

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE

BILL NO. 1998

By: Newberry and Ballenger of
the Senate

and

Jordan of the House

An Act relating to local transportation funding; amending 11 O.S. 2001, Section 36-113, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 387, O.S.L. 2003 (11 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 36-113), which relates to certain agreements between the Department of Transportation and municipalities; modifying provisions related to construction or improvement of municipal streets or roads; providing for construction, improvement, repair or maintenance of certain municipal streets by counties; prescribing conditions related to populations; providing certain mileage not to be used for formula; amending 19 O.S. 2001, Section 339, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 255, O.S.L. 2006 (19 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 339), which relates to powers of county commissioners; modifying provisions related to use of county-owned equipment; deleting reference to population limit; adding reference to certain provisions; amending 69 O.S. 2001, Section 603, which relates to certain contracts; authorizing contracts related to municipal streets based on certain agreement; 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, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 387, O.S.L. 2003 (11 O.S. Supp. 2009, 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. ~~Subject to the provisions of Section 339 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the~~ The board of county commissioners may construct, improve, repair, or maintain any of the streets of a municipality having a population of less than five thousand (5,000) persons subject to agreement between the governing bodies of the county and the municipality without regard to whether the municipality has passed a sales tax with proceeds earmarked to construct, improve, repair or maintain any of the streets or roadways of such municipality.

C. ~~Subject to the provisions of Section 339 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the~~ The board of county commissioners may construct, improve, repair or maintain any of the streets of a municipality having a population of greater than five thousand (5,000) persons but less than fifteen thousand (15,000) persons if the county municipality has passed a sales tax with the proceeds earmarked to construct, improve, repair or maintain any of the streets or roadways of such county municipality.

D. The board of county commissioners may construct, improve, repair, or maintain any of the streets of a municipality if the county has a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000) persons according to the most recent Federal Decennial Census. The agreements entered into pursuant to the provisions of this subsection may be performed without regard to whether the municipality has passed a sales tax with proceeds earmarked to construct, improve, repair or maintain any of the streets or roadways of such municipality.

E. If a county constructs, improves, repairs or maintains any municipal street or road pursuant to the provisions of this section, such municipal road mileage shall not be included in the computation of mileage for purposes of any state tax revenues apportioned to the county.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 339, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 255, O.S.L. 2006 (19 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 339), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

to the best use and interest of the institution, school or department, and the public generally, they may make an appropriate order either vacating, altering or relocating the highway, which order shall be final if approved by the board of county commissioners. The institution, school or department may by agreement share the cost of changing any such road. No property owner shall be denied access to a public highway by the order;

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

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

6. To set off, organize and change the boundaries of townships and to designate and give names therefor; provided, that the boundaries of no township shall be changed within six (6) months next preceding a general election;

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

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

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

10. To purchase, rent, or lease-purchase uniforms, safety devices and equipment for the officers and employees of the county and provide incentive awards for safety-related job performance. However, no employee shall be recognized more than once per calendar year and the award shall not exceed the value of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00); further, no elected official shall be eligible to receive a safety award. The county commissioners may pay for any safety training or safety devices and safety equipment out of the general county funds or any county highway funds available to the county commissioners;

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

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

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

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

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

16. To utilize county-owned equipment, labor and supplies at their disposal on property owned by the county, public schools, two-year colleges or technical branches of colleges that are members of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, the state and municipalities with a population less than five thousand (5,000) or with a population less than fifteen thousand (15,000) if the municipality or county has passed a sales tax with the proceeds earmarked for construction, maintenance, improvement or repair of any of the streets or roadways in the county according to the provisions of Section 36-113 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Cooperative agreements may be general in terms of routine maintenance or specific in terms of construction and agreed to and renewed on an annual basis. Work performed pursuant to Section 36-113 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall comply with the provisions of this section;

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

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

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

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

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

22. To enter into the National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Drug Discount Program.

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

C. When any lease or lease purchase is made on behalf of the county by the board pursuant to the provisions of this section, the county shall be allowed to have trade in values for transactions involving the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act.

D. In order to timely comply with the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act with regard to county vehicles, the board of county commissioners may, by resolution, create a petty cash account. The board of county commissioners may request a purchase order for petty cash in an amount necessary to pay the expense of

license and registration fees for county motor vehicles. Any balance in the petty cash account after the license and registration fees have been paid shall be returned to the account or fund from which the funds originated. The county purchasing agent shall be the custodian of the petty cash account, and the petty cash account shall be subject to audit.

E. When the board of county commissioners approve an express trust, pursuant to Sections 176 through 180.3 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for the purpose of operating a county jail, the trustees of the public trust may appoint commissioned peace officers, certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, to provide security for inmates that are required to be transported outside of the detention facility, and investigate violations of law within the detention facility. Other personnel necessary to operate the jail may be employed and trained or certified as may be required by applicable state or federal law.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2001, Section 603, is amended to read as follows:

Section 603. The board of county commissioners of any county may, under the direction of the Commission, contract for grading, draining or hardsurfacing any street within any municipality where such street is a continuation of or a connecting link in the State or County Highway System or if the county and the municipality have entered into an agreement pursuant to Section 36-113 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the construction, improvement, repair or maintenance of municipal streets.

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

Passed the Senate the 4th day of May, 2010.



Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of May, 2010.



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of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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