

**LATIMER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES FOR FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024**

The Latimer County Board of County Commissioners met on May 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Latimer County Courthouse, 109 N. Central, Wilburton, Oklahoma. Meeting was held upstairs in the small courtroom. Members present were: Jeremy Bullard, Jerry Jiles and Rodger Kimble. Guests were: Jana Scott, Cody Woods, Trenton Boston, Adam Woodruff, Rolan Lively, Daniel Lively, Mark Showell, Loran Mayes, JR Donoley, David Donoley and Larry Milligan. Erin Adams, Latimer County Clerk took the minutes.

Rodger Kimble, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

The Board opened the discussion up to the current status of the tornado sirens within Latimer County.

Rolan Lively stated to the Board and all present, his main concern was accountability. He stated that he requested the District Attorney to be present and made a comment that he did not show up. Mr. Lively asked Cody Woods, the Emergency Management Director if he still had a full-time job elsewhere, and Woods stated that he did. Lively also discussed Trenton Boston's job duties and demanded accountability of both Woods and Boston.

David Donoley voiced his concerns as well. Donoley stated that he has been within the community since the start of the siren alarm system. Donoley stated that when the consoles were changed there started to be problems with the encoder. Donoley stated that he has extensive knowledge regarding the tornado siren system.

Rolan Lively stated that he wanted an internal audit regarding the issue of the sirens not working. The Commissioners stated since the installation of the new computer the siren testing had been done by a silent type of a testing system. The Commissioners along with the Emergency Management staff did not realize that the testing signal was not reaching the sirens.

Commissioner Kimble agreed with Mr. Lively that the sirens should be working correctly. Kimble will be implementing a new testing form, that will be logged, that the Emergency Management Department will be using.

Daniel Lively had questions regarding the Emergency Management's yearly budget. He was also concerned about the administration of the Emergency Management Department and also wants accountability.

David Donoley stated again that we have a good warning system and people in place to make sure that the safety of the county is maintained. Donoley stated that the theory of the silent testing was good at first, but was not working. He stated that the encoder was the problem. Donoley said that these things can be fixed.

Commissioner Kimble stated that he acknowledges that the sirens were not working correctly, and that steps are being taken to fix the problems. Kimble along with David Donoley stated that all the volunteer fire departments in the county are aware of the tornado season and are out working during the storms. The county also has storm spotters throughout the county when bad weather arrives.

Trenton Boston stated that he takes his job as the Assistant Director of Emergency Management very seriously. Boston stated that the safety of Latimer County was his top priority.

Jeremy Bullard made a motion for the Board to adjourn. Jerry Jiles seconded the motion. The motion was voted as follows: Bullard-aye; Jiles-aye; Kimble-aye. The motion carried.

The Board adjourned.


Rodger Kimble, Chairman


Jerry Jiles, Vice Chairman


Jeremy Wayne Bullard, Member


Erin Adams, Latimer County Clerk

