

Summary of Projects, Actions, and Accomplishments of Brent Rinehart While Serving as Oklahoma City Councilman or Oklahoma County Commissioner

Brent is known for his reform successes while on the City Council. Brent succeeded at closing down illegal strip bars, sponsored measures that recognize our veterans by giving those who honorably served our country preference in the hiring process for city jobs, sponsored a measure that puts Oklahoma City on record as recognizing September as Veterans Appreciation Month, opposed tax increases and oversaw 133 miles of road resurfacing in his Council District. During his time in office, the most vibrant economic development in Oklahoma City was in Ward 4.

Commissioner Rinehart knows firsthand what it takes to make a business run successfully and make the bottom line. Brent campaigned on a platform to bring a more business-like and professional approach to county government while advancing economic development. His guiding goals are to restructure, reduce and reform government on behalf of the taxpayer.

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Item 1: Rehiring of District 2 Employees Based on Merit

Background Information: On Thursday, April 28, 2005, Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart announced the completion of a merit based rehiring process for the District 2 Highway Department and the downtown Administrative office resulting in the elimination of three positions and reclassification of three other positions.

“I am pleased to announce the completion of a merit based human resource selection process where all employees were hired based on their qualifications for the job. We are now a lean operation with 42 full-time and 1 part-time employees. Political considerations were completely removed as they should have been. In early January we set a target of April 15 and that’s when we completed this most complex process.”

Item 2: Brought Accounts Payable Up To Current Date

Background Information: Brought equipment lease accounts to current status, negotiated the removal of all late charges, and brought accounts payable up to current date. Thereby, saving tax dollars that would have been spent on late fees.

“Accounts payables were brought up to date and late fees renegotiated within my first one hundred days in office.”

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Item 3: Reduce Roadside Grass Fire Risks

Background Information: Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart reassigned additional Highway Department staff to join in an existing effort to mow county roadsides and cut brush from county roads in order to minimize grass fire risks to property owners. The state was under a red flag warning caused by volatile conditions that increased the likelihood of grass fires.

“This action is to minimize the wildfire risk to all property owners by the District 2 Highway Department by cutting as much roadside grass and brush as possible. I have directed the Highway Superintendent to double up on our existing effort until we pass through this time of high fire risk,” said Rinehart.

Item 4: Relaunched District 2 Oklahoma County Website

Background Information: Rinehart Relaunches District 2 Oklahoma County Website. The site is content rich and advances Government Transparency.

Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart has authorized a rework of his county website that raises the standard of government transparency regarding the business of the county. The new, content rich, website features an updated “County Government and Tax Reform” page that encapsulates many of the reform initiatives sponsored by Commissioner Rinehart.

Item 5: End Graveled County Roads in District 2

Background Information: Professionalism Pays Off for Taxpayers Rinehart – First Commissioner to Bring End to Gravel County Roads in District.

County Commissioner Brent Rinehart announced that all opened county roads in District 2 have been provided a hard surface, a historic first for the County. In all, 179 miles of county roads are now completed in District 2. Under Rinehart’s leadership, the District 2 Highway Department has completed 62 lane miles of roadway construction.

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Item 6: Created Public Works Recycling Fund

Background Information: Created "Public Works Recycling Fund" to receive money from recycled cans and metal collected by inmates on roadside cleaning duty. This fund is used for inmate equipment and materials purchases.

Item 7: Purchased Traffic Sign Manufacturing Machine

Background Information: Purchased a new traffic sign manufacturing machine which produces signs faster, of better quality and at a lower per unit cost. The computerized unit replaced a 1990 machine that was functionally antiquated. The computerized unit runs an estimated 50 times faster than the old machine with less waste of sign material. Over 200 informational, county, state and federal highways signs have been produced at 10% savings in material and a reduced turnaround time of 21 to 35 days.

Item 8: Purchased Fuel Tracking System

Background Information: District 2 also purchased and installed an electronic fuel dispensing and monitoring device that keeps accurate records of fuel use. The electronic fuel monitoring device was installed by Rinehart on May 16, 2005. On a 14 month average, the overall use of fuel by District 2 averaged 5,262 gallon of diesel per month and 1,702 gallons of unleaded gasoline per month.

Item 9: December 2007 Ice Storm Debris Removal

Background Information: An organized effort utilizing private contractors and District 2 crews resulted in 170,000 cubic yards of debris removal caused by the ice storm in December 2007. Three out of four dollars of the costs associated with debris removal were reimbursed by FEMA. Debris removal was conducted within FEMA guidelines resulting in 85% reimbursement to the county for actual expenses.

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Item 10: Four Day – Ten Hour Work Day Saves Fuel

Background Information: Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart put his Highway Department on a four day – ten hour work shift as a means to increase fuel efficiency. The changed work schedule meant that mileage driven to and from the jobsite from the Highway Department was reduced by 20% per week. An additional benefit was that highway crews were subjected to one less day of intense heat during the summer by working the longer hours during the four work days.

“My goal is to reduce the cost of doing business to the taxpayer by bringing good business practices to county government,” said Rinehart.

Item 11: Improved Signage at Lake Stanley Draper

Background Information: Commissioner Brent Rinehart announces the posting of important signage for the new Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) recreation facility on Lake Draper Drive.

The new signage will help direct ORV sporting enthusiasts to the new area and away from the older preexisting area that is now closed to ORV activity.

With the proposed closing of the older riding area, Commissioner Rinehart worked diligently, as an Oklahoma City Councilman, with the riding community and the Oklahoma City planning staff to secure an alternate riding area. The new area offers many amenities and opportunities that the previous area did not.

As a Councilman, Commissioner Rinehart championed other important projects at Lake Stanley Draper and remains an enthusiastic supporter of Draper Lake development.

Commissioner Rinehart remains committed to improving Lake Stanley Draper facilities and making the lake more accessible to Oklahoma County residents.

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Item 12: 15 Year Drainage Effort Preventing District 2 Roadway Flooding

Background Information: Commissioner Brent Rinehart cited the 15 year work plan of a four-man drainage crew who spend approximately 50 weeks a year in removing barriers to county road drainage and installing water flow specific tin horns that minimize risk to District 2 county roads to flooding.

“Since taking office, we have installed 415 tin horns in District 2. The installation of each new tin horn provides assurance that water is provided a path to escape from our roads and be directed to the appropriate stream, river or lake.”

Item 13: \$30,000 Grant Award Will Increase New Roadway Safety and Street Signage

Background Information: Rural Eastern Oklahoma County to Benefit, Rinehart Announces \$30,000 Grant Award will Increase New Roadway Safety and Street Signage.

County Commissioner Brent Rinehart announces the award of a Rural Economic Action Plan grant of \$30,827.47 for the purchase and installation of 618 roadway safety and street signs for rural Eastern Oklahoma County. The new signs will provide greater reflectivity to increase visibility and conform to Oklahoma Department of Transportation regulations.

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Item 14: Dedication of Newly Constructed NE 36th Street Bridge by Rinehart, BIA and Tribal Leaders

Background Information: County Commissioner Brent Rinehart, acting Bureau of Indian Affairs Executive Director Kent Collier and Kickapoo Tribal leader Ray Murdock were among those who participated in the ribbon cutting and Tribal Blessing Ceremony of the bridge.

“This is an excellent example of the working partnership between the Kickapoo Tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and my office to improve roads and bridges in District 2,” said Rinehart.

Item 15: Successful Effort to Speed up New Britton Road Bridges

Background Information: Commissioner Rinehart leads Successful Effort to Speed up New Britton Road Bridges for funding approval of two million dollars for 3 new bridges and road surfaces.

Item 16: District 2 Obtains Record State and Federal Funds

Background Information: \$5,785,921 in grant funds from outside sources for road and bridge construction since taking office.

Item 17: New Signage Removes Politics from Highway Department Building

Background Information: Rinehart’s march against “Good Ol’ Boys” continues by replacing former commissioner’s name on building with employee selected motto.

Commissioner Brent Rinehart released photos that display the removal of the former commissioner’s name from the County Highway Department building located at I-240 and Anderson Road.

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Item 18: Employee Input Quality Improvement Survey and Employee Focus Group

Background Information: Employee Focus Group membership was determined by a random process of selecting a representative from each employee work group. Urgent Need to Secure Safe and Newer Equipment.

The mission of the Employee Focus Group is to discuss responses made to each Employee Input Quality Improvement Survey question and then establish an order of the top important resources to be addressed.

Item 19: Unsuccessful Effort to Remove “Sexual Orientation” in the County Employee Handbook

Background Information: Commissioner Rinehart introduced and supported a resolution to remove the stealthily inserted term “sexual orientation” from the County employee handbook. The measure failed when a majority of County Officials voted to keep the controversial language in the handbook.

Item 20: Proposal to Remove Politics from Employment Transfers

Background Information: The Board of County Commissioners adopted a proposal sponsored by Commissioner Brent Rinehart to eliminate language in the Oklahoma County Employee Handbook that formerly gave political officials the right to deny the transfer of leave balances of employees who seek to advance their career by gaining employment with a different county officer or department.

“The ability of an elected official to deny the transfer of leave was based on a political model of employment as opposed to a business model,” states Rinehart. “I want to bring a business approach to county government where the taxpayer gets the biggest bang for their buck. By eliminating this vestige of ‘Good Old Boy’ politics from our employment policy we are setting a higher standard of professionalism in county government.”

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Item 21: Standardized Safety Criteria in County Government “Safety Bonus” Program

Background Information: Commissioner Brent Rinehart is seeking to establish countywide objective safety standards for county employees. Currently, in Oklahoma County, there are no countywide standardized workplace safety criteria in place in which to measure safety performance and workplace adherence.

Commissioner Rinehart has asked Oklahoma County’s Health and Safety Manager to create standardized safety criteria to apply across all departments of Oklahoma County government.

Item 22: Inmate Halfway House Program called “Stop the Revolving Door”

Background Information: A Transition Program from Incarceration to Halfway House Employment with Oklahoma County Highway District Two.

Commissioner Brent Rinehart is an advocate of providing those inmates who have provided exceptional work service to Oklahoma County District 2, while incarcerated, with continued employment after achieving halfway house status. Thus, it is the policy of Oklahoma County District 2 to provide employment to a select number of halfway house residents in order to stop the revolving door of recidivism.

Item 23: Computers in the Highway Office for Safety Training and Informational Updates on Equipment

Background Information: Commissioner Rinehart provided five computers to the Highway Department for purposes of safety training and access to Internet and CDs for parts and mechanical information. Additionally, computer access provided the ability for Crew Chiefs to communicate with other county departments via email resulting in greater productivity and efficiency.

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Item 24: Sponsors Energy Star® Program

Background Information: The Oklahoma County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with the National Association of Counties (NACo) Energy Star Courthouse Campaign. The five step energy efficiency campaign was submitted to the board for approval by Commissioner Brent Rinehart who is hopeful the new program will make the county more energy efficient.

Item 25: “Performance Audits” for each County Office and “Performance Audit Pledge” for County Officials

Background Information: Commissioner Brent Rinehart has called upon all county officials to sign a pledge to the taxpayers to support performance audits for their respective county office. Under the agenda item scheduled for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners each county official has their name and office listed on a document titled “The Pledge as a County Officer to Support Performance Audits on Behalf of the Taxpayers of Oklahoma County”.

“I am giving every county official an opportunity to put their name on the line in support of accountability in county government. It’s time to stand in favor of the taxpayer by signing ‘The Pledge’ to ask the Audit and Inspectors Office to conduct a performance audit of their office,” said Rinehart. Rinehart continued, “The Evergreen Foundation of Washington State is a leading advocate of accountability in state government through performance audits. They have laid the intellectual ground work for advancing performance audits as a public policy initiative.”

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Item 26: Institutes Internet Based Citizen Feedback Service

Background Information: Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart announces a new service that allows citizens to provide input directly to the Commissioner using the Internet. This new service known as the “District Two Citizen Action Request” Internet system is accessed through the Commissioners’ county home page and is the result of Rinehart seeking assistance from the Oklahoma County MIS Department in using new technology to encourage input from the citizens of District Two.

“Today, anyone who wants to express an opinion or make information available regarding a pothole or road condition can do so by going to our county website and expressing their thoughts using this new service feature,” said Rinehart.

Item 27: “Open Meetings” and “Open Records” Policy in Budgeting Process under Reestablished Budget Board

Background Information: Public Was Not Invited to Swimming Pool Party for Last Year’s Budget Drafting. Rinehart Proposes “Open Meetings” and “Open Records” Policy in Budgeting Process under Reestablished Budget Board.

Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart has submitted a proposal to hold all future budgeting meetings under the guidelines of the “Open Meeting Act” and the “Open Record Act”. Rinehart has a long history of advocating transparency in government and believes that under any budgeting process, the citizens of Oklahoma County are better served if the budget is drawn up in the full light of the public.

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Item 28: Maximum Political Transparency in County Road and Bridge Construction Fails

Background Information: The Oklahoma County Board of Commissioners turned down Commissioner Brent Rinehart's proposal for improved political transparency in road and bridge projects.

The revised policy simply sought to place property owners abutting projects on the five year road and bridge plan on a map and post it on the Oklahoma County website for the public to have better access.

Rinehart's proposed transparency policy provided improved transparency from what existed. Currently Oklahoma County has no political transparency policy.

Item 29: \$1.7 million Savings through Countywide Vehicle Fleet Policy

Background Information: Commissioner Brent Rinehart successfully sponsored a measure last year that called on the State Audit and Inspector to conduct a performance audit of the passenger vehicle fleet of the various offices in Oklahoma County government. "The performance audit of the county passenger vehicles identified areas of policy improvement that can save county taxpayers \$1.7 million," said Rinehart.

"My office has taken the lead to craft a policy document with measures that are driven by specific recommendations identified in the audit," said Rinehart. Commissioner Rinehart launched the drive for increased efficiencies and lower costs for taxpayers on March 30, 2005, when he moved the Board of County Commissioners to request the State Auditor to conduct the vehicle performance audit, which motion carried unanimously.

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Item 30: Resolution Calling Upon Legislature to Bring Tighter Ethics Rules to Local Elections

Background Information: Commissioner Brent Rinehart introduced a resolution calling on the state legislature to apply the same disclosure rules for state candidates to candidates for county office.

Under the proposal advanced by Rinehart, county candidates would be required to file reports more frequently, disclose more donor information and the contribution threshold for making disclosures would be lower.

Item 31: Barcoding of County Property

Background Information: Confirmed the lack of barcoding of county property contributed to the audit findings that the Assessor's office lost \$98,989 of equipment and furniture from their inventory.

Item 32: Countywide Standardized Definition of Terms for Highway Construction Activities

Background Information: Commissioner Rinehart sponsored a measure approved by the BOCC that brought a standardized terminology of terms for highway construction activities used by the county to represent activities to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

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Item 33: Budget Requests Posted on County Website

Background Information: Budget Requests Posted on County Website

For the first time in history, taxpayers can review through the internet the individual budget requests submitted by county officials and department heads by accessing the county website at <http://www.oklahomacounty.org/> and following the link titled "Budget Information" to the budget page titled "Transparency in Government."

The posting of budget information was sponsored by Commissioner Brent Rinehart and approved 3-0 by the Board of County Commissioners. Last year Rinehart also sponsored the policy to create the "Transparency in Government" web page.

Item 34: Proposal to Increase County Government Transparency Adopted

Background Information: Rinehart's Proposal to Increase County Government Transparency Adopted

Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart's proposal to direct the county Management of Information Systems to place all Board of County Commission meeting agenda packet documents on the county website for public review was unanimously approved by Commissioners.

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Item 35: Super Snow Routes

Background Information: Oklahoma County, Cities, Join Forces to form Super Snow Routes for Public Safety Emergency meeting forms countywide snow route coalition.

“There were gaps between the various cities and municipalities where someone could be on a snow route and the snow route ended before reaching another jurisdiction’s snow route. We hope to put an end to the confusion with today’s announcement,” said District Two Commissioner Brent Rinehart. “Everyone came to the table and said ‘what can we do to help’ and by doing so the public is going to be better served with these seamless countywide snow routes,” said District Three Commissioner Ray Vaughn.

Item 36: First Ever Oklahoma County Commissioner to Complete Roads Scholar Training in County Road and Bridge Construction

Background Information: Commissioner Brent Rinehart is the first Oklahoma County Commissioner in the history of the county to complete the County Roads Scholar program offered through the Local Technical Assistance Program at Oklahoma State University. Rinehart started the program after taking office in 2005 and just completed the final course.

“The primary responsibility of a County Commissioner is road and bridge repair and construction; in completing this most important program, I am better able to serve the citizens of District 2,” said Rinehart.

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Item 37: Newalla Receives Decontamination Equipment

Background Information: Commissioner Rinehart Congratulates Newalla Volunteer Fire Department in Obtaining State of the Art Decontamination Equipment.

Rinehart continued, "The leadership of the Newalla Volunteer Fire Department has moved this department one major step closer to providing the maximum ability to respond effectively to the various types of chemical and biohazards accidents that could occur in our part of the county."

Item 38: \$30,000 to Del City Economic Development Project

Background Information: Commissioner Rinehart Contributes \$30,000 to Del City Economic Development Project

Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart will present a check of \$30,000 to Del City to assist local economic development efforts on Monday, August 1, 2005, at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. The money is to assist in the engineering costs of road improvements necessary for the economic development success of Del City to lure a new Walmart Super Center near I-40 and Sooner Road.

"Taxpayers already pay enough taxes; in Oklahoma County we need to create a business environment where government gets out of the way so that the market place creates the prosperity that all Oklahomans desire. We must never forget that government only redistributes wealth the private sector and citizens first create," said Rinehart.

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Item 39: \$5,400 check to Midwest City Firefighters

Background Information: Commissioner Rinehart presents \$5,400 check to Midwest City Firefighters.

County Commissioner Brent Rinehart presented a check in the amount of \$5,435 to Midwest City Fire Marshal Jerry Lojka to reimburse Midwest City for equipment expenses associated with a need to replace fire hose and purchase several foam packs and foam.

“The Midwest City Fire Department has an outstanding reputation for service and professionalism. I am honored to present a check to help cover some of the expense the Fire Department experienced while providing service to the community,” said Rinehart.

“The funds made available are the result of sound financial management. The money provided to the City of Midwest City is derived through savings my office generated during the last year. Thus, the money is being returned to the citizens of Midwest City,” said Rinehart.

Item 40: “Exceptional Merit Award” from Keep Oklahoma Beautiful

Background Information: Rinehart accepts “Keep Oklahoma Beautiful” Award for “excellent” use of state resources for county work.

Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart will accept an award from “Keep Oklahoma Beautiful” for his “excellent” use of inmates for public works projects that has earned the District “Exceptional Merit” recognition in the Government/environmental category.

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Item 41: Oklahoma Centennial Virtual Tour of District 2

Background Information: Commissioner Brent Rinehart submitted an official invitation to Commissioners Inman and Roth and all county employees to take a virtual Centennial Tour of Oklahoma County District 2.

While on the virtual tour, the visitor will travel back into Oklahoma County history as well as to the State Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, Bricktown, Tinker Air Force Base and other notable sites in District 2 with Commissioner Rinehart serving as the tour guide.

"I look forward to the positive outcomes associated with a world-class tour that promotes those features and places in Oklahoma County that create jobs, generate economic development and attract tourism," said Rinehart.

Item 42: Podcasts and Vodcast

Background Information: Another first for Commissioner Rinehart was the creation of Podcasts and Vodcasts and posting them on the District 2 website. The first ever Podcast in Oklahoma County Government was posted on September 21, 2007.

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Item 43: 'Patriot Act' Reform

Background Information: Rinehart Promotes Reforms of "Patriot Act"

Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart has sponsored a county resolution calling for amending the Patriot Act.

In his proposal, the resolution calls upon the President, the Attorney General and the Congress to closely "monitor the implementation of the (Patriot) Act and any Executive Orders designed to implement this Act and actively work for the repeal of the Act or those sections of the Act and any Executive Orders that violate, threaten, or infringe fundamental rights and liberties as stated in the United States Constitution and its Amendments."

Rinehart states, "We must be ever vigilant to never sacrifice freedom for government security during a time of crisis, especially when those freedoms are imbedded in our Constitution."

Item 44: United States Constitution Day

Background Information: Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart sponsored a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners that recognizes September 17 of each year as Constitution Day. The Constitution of the United States was signed by delegates to the Constitutional Convention on its last day, which fell on September 17, 1787.

President George W. Bush signed into law in 2004 a measure that established September 17 as Constitution Day at the federal level of government. The action of the Board of County Commissioners formally recognizes September 17 as Constitution Day at the county level.

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Item 45: “Solidarity Resolution” with the people of London

Background Information: Commissioner Brent Rinehart Offers Solidarity Resolution Against Terrorism to the People of London

Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart sponsored resolution No. 1106 condemning the terrorist attacks in London, England that occurred on July 7, 2005. The resolution was approved and signed unanimously by the Board of County Commissioners.

“We experienced the cowardly act of terrorism on April 19, 1995 as the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building took place in Oklahoma County,” Rinehart said in a letter written to London Mayor Ken Livingstone. “We too, know firsthand the pain of such loss.”

Item 46: County Veterans Month

Background Information: Rinehart sponsors Veterans Day Recognition and declaring November Veterans Appreciation Month

A resolution sponsored by Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart to express appreciation to Oklahoma County Veterans and declaring November as Veterans Appreciation Month was approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

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Item 47: Distinguished WWII and Korean Conflict Veteran Honored

Background Information: Distinguished WWII and Korean Conflict Veteran Honored by County Commissioners

World War II and Korean Conflict veteran and former POW, Colonel Pendleton Woods, (Ret), was honored “for his lifetime of outstanding patriotism and service to his city, county and country” by the Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County.

“It’s a real pleasure to recognize such an outstanding patriot and civic leader as Col. Woods. Today, with many of our fellow country men and women in the military service who are in harm’s way, I think it’s important they know that we in Oklahoma County recognize and appreciate our veterans,” concluded Rinehart.

Item 48: Hruskocy Gate Project

Background Information: Rinehart proposes “Taxpayers Boulevard” name New road to Hruskocy Gate named for supporters of Tinker

County Commissioner Brent Rinehart announced at the ribbon cutting dedication of the new Hruskocy Gate at Tinker Air Force Base that he will ask fellow Commissioners to submit “Taxpayers Boulevard,” as the proposed name of the newly constructed road that provides access to Tinker’s recently relocated Hruskocy Gate. The road is in the city limits of Oklahoma City and the City will ultimately approve the suggested name. The new roadway connects the relocated gate entrance to Industrial Boulevard where traffic will access the base.

Rinehart states, “Because the taxpayers have shown steadfast support for Tinker Air Force Base, I believe it is appropriate for everyone to be reminded of the importance of local taxpayers who have helped make Tinker the envy of the world. Taxpayers and their continued support for bond issues deserve recognition.”

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Item 49: Termination of the Remaining \$30,000,000 of Tinker Bond Issue

Background Information: Citing the “mission has been accomplished” and “retaining the public’s trust,” Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart has submitted a request to the Board of County Commissioners to set a date for the Tinker Bond Advisory committee to recommend the canceling of the remaining \$30 million of outstanding bonds approved by voters to provide added security to Tinker Air Force Base.

Item 50: Bird Strike Threat to Tinker

Background Information: Commissioner Brent Rinehart will seek approval of a \$25,252 safety contract with the United States Department of Agriculture to reduce the potential of bird strikes by aircraft in the Tinker flight pattern at Wednesday’s Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Item 51: County Jail Overcrowding Statewide

Background Information: County Jail Overcrowding is a State Issue that Needs to be Resolved. Commissioner Rinehart Asks Legislative Candidates Statewide To Support Legislative Proposal.

Rinehart is “proposing that after 72 hours of sentencing, if the state inmate is not taken by the Department of Corrections, that the inmate be released to a private prison where the state is to pay the cost of inmate incarceration directly to the private prison.”

Item 52: Felons and Sex Offenders in Nursing Homes

Background Information: Discussion and possible action to receive the inquiry from Commissioner Brent Rinehart regarding the recent reports of the Sheriff’s office sending jail inmates to nursing homes placing senior citizens at risk.

Item 53: Warehousing State Inmates at Overcrowded County Jail

Background Information: Double Taxation of County Residents is wrong. Rinehart opposes Sheriff's contract to continue warehousing state inmates at overcrowded County Jail.

"Warehousing state inmates at the county jail is a problem that must be stopped and that is why I will be voting to reject the voluntary contract to overcrowd the county jail as requested by the Sherriff," concluded Rinehart in his letter to fellow Commissioners.

Item 54: Court Ruling Mandating State Inmate Transfers

Background Information: Rinehart Welcomes Court Ruling Mandating State Inmate Transfers.

Oklahoma City – "On behalf of the many citizens who have expressed support for meaningful reform of the Oklahoma County Jail, I welcome the decision of Judge Ray Elliott ordering the Sheriff to remove all state adjudicated inmates from the County Jail within 30 days. If all 611 state inmates are transferred in the next 30 days, taxpayers will realize a \$3,222,566.75 savings yearly."

"I have been cursed at and called names by the advocates of the good ol' boy system of County Government. I will not be distracted or dissuaded from tackling the tough problems that the go-along-get-along crowd want swept under the rug."

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Item 55: Jail Reform: Working to Save Oklahoma County Taxpayers

Background Information: County Commissioner Brent Rinehart pushed for jail reform in the Oklahoma County Sheriff's office in a number of tangible ways. First, Rinehart utilized his District 2 county website to inform the public of various jail related fiscal and operational issues. Rinehart presented the following jail related issues:

- A chronology of the Oklahoma County Jail Funding Task Force.
- A proposed jail trust authority document for the Oklahoma County Detention Center.
- The "Primary 9" Jail Committee report and recommendations.
- History of the Oklahoma County Detention Center.
- The Facility Group study and recommendations.
- Jail expansion economic impact summary.
- Inmate abuse judicial settlement pyramid.
- Financial analysis of the Oklahoma County Sheriff's office.
- Appointee letters to Oklahoma County Jail Funding Task Force members.

Item 56: County Jails are Not State Prisons

Background Information: March 2, 2007

Historically, county jails held an inmate after they were sentenced to state prison until the Department of Corrections (DOC) was notified and accepted the transferred detainee. A growing state inmate population has resulted in the DOC not accepting new transfers, thus leaving a state adjudicated inmate in the county jail for months on end.

In the February 28 editorial, "Shades of DOC", the Tulsa World identifies a problem that not only exists in Tulsa County, but exists in counties statewide, as more and more counties confront the demand for more local funding to house state inmates in the county jail.

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Item 57: Expansion Proposal Would Have Created County Jail 3 times the Population of Big Mac in Downtown OKC

Background Information: Court Ruling Upholding Inmates' Move Eliminates \$109 Million County Jail Expansion – February 5, 2007.

Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart praised the Court of Criminal Appeals' ruling that orders the Oklahoma County Sheriff to transfer and the Department of Corrections to receive state inmates that are backlogged in the Oklahoma County jail.

"I have long held that the overcrowding problem is one created by the state not accepting their inmates. The county jail is not a state prison. County Detention Officers and the inmate population are put at risk due to overcrowding conditions. An overcrowded jail is the ultimate negative example of a hostile workplace," stated Rinehart.

Item 58: Rinehart Initiates Discussion to Reduce Oklahoma County Jail Overcrowding by Sending Federal Inmates to Grady County Jail

Background Information: April 20, 2006, Oklahoma County Commissioner Brent Rinehart sent a letter to Grady County Commissioners and Sheriff asking if they are interested in housing federal inmates currently incarcerated at the overcrowded Oklahoma County Detention Center.

Grady County had experienced a financial hardship recently by overbuilding jail capacity without having an inmate population to fund the cost of the county jail. Grady County was in the process of completing the interior of the jail's unfinished fourth floor, creating space for housing an additional 234 beds.

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Item 59: U.S. Department of Justice Response from District Two

Background Information: The United States Department of Justice urgently removed all federal inmates from the Oklahoma County Detention Center citing “unconstitutional” and “unconscionable” detainee conditions. In response, the Oklahoma County Board of County Commissioners created ADAC to look at jail related issues cited in the DOJ report and make a recommendation by the end of 2008. Commissioner Rinehart offered three specific agenda items in response to the report.