of any established highway, the governing
8 board or body of the same shall have the power to vacate, alter or
9 relocate the highway adjoining the property in the following manner:

10 If it should appear that it would be to the best use and
11 interest of such institution, school or department to vacate, alter
12 or relocate such highway, the governing board or body shall notify
13 the board of county commissioners, in writing, of their intention to
14 hold a public hearing and determine whether to vacate, alter or
15 relocate such highway, setting forth the location and terminals of
16 the road, and all data concerning the proposed right-of-way if
17 changed or relocated, and shall give fifteen (15) days' notice of
18 such hearing by publication in some newspaper in the county or
19 counties in which the road is located, and such hearing shall be
20 held at the county seat of the county in which the road is located,
21 and if a county line road, may be heard in either county. At such
22 hearing testimony may be taken, and any protests or suggestions
23 shall be received as to the proposed measure, and at the conclusion

1 thereof if the governing board or body shall find that it would be
2 to the best use and interest of such institution, school or
3 department, and the public generally, they may make an appropriate
4 order either vacating, altering or relocating the highway, which
5 order shall be final if approved by the board of county
6 commissioners. Such institution, school or department may by
7 agreement share the cost of changing any such road. No property
8 owner shall be denied access to a public highway by such order;

9 4. To recommend or sponsor an employee or prospective employee
10 for job-related training and certification in an area that may
11 require training or certification to comply with state or federal
12 law as such training or certification is provided by the Oklahoma
13 Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, or
14 any other state agency, technology center school, or university;

15 5. Until January 1, 1983, to furnish necessary blank books,
16 plats, blanks and stationery for the clerk of the district court,
17 county clerk, register of deeds, county treasurer and county judge,
18 sheriff, county surveyor and county attorney, justices of the peace,
19 and constables, to be paid for out of the county treasury; also a
20 fireproof vault sufficient in which to keep all the books, records,
21 vouchers and papers pertaining to the business of the county;

22 6. To set off, organize and change the boundaries of townships
23 and to designate and give names therefor: Provided, that the

1 boundaries of no township shall be changed within six (6) months
2 next preceding a general election;

3 7. To lease tools, apparatus, machinery or equipment of the
4 county to another political subdivision or a state agency. The
5 Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma State
6 University Center for Local Government Technology and the Office of
7 the State Auditor and Inspector, together, shall establish a system
8 of uniform rates for the leasing of such tools, apparatus, machinery
9 and equipment;

10 8. To jointly, with other counties, buy heavy equipment and to
11 loan or lease such equipment across county lines;

12 9. To develop minimum personnel policies for the county with
13 the approval of a majority of all county elected officers;

14 10. To purchase, rent, or lease-purchase uniforms, safety
15 devices and equipment for the officers and employees of the county
16 and, provide incentive awards for safety related job performance.
17 However, no employee shall be recognized more than once per calendar
18 year and the award shall not exceed the value of One Hundred Dollars
19 (\$100.00). The county commissioners may pay for any safety training
20 or safety devices and safety equipment out of the general county
21 funds or any county highway funds available to the county
22 commissioners;

1 11. To provide for payment of notary commissions, filing fees,
2 and the cost of notary seals and bonds;

3 12. To do and perform such other duties and acts that the board
4 of county commissioners may be required by law to do and perform;

5 13. To make purchases at a public auction pursuant to the
6 county purchasing procedures in subsection D of Section 1505 of this
7 title;

8 14. To deposit interest income from highway funds in the
9 general fund of the county;

10 15. To submit sealed bids for the purchase of equipment from
11 this state, or any agency or political subdivision of this state;

12 16. To utilize county owned equipment, labor and supplies at
13 their disposal on property owned by the county, public schools,
14 state and municipalities with a population less than five thousand
15 (5,000) or with a population less than fifteen thousand (15,000) if
16 the municipality has passed a sales tax with the proceeds earmarked
17 for construction, maintenance, improvement or repair of any of the
18 streets or roadways of such county. Cooperative agreements may be
19 general in terms of routine maintenance or specific in terms of
20 construction and agreed to and renewed on an annual basis. Work
21 performed pursuant to Section 36-113 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma
22 Statutes shall comply with the provisions of this section;

1 17. To enter into intergovernmental cooperative agreements with
2 the federally recognized Indian tribes within this state to address
3 issues of construction and maintenance of streets, roads, bridges
4 and highways exclusive of the provisions of Section 1221 of Title 74
5 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

6 18. To execute hold harmless agreements with the lessor in the
7 manner provided by subsection B of Section 636.5 of Title 69 of the
8 Oklahoma Statutes when leasing or lease-purchasing equipment;

9 19. To accept donations of right-of-way or right-of-way
10 easements pursuant to Section 381 et seq. of Title 60 of the
11 Oklahoma Statutes;

12 20. To establish by resolution the use of per diem for specific
13 purposes in accordance with the limitations provided by Sections
14 500.8 and 500.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

15 21. To apply to the Department of Environmental Quality for a
16 waste tire permit to bale waste tires for use in approved
17 engineering projects.

18 B. The county commissioners of a county or, in counties where
19 there is a county budget board, the county budget board may
20 designate money from general county funds for the designated purpose
21 of drug enforcement and drug abuse prevention programs within the
22 county.

1 C. When any lease or lease purchase is made on behalf of the
2 county by the board pursuant to the provisions of this section, the
3 county shall be allowed to have trade in values for transactions
4 involving the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, ~~Section 85.1 et seq.~~
5 ~~of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

6 D. In order to timely comply with the Oklahoma Vehicle License
7 and Registration Act with regard to county vehicles, the board of
8 county commissioners may, by resolution, create a petty cash
9 account. The board of county commissioners may request a purchase
10 order for petty cash in an amount necessary to pay the expense of
11 license and registration fees for county motor vehicles. Any
12 balance in the petty cash account after the license and registration
13 fees have been paid shall be returned to the account or fund from
14 which the funds originated. The county purchasing agent shall be
15 the custodian of the petty cash account, and the petty cash account
16 shall be subject to audit.

17 E. When the board of county commissioners approve an express
18 trust, pursuant to Sections 176 through 180.3 of Title 60 of the
19 Oklahoma Statutes, for the purpose of operating a county jail, the
20 trustees of the public trust may appoint commissioned peace
21 officers, certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and
22 Training, to provide security for inmates that are required to be
23 transported outside of the detention facility, and investigate

1 violations of law within the detention facility. Other personnel
2 necessary to operate the jail may be employed and trained or
3 certified as may be required by applicable state or federal law.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 2-17-03
9 - DO PASS, As Amended.