

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1108

By: Cleveland of the House

and

Sharp of the Senate

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board; amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 302.1, which relates to the Department of Transportation County Advisory Board; modifying authority concerning Board member selection; amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 636.3, as amended by Section 576, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (69 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 636.3), which relates to county lease and lease payment contracts; modifying authority concerning county funding classification designation development; amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 655, which relates to county route markers; modifying responsibility for devising certain route numbering scheme; amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 656, which relates to county bridge and construction projects; modifying authority concerning design standards for certain projects and development of related regulations; amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 659, which relates to county bridge standards; modifying authority concerning approval of certain county bridge standards; amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 689, which relates to local road design standards; modifying authority concerning the development of certain road design standards; amending 27A O.S. 2011, Section 2-10-804, which relates to use of fees for county solid waste management plans; modifying consulting authority concerning certain solid waste plans; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 302.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 302.1 A. There is hereby created the Department of Transportation County Advisory Board. The Board shall be made up of nine (9) county commissioners selected by the ~~Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma~~ Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board. One member shall be elected from each of the eight districts of the ~~Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma~~ Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board and one member shall be selected at large by the other eight members. Each member shall hold office for a two-year term or until the successor of the member takes office. Their term of office shall begin on July 1 of the succeeding fiscal year. It shall be the duty of the Board to act in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Department of Transportation. The Board shall review the County Road and Bridge Programs of the Department. The Board shall meet no less than on a quarterly basis with the Director of the Department of Transportation and the staff of the Director to discuss areas of mutual concern.

B. The Board is authorized to develop the following criteria for the County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund:

1. Establish estimated purchase prices for equipment and road machinery;

2. Establish amortization schedules for all equipment and road machinery;

3. Establish a list of independent appraisers to be used for equipment and road machinery inspections;

4. Establish the County Funding Classification Designation priority list;

5. Establish the method, manner and expense of marking or identifying all equipment and road machinery;

6. Establish a list of items which are to be purchased from the state purchase list;

7. Establish a maximum purchase allocation for participating counties and circuit engineering districts; and

8. Establish and approve an interest rate which may be charged on all leases or lease-purchase agreements.

C. The Board will have the authority to determine the financial obligation of a county when road machinery or equipment is destroyed by an act of God or other unforeseen occurrence.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 636.3, as amended by Section 576, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (69 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 636.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 636.3 A. Counties shall enter into lease or lease-purchase contracts for road machinery and equipment pursuant to the provisions of Sections 636.1 through 636.7 of this title or pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1500 through 1505 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes and may not otherwise lease road machinery or equipment except in the case of an emergency, when specialized road machinery or equipment for projects of short durations is required for periods not to exceed thirty (30) days.

B. A county shall be eligible to enter into a lease or lease-purchase contract with the Department of Transportation for road machinery and equipment on a priority basis determined by the county funding classification designation during any fiscal year for the purchase of road machinery and equipment. The county funding classification designation shall be developed by the Department of Transportation and the ~~Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma~~ Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board and approved by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation County Advisory Board. Upon approval by the Department of Transportation County Advisory Board, the funding classification designation shall be submitted to the Transportation Commission for final approval. The counties receiving the least appropriations per mile of road may receive the highest priority rating. A county may also enter into a full warranty lease contract for road machinery and equipment pursuant to the provisions of subsection F of this section. Nothing in Sections 636.1 through 636.7 of this title shall prohibit a county from purchasing road machinery and equipment if it has adequate funds appropriated during any fiscal year for such purpose.

C. Whenever a county desires to lease or lease-purchase road machinery and equipment with funds from the County Road Machinery

and Equipment Revolving Fund, it shall notify the Department of Transportation of its requirements and specifications and shall provide a list of vendors from which bids will be requested for the lease or lease-purchase agreements.

D. Upon receiving such notification from a county, the Department shall be authorized to purchase requested road machinery or equipment for lease or lease-purchase to that county or may lease or lease-purchase surplus or used road machinery and equipment to a county provided such road machinery or equipment meets the requirements and specifications of the requesting county.

E. If there are no funds available in the County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund, the Department of Transportation, upon notification that a county desires to lease or lease-purchase road machinery or equipment, shall certify to the county that there are no funds available in the County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund for such purposes. The county may then request the Purchasing Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to solicit bids or request bids pursuant to the provisions of Section 1500 et seq. of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes to lease or lease-purchase the requested road machinery or equipment.

F. When funds are available in the County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund the Department of Transportation shall, after receiving notification from a county desiring to lease or lease-purchase equipment, authorize the county to request bids pursuant to the provisions of this act and allocate funds equal to the estimated cost of the equipment or machinery requested. However, if the lowest and best bid received by the county exceeds the estimated purchase price of the equipment or machinery, the county shall pay any difference above the estimated purchase price if accepted. The county shall use the bid procedure provided for in Section 1500 et seq. of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The county shall forward the lowest and best bid received to the Department of Transportation which shall authorize the lease or lease-purchase of the equipment or machinery.

G. A county may enter into a full warranty lease contract for road machinery and equipment if the county has adequate funds appropriated during any fiscal year for such purpose. Whenever a county desires to enter into a full warranty lease contract for road machinery or equipment, the county must notify the State Auditor and Inspector of its intent and must provide the State Auditor and Inspector with its requirements and specifications along with the

proper documentation to be advertised for bids. Upon receiving the notification and documentation from a county, the State Auditor and Inspector shall review the documentation and, upon approval, shall forward the documentation and specifications to the State Purchasing Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The Purchasing Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall solicit bids to lease the requested road machinery or equipment according to the documentation and specifications of the county as approved by the State Auditor and Inspector. The term of any full warranty lease contract authorized pursuant to this subsection may be for any period up to one (1) year, provided the term shall not extend beyond the end of any fiscal year, with an option to renew such lease subject to the requirement that adequate funds are appropriated during the fiscal year by the county for such purpose. The State Auditor and Inspector shall prescribe the lease forms and other documentation necessary for implementing the provisions of this subsection.

H. Except as provided in subsection G of this section, the Department of Transportation shall promulgate such rules and regulations and is authorized to require from the counties such information, forms and reports as are necessary for properly and efficiently administering Sections 636.1 through 636.7 of this title.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 655, is amended to read as follows:

Section 655. The board of county commissioners in each county may, within one (1) year after the designation of the county primary road system in that county, locate, erect and thereafter maintain markers designating those routes classified as county primary roads. Markers shall bear the cardinal number or other identification assigned the particular route on which the marker is erected and shall indicate the name of the county. The responsibility for devising a practical, systematic county primary route numbering scheme, including the configuration of the identifying device, readily lending itself to functional implementation is vested and imposed jointly on representatives of the ~~Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma~~ Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board and the Department of Transportation. The scheme shall be so devised as to offer intracounty and intercounty road users a convenient means of identifying and using the county primary road system and shall provide for continuous numbering of routes crossing county boundaries. The Department of Transportation is hereby

authorized to negotiate with the counties, on a statewide basis, to manufacture and provide the markers on a materials plus cost basis.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 656, is amended to read as follows:

Section 656. A. The county commissioners in each county shall designate a county primary road system as provided for in Section 654 of this title, and upon completion, the board of county commissioners in any county may program bridge or roadway projects located on the county primary road system in accordance with the provisions of this section.

B. Any bridge or roadway construction project which materially contributes to improving the adequacy of the county primary road system which meets accepted design standards may be considered eligible.

C. Design standards for projects to be constructed under this section shall be developed cooperatively between the ~~Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma~~ Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board and the Department of Transportation; provided however, any such standards so developed must meet the minimum criteria required to assure federal participation in the project if such participation is to be used for such project.

D. The Department of Transportation shall be the administering agency, and, in cooperation with the ~~Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma~~ Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board, shall develop and promulgate regulations for the carrying out of the provisions of this section. Provided however, any such administrative procedures so developed shall be subject to the approval of the State Transportation Commission.

E. The county shall be responsible for plans, surveys and other necessary engineering to prepare the project for contract letting; however, construction engineering shall be performed by the Department of Transportation.

F. The county shall be responsible for the acquisition of all rights-of-way required to construct the project including relocation assistance payments and the costs associated with necessary utility relocations or adjustments. All right-of-way acquisition activities shall be carried out in accordance with applicable state statutes. Assistance in the preparation of deeds and easements, in the actual

acquisition of real property, and in the relocation of families and businesses shall be provided by the Department of Transportation upon written request of the county.

G. Projects shall be let to contract by the State Transportation Commission through competitive bidding procedures, provided however, force account projects may be awarded to the county by the Transportation Commission based upon agreed unit prices, if deemed in the best public interest.

H. Counties constructing projects under provisions of this section shall enter into an agreement with the Department of Transportation that the county will adequately maintain any bridge or road built under this section. Funds provided to support the accomplishment of this section shall be withheld from any county not providing adequate maintenance for projects built under its provisions.

I. While the intent of the Legislature is that any funds utilized under this section be directed primarily toward the replacement of inadequate bridges on the county primary road system, emphasizing those portions of that system serving as school bus routes, it is also recognized that other critical road needs may exist in the various counties; therefore, projects in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) may be approved under this section for these other critical needs in those instances where such approval can be justified by the county. It is further the intent of the Legislature that this be a continuing program so that significant improvement in the overall adequacy of Oklahoma's county road system may be realized.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 659, is amended to read as follows:

Section 659. The Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to develop a complete set of county bridge standards, including standards for demonstration bridge projects and standards for county bridges with low average daily traffic volumes as defined by the latest published version of the County Roads Design Guidelines Manual. Such standards shall be developed under the direction of the Bridge Division of the Department and prior to implementation shall be approved by the ~~State Association of County Commissioners~~ Oklahoma Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board and the Transportation Commission. Such standards shall be furnished without cost to local units of government. Monies

received by the county pursuant to the County Bridge and Road Improvement Act, Section 657 et seq. of this title, may be used for purposes of obtaining engineering services. Only registered professional engineers, approved by the Department, experienced in the design and construction of highway and related facilities, shall be used for such services. Counties acquiring engineering services as provided for in this section shall require the engineers providing such services to execute professional service contracts which include a requirement that the engineer shall maintain an adequate policy of professional liability insurance.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 689, is amended to read as follows:

Section 689. A. The Department of Transportation is hereby directed, in cooperation with the ~~Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma~~ Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board, to cause to be developed appropriate local road design standards for use in constructing projects pursuant to this program. The standards, upon their adoption by the Transportation Commission and by those counties wishing to participate in this program, shall be used for the design and construction of all projects funded pursuant to this program. However, when funds available pursuant to this program are used to match federal funds, projects shall meet appropriate minimum design standards for local roads and other applicable federal requirements. All plans and specifications for federal-aid projects shall be subject to the approval of the Department. To every extent possible, negotiations with the Federal Highway Administration should be undertaken to allow application of the County ~~Road~~ Roads Design Guidelines ~~Design~~ Manual.

B. Plans, surveys, and engineering shall be the responsibility of the county in which the project is located. Only registered professional engineers, approved by the Department of Transportation, experienced in the design and construction of highway and related facilities, shall be used for such services.

C. Prior to award of the contract by the Transportation Commission, the county shall be given the option of accepting or rejecting the bid submitted by the successful bidder.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2011, Section 2-10-804, is amended to read as follows:



Section 2-10-804. A. The Department of Environmental Quality shall use at least ten percent (10%) of the annual income from the solid waste fees received under Section 2-10-802 of ~~Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title to assist in implementing county solid waste management plans developed under Section 2-10-1001 of ~~Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title. The Department shall prioritize its assistance for enforcement, clean-up and prevention of unpermitted disposal sites, and the management of solid waste that is hard to dispose.

B. The Department may consult with the ~~Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma~~ Cooperative Circuit Engineering Districts Board and the Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service to assure that boards of county commissioners receive adequate administrative and technical support for implementing their county solid waste plans.

C. Any county, in formulating and implementing its solid waste management plan, may enter into an interlocal agreement with a municipality and may use funds provided by the Department according to this section for such agreements in furtherance of said solid waste management plans.

SECTION 8. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2017.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 10th day of April, 2017.

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