



September 8, 2023

State Budget Committee Meeting
Report to State Committee
Supporting Documentation

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Open Letter to Oklahoma Republican Party State Budget Committee Members

From Kay County GOP <KayCountyGOP@protonmail.com>

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Date Saturday, August 12th, 2023 at 4:21 PM

Joe Vaden, Jr.
Kay County Chairman
CD-3 State Budget Committee Member

Dear Members of the State Budget Committee:

I am submitting this letter for the purpose of expressing some concerns I have regarding the duties and responsibilities we collectively share as members of the State Budget Committee.

According to Rule 10(l), the State Treasurer shall disburse funds of the State Committee and Oklahoma Republican Party *"...in accordance with budgets established by the State Budget Committee"*. The rule goes on to state *"The accounts of the Treasurer shall be accessible at all times to...any member of the State Finance or Budget Committee..."*, as well as *"All disbursements shall be made in accordance with the law and these rules"*. To my knowledge, we, as a body, have not held a meeting and set a budget for disbursement of funds yet funds are being disbursed.

Additionally, Rule 13(b) states that *"All funds collected by the Oklahoma Republican Party shall be deposited in an account subject to disbursement by the State Chairman, **subject to the advice and consent of the State Budget Committee**..."*. Once again, to my knowledge, we collectively have not held a meeting to give our advice or consent to any disbursements.

Furthermore, Rule 14(b) states *"It shall be the responsibility of the State Budget Committee, and it shall have the power and authority, to prepare budgets designating the amount, classification and priority of expenditures to be made from funds of the Republican State Committee, giving due consideration to the estimated availability of funds"*.

I would also like to point out that there is no enumerated mechanism within our State Party Rules for calling a meeting of the State Budget Committee so we may need to propose that at our next State Convention. That said though, according to Rule 20(c), *"All question of procedure and other matters affecting the Oklahoma Republican Party...which are not specifically covered in these rules shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised..."*. Referring to Robert's Rule 50:21 (Page 475-476), *"If some members of the committee believe that the chairman has failed to call this initial meeting...a meeting of the committee may be called by any two of its members..."*. Technically speaking, the State Budget Committee being a (Robert's Rule 13:18) committee named by a power other than the chair, *"...the first-named member has the duty of calling the committee together and of acting as temporary chairman until the committee elects a chairman"*.

Please understand that I raise awareness of this issue with the most honorable of intentions. If we are to be the party of law and order, we must adhere to our own rules and set a proper example for our fellow party members. We must also strive for accountability and transparency. Anything less would be a mockery of the principles we all claim to share.

I submit this to each of you respectfully.

In Liberty,



Joe Vaden, Jr.
Kay County Chairman
CD-3 State Budget Committee Member

CC: Senator Nathan Dahm, Vice-Chairman Wayne Hill, Steve Curry, Pam Pollard, John Elliot, Bill Martin, Senator Micheal Bergstrom, Gregory Hawn, Vince Scoufos, Cheryl Johnson, Mike Bichard, Leon Farris, Brad Burnett

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Rule 10-State Committee

(l) Duties of State Treasurer: The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the State Committee and the Oklahoma Republican Party and shall disburse the same in accordance with budgets established by the State Budget Committee. The State Treasurer shall keep a strict account of all receipts and disbursements, with the dates thereof, from whom received and to whom disbursed, and the purpose thereof. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be accessible at all times to the State Chairman and Vice Chairman, or any member of the State Finance or Budget Committees or any representative of any of said officers or committees duly authorized in writing by such officer or committee. All disbursements shall be made in accordance with the law and these rules. The State Treasurer shall report at such time or times as requested by the State Budget Committee in such form as will provide all necessary information relative to the amount of receipts, disbursements and cash balance, together with expenditures charged to each item of the budget and the unexpended balance of the budget items. At any time, if required by the State Budget Committee, the State Treasurer shall furnish a good and sufficient bond payable to the Oklahoma Republican State Committee for the faithful performance of the duties and due accounting for all money and property entrusted to the Treasurer, in such amount as may be required by the State Budget Committee and be generally approved by said committee. At the end of the term of office, the State Treasurer shall deliver to the successor all monies, property, books, and records of the State Budget Committee and the Oklahoma Republican Party, maintained by or in the possession of the State Treasurer.

Rule 13-State Finance Committee

(a) Composition, Term, and Vacancies: There shall be a State Finance Committee composed of not less than twice the number of Congressional Districts in the state and not more than one hundred (100). In addition to the above members, there shall be a State Finance Chairman, and if desired, a State Finance Vice Chairman. They shall be appointed by the State Chairman, as soon as possible (not to exceed sixty (60) days after the regular biennial State Convention, subject to the approval of the State Committee, and shall serve at the pleasure of the State Chairman. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as an appointment is made. The State Chairman and Vice Chairman, Oklahoma Republican National Committeeman and Committeewoman, and State Treasurer shall, by virtue of their office, also be members of said committee, and shall have the same power and authority as the other members.

(b) Authority and Duties: It shall be the duty of the State Finance Committee to devise ways and means to properly finance the Republican General Election campaigns and other Republican Party business and affairs. The State Finance Committee shall have authority to establish quotas on an equitable basis designating the responsibility of each county within the state to provide the funds required to meet Republican Party organizational needs, and to cooperate with county organizations in determining the financial requirements of local organizations, and to effect agreements between the State Finance Committee and county Republican organizations for equitable division of funds raised within each county. It shall have the authority to communicate in the name of the committee with such persons as it shall deem necessary for the purpose of promoting the business and general welfare of the Republican Party, and to raise funds for general election campaigns.

The State Finance Chairman shall have the authority and responsibility for details involved with committee-sponsored or statewide fundraising events, including the collection and accountability for the proceeds therefrom. Requests for presidents, vice presidents, cabinet members, governors, senators, and representatives for the state party fundraising events shall be made through either the State Finance Chairman or State Headquarters. Said committee shall not, however, directly or indirectly, raise or collect, or attempt to raise or collect funds for the benefit of any candidates (county, state or national) for primary elections.

All funds collected by the Oklahoma Republican Party shall be deposited in an account subject to disbursement by the State Chairman, subject to the advice and consent of the State Budget Committee, in the manner hereinafter provided. At such periodic intervals as may be determined by the State Budget Committee, there may be disbursed to the county Republican organizations such portion of funds collected within the county involved as shall have been agreed upon in writing between the State Finance Committee and the County Chairman and County Finance Committee, or as shall have otherwise been determined by the State Finance Committee. Payment of the necessary and proper operating expenses of the State Finance Committee, within limits authorized by the State Budget Committee, shall be made from funds in possession of said committee. At such periodic intervals as shall be directed by the State Budget Committee, the remaining funds collected by the State Finance Committee shall be transferred to the State Treasurer, who shall disburse it only in accordance with law and these rules.

Rule 14- State Budget Committee

(a) Composition, Term and Vacancies: There shall be a State Budget Committee of the State Committee composed of the State Chairman, the State Vice Chairman, the Oklahoma National Committeeman and Committeewoman, the Treasurer of the State Committee, and the Chairman of the State Finance Committee, together with nine members, at least one of whom shall be nominated by the members of the Congressional District Committee of each Congressional District, to be elected by the Congressional District Committee as soon as possible (not to exceed sixty (60) days) after the regular biennial State Convention, whose term of office shall begin upon their election and continue until the adjournment of the next regular biennial State Convention and their successors are elected and qualified. A vacancy in any position of such elected members shall be filled for the unexpired term by election by the Congressional District Committee at any regular or special meeting thereof. Any remaining members after those nominated by the members of the Congressional District Committees of each Congressional District shall be jointly filled by the State Chairman and Vice Chairman. If they cannot agree on such appointment, then they shall be evenly appointed between the State Chairman and Vice Chairman, in the event that there is an odd number remaining, the State Chairman shall make the extra appointment.

(b) Authority and Duties: It shall be the responsibility of the State Budget Committee, and it shall have the power and authority, to prepare budgets designating the amount, classification and priority of expenditures to be made from funds of the Republican State Committee, giving due consideration to the estimated availability of funds. By appropriate actions and resolutions it shall prescribe rules and regulation governing the fiscal affairs of the Republican Party organizations, including the procedure required for recommendations to the State Committee of amounts to be included in budgets and the incurring of obligations under such budgets. Said committee shall not authorize, directly or indirectly, any budget for, or expenditures of, funds for any candidate or candidates for any Primary election campaign, or the expenses thereof, whether such expenses incurred before, during, or after such Primary election.

It shall be the duty of said committee to evaluate the procedures and records of the State Treasurer and the State Finance Committee, and to make a report of such evaluation to the State Chairman, and State Committee annually, or more often as deemed necessary by the Budget Committee, or when requested by the State Chairman, or State Committee.

(c) CPA Financial Review: The financial books and records of the Oklahoma Republican Party, including the State Committee, the State Finance Committee, the Candidate Reserve Fund, and all other funds established by the Oklahoma Republican Party, shall be reviewed by a certified public accountant chosen by the State Budget Committee within a reasonable time after a new chairman is elected. A biennial review shall be conducted immediately preceding the biennial State Convention and shall cover the two year period ending January 31 of the Biennial Convention year. The review shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The completed review shall be submitted to the State Chairman, the State Budget Committee, and the State Committee.

Such a review may also be conducted at any other time as deemed necessary by a majority of those present and voting at a State Budget Committee or State Committee meeting, provided a quorum is present at the meeting.

(f) State Budget Committee Review: The financial records of the Oklahoma Republican Party including the State Committee, the State Finance Committee, the Candidate Reserve Fund and all other funds established by the Oklahoma Republican Party, and in addition, a complete inventory of all equipment and all property owned or leased by the Oklahoma Republican Party, shall be examined by the State Budget Committee, and shall cover the two-year period ending with the even-numbered years. The completed examination shall be submitted to the State Chairman, and the State Committee.

Such a review may also be conducted at any other time as recommended by the State Budget Committee or the State Committee.

Robert's Rules of Order

Newly Revised – 12th Edition

Rule 13:17 (Page 164-165)

Designating the Committee Chairman. If the chair appoints or nominates the committee, he has the duty to select its chairman – which he does by naming that person to the committee first – and the committee cannot elect another. The chair should not state the name of any committee member until he has decided his preference for chairman. The chair should specifically mention as chairman the first committee member he names, but if he neglects to state this fact, the designation nevertheless is automatic unless the first-named member immediately declines the chairmanship (which the member can do, and remain on the committee). If the first-named member declines to serve as chairman, the chair then names his next choice for this position. If the committee's task is heavy and will require some time to complete, it often is advisable to appoint a vice-chairman. The anomalous title "co-chairman" should be avoided, as it causes impossible dilemmas in attempts to share the functions of a single position.

Rule 13:18 (Page 165)

If the committee is named by a power other than the chair (such as the assembly or the executive board), the body that elects the committee members has the power, at the time the appointments are made, to designate any one of them as chairman. If a chairman is not designated when the committee is appointed, the committee has the right to elect its own chairman. In the latter case, the first-named member has the duty of calling the committee together and of acting as temporary chairman until the committee elects a chairman. Since such a committee may confirm its first-named member in the chairmanship, it is important that this person be qualified and dependable.

Rule 50:4 (Page 466)

Generally the term *committee* implies that, within the area of its assigned responsibilities, the committee has less authority to act independently for the society (or other constituting power) than a board is usually understood to have. Thus, if the committee is to do more than report its findings or recommendations to the assembly, it may be empowered to act for the society only on specific instructions; or, if it is given standing powers, its actions may be more closely subject to review than a board's, or it may be required to report more fully. Also, unlike most boards, a committee in general does not have regular meeting times established by rule; but meetings of the committee are called as stated in 50:21-22. Some standing committees, however – particularly in large state or national organizations – function virtually in the manner of boards, although not designated as such.

Rule 50:5 (Page 467)

When a committee is appointed "with power", this means with power to take all the steps necessary to carry out its instructions.

Rule 50:21 (Page 475-476)

Committee Meetings. When a committee has been appointed, its chairman (or first-named member temporarily acting – see 13:18) should call it together.⁶ If some members of the committee believe that the chairman has failed to call this initial meeting or any subsequent meeting when necessary, a meeting of the committee may be called by any two of its members, unless (such as for very large committees) the assembly's rules or instructions prescribe, or empower the committee itself to require, a larger number. It is the responsibility of the person or persons calling a committee meeting to ensure that reasonable notice of its time and place is sent to every committee member. The quorum in a committee is a majority of its membership unless the assembly has prescribed a different quorum (40).



To: All State Budget Committee Members
From: Mike Richard, Cheryl Johnson & Joe Vaden, Jr.
Ref: Joint Call for State Budget Committee Meeting
August 21, 2023

State Budget Committee Memebers,

Please find this as an official joint call for a State Budget Committee Meeting as per Roberts Rules of Order 50:21¹ and Rule 20(c)² of the Rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party.

When: Friday, September 8, 2023
5:00pm Central

Where: Oklahoma Republican Party Headquarters
4031 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Mike Richard', is written over a horizontal line.

Mike Richard
CD-2 State Budget Committee Member

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Cheryl Johnson', is written over a horizontal line.

Cheryl Johnson
CD-1 State Budget Committee Member

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Joe Vaden, Jr.', is written over a horizontal line.

Joe Vaden, Jr.
CD-3 State Budget Committee Member

¹ Rule 50:21 (Page 475-476)

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² Rule 20(c)

Matters not covered by Rules: All question of procedure and other matters affecting the Oklahoma Republican Party, or any of its organizations, unit meetings, or conventions, which are not specifically covered in these rules shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and the law of the State of Oklahoma, whichever may be applicable.

Joint Call for State Budget Committee Meeting - September 8, 2023 at 5:00pm

From Kay County GOP <KayCountyGOP@protonmail.com>

To chairman@okgop.com, nathan@nathandahm.com, wayne.hillock2a<wayne.hillock2a@gmail.com>, stevecurry@okgop.com, pampollardgop@gmail.com, xepwmm@gmail.com, gregory.hawn@jacksoncountyokgop.org, vince scoufos<vincescoufos@gmail.com>, integrityforce21@gmail.com, mbichard16@hotmail.com, leon@wpmonline.com, bradburnett001@proton.me, johnelliott@okgop.com

Date Thursday, August 24th, 2023 at 3:40 PM

Dear Members of the State Budget Committee,

Please find this Email as an official call for a State Budget Committee Meeting on behalf of 3 duly elected members of the State Budget Committee.

See attached official call letter to accompany the mailed copy sent to each member this week.

Date / Time / Place:

WHEN: Friday, September 8, 2023 at 5:00pm

WHERE: Oklahoma Republican Party Headquarters, 4031 N. Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Submitted respectfully.

In Liberty,

Joe Vaden, Jr.
Kay County Chairman
CD-3 State Budget Committee Member
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Nathan Dahm



**Oklahoma Republican Party
State Budget Committee Draft Agenda
5:00pm, September 8, 2023, Oklahoma City, OK**

1. Call to Order by Acting Chairman / Election of Chairman Pro Tem ¹
2. Election of Secretary Pro Tem ²
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Roll Call & One Minute Introduction by Committee Members
6. Determination of Quorum
7. Discussion and Vote on Approving Meeting Agenda
8. Election of Committee Chairman
9. Election of Committee Vice-Chairman
10. Appointment of Committee Secretary
11. Reading of Minutes from Previous Budget Committee Meeting Dated Nov. 22, 2021
12. Three-Minute Discussion and/or Presentation by Each Member Present
13. BREAK
14. OKGOP State Treasurer's Report
15. Discussion of Line Items Listed in Treasurer's Report
16. OKGOP State Finance Committee Chairman's Report
17. Discussion on State Budget Committee Report to State Committee Body
18. New Business
19. Discussion and Approval of Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting
20. Adjournment

¹ Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 47:11 Section 3
An elected chairman pro tem. If neither the president nor any vice-president is present, the secretary – or in the secretary's absence some other member – calls the meeting to order, and the assembly immediately elects a chairman pro tem to preside during that session. Such office is terminated by the entrance of the president or a vice-president, or by the adoption of a motion to "declare the chair vacant and proceed to elect a new chairman" (see 62:11). If the assembly is to elect a chairman pro tem to hold office beyond the current session (in the event that the president and the vice-presidents are unable to perform their duties for that length of time), notice must be given at the preceding meeting or in the call of the meeting at which such election is held.

² Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 47:34
In the absence of the secretary, a secretary pro tem must be elected; the corresponding, financial, or executive secretary in organizations having such officers is not an automatic replacement. If, under "Reports of Officers" in the order of business, correspondence of an official character is to be read, it is normally read by the recording secretary and not by the corresponding secretary.

FW: Budget Committee Call

From vince.scoufos@okgop.com <vince.scoufos@okgop.com>
To Wayne Hill<wayne.hill@okgop.com>, Kay County GOP<KayCountyGOP@protonmail.com>, vince scoufos<vincescoufos@gmail.com>
Date Thursday, August 31st, 2023 at 9:40 AM

Vince Scoufos

Oklahoma Republican Party

Deputy Volunteer Coordinator

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<https://www.okgop.com>

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Oklahoma City, OK 73142

From: Nathan Dahm <nathan.dahm@okgop.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 8:09 PM

To: Vince Scoufos <vince.scoufos@okgop.com>

Subject: Re: Budget Committee Call

Vince, you mentioned this on our weekly volunteers call this morning & I mentioned that our call was about volunteers & that this is a separate issue I would address later.

As volunteer coordinator, that does not give you unilateral authority to grant access to anyone to the headquarters for any reason you choose such as this. So since you made that decision unilaterally, which was the incorrect decision, you will now need to contact them to let them know you should not have agreed to this meeting taking place at the headquarters since you didn't have the authority to do so.

Please let me know once you have notified them & corrected this. Thank you.

For the People,

Nathan Dahm

On Aug 24, 2023, at 16:03, Vince Scoufos <vince.scoufos@okgop.com> wrote:

This afternoon I received a message on my personal email calling for a Budget Committee Meeting to be held on September 8th, at 5 pm at the State Office.

Joe Vaden had contacted me previously asking to reserve that date and time. Since our Rules are silent on who has authority to call a meeting, I agreed to accommodate Joe on his request.

Last week I received a letter from him indicating that he and others intended to call a meeting if one was not called by someone else.

As a member of the Committee, I will attend and participate because I believe we have a job to do for the State Committee. I hope we can provide a report to the State Committee at the 10/14 Meeting.

Vince Scoufos

Oklahoma Republican Party

Volunteer Coordinator

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Request for Detailed Financials of OK Republican Party

From Kay County GOP <KayCountyGOP@protonmail.com>

To johnelliott@okgop.com

Date Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at 12:43 PM

Mr. Elliott,

We, as elected members of the State Budget Committee, are submitting this as a formal request in writing pursuant to Rule 10(l) of the Oklahoma Republican Party Rules.

We would like to request a detailed Profit & Loss Statement and detailed Balance Sheet for all transactions between November 1, 2021 to present. Please export said reports as a PDF file.

We would also like an exported report (as a PDF file) of all active and inactive listings of the chart of accounts.

Additionally, we would like an accountant's copy of the entire QuickBooks company file(s) for the Oklahoma Republican Party.

The above mentioned items should take no more than 30 minutes to accumulate for transmittal. If you need a secure folder for uploading said files, please let us know and we will provide one.

Thank you in advance.

In Liberty,

Joe Vaden, Jr.

Kay County Chairman

CD-3 Budget Committee Member

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September 8, 2023

**OKGOP State Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes**

4:57pm

- Budget Committee Member Joe Vaden read a prepared statement prior to meeting start.
- Members Present
 - State Vice Chairman Wayne Hill
 - Vice Chairman Appointee Gregory Hawn
 - Vice Chairman Appointee Vince Scoufos
 - CD-1 Committee Member Cheryl Johnson
 - CD-2 Committee Member Mike Bichard
 - CD-3 Committee Member Joe Vaden

5:01pm

- Meeting called to order by Budget Committee Member Joe Vaden
- Nominations for Chairman Pro Tem
 - Joe Vaden Nominated
 - Nominated by VC Appointee Vince Scoufos
 - Seconded by CD-1 Member Cheryl Johnson
 - Nomination Accepted by Joe Vaden
 - No Other Nominations
 - Passed by Unanimous Consent

5:03pm

- 30-Minute Recess Called for Change of Venue to Higher Plains Baptist Church

5:48pm

- Meeting Reconvened at Higher Plains Baptist Church
- Nominations for Secretary Pro Tem
 - Vince Scoufos Nominated
 - Nominated by Joe Vaden
 - Seconded by Wayne Hill
 - Nomination Accepted by Vince Scoufos
 - No Other Nominations
 - Passed by Unanimous Consent
- Invocation by Wayne Hill
- Pledge of Allegiance by Vince Scoufos
- Roll Call of Members by Chair Pro Tem
 - Members Present Gave a Brief Introduction During Roll Call
 - Members with Knowledge as to Reason for Absence of Committee Members Presented Such Info

State Chairman Nathan Dahm – Absent

CD-3 Member Joe Vaden stated that after a conversation with Chairman Dahm, he thought his absence to be because Chairman Dahm had not considered the Call for this meeting to be proper and asserted that the State Chairman was the only person authorized to make the Call.

State Vice Chairman Wayne Hill – Present and remarks given

Republican National Committeeman Steve Curry – Absent

VC Appointee Vince Scoufos commented that he had spoken with Steve Curry and was informed that he would be out of town and unable to attend.

Republican National Committeewoman Pam Pollard – Absent

CD-1 Member Cheryl Johnson commented that she had spoken with Pam Pollard the previous day and was told she had planned to attend. *Note* Cheryl found out via text message during the course of the meeting that Pam had fallen ill and was unable to attend.

State Treasurer John Elliott – Absent

VC Appointee Vince Scoufos reported that, after several conversations with the Treasurer, he had not expected him to attend as he was waiting for a call by State Chairman Dahm. A guest in attendance also stated that he was unable to attend.

State Finance Committee Chairman Bill Martin – Absent

CD-3 Member Joe Vaden commented that he had spoken with Bill Martin on a few occasions but he did not indicate one way or the other if he planned to attend.

Chairman Appointee #1 Unknown

Chairman Appointee #2 State Senator Micheal Bergstrom – Absent

CD-2 Member Mike Bichard commented that he had spoken with Senator Bergstrom and was told that he was nominated by State Chairman Dahm. Member Bichard commented further that in closing of the conversation with Senator Bergstrom that he would see him at the meeting and the Senator affirmed.

Vice Chairman Appointee Gregory Hawn – Present and remarks given

Vice Chairman Appointee Vice Scoufos – Present and remarks given

CD-1 Member Cheryl Johnson – Present and remarks given

CD-2 Member Mike Bichard – Present and remarks given

CD-3 Member Joe Vaden – Present and remarks given

CD-4 Member Leon Farris – Absent

CD-3 Member Joe Vaden commented that he had received a text from Member Farris and was told that Member Farris was told that OKGOP General Council stated that this meeting Call was illegitimate, and he would be following the advice of General Council. *Note* No notice has been received by General Council with an explanation as to legitimacy or illegitimacy of this meeting.

CD-5 Member Brad Burnett – Absent

CD-3 Member Joe Vaden commented that he had spoken and texted with Member Burnett on several occasions. Member Burnett had indicated that he would be in attendance but then later recanted stating that he had an all-day training class for work on the Friday of this meeting.

6:02pm

- Quorum Determination by Vince Scoufos
 - 6 Members Present
 - 8 Members Absent
 - No Quorum

6:03pm

- Motion to Adjourn
 - By CD-2 Member Mike Bichard
 - Seconded by VC Appointee Gregory Hawn
 - Motion Carried Unanimously

6:04pm

- Informal Meeting Continuance to Discuss Agenda Items

OKGOP Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
Aug 31, 2021
6:30 p.m. - OKGOP HQ

Chairman Joe Beffer called the meeting to Order at 6:35 p.m. with Quorum present. (see attached members list)

Chairman Beffer advised that since this was the first Meeting of the Budget Committee, there were not any previous Minutes to approve or review.

Chairman Beffer moved without objection to Agenda Item # 4. Proposed Operating Budget (see attached)

Much discussion and questions developed regarding Budget Item Project 46 and Scope of Work or Contract. Salary items and expenses relative to office functions and State GOP Chairman Bennet's current out of pocket expenses.

Motion by Steve Curry to: Approve Operating Budget until the next meeting with a caveat relating to information to be provided relative to line-item Project 46 scope of work or contract.

Second by Shane Jemison

Unanimous approval

Motion by Steve Curry to: Approve authorizing \$1,500.00 CC for Chairman Bennett relative to operating expenses.

Second by Rick Stiles

A great deal of discussion relative to need and accuracy of process for authorization on banking and signatures.

Motion to Amend by Pam Pollard to obtain different CCs from the Bank for Chairman Bennett and one for operating expenses relative to deposits for conventions and vendors.

Unanimous approval to Amend

Motion as amended: Approve authorizing relative to operating expenses and obtain different CCs one for Chairman Bennett with a limit of \$1,500.00 and for a CC for operating expenses relative and for deposits for conventions and vendors.

Unanimously Approved as Amended

Motion by Steve Curry to send Minutes and Letters as appropriate to the Bank to authorize signors on the OKGOP Checking Account and Credit Cards.

Second by Shane Jemison

Motion to Amend by Pam Pollard to identify the signors on the OKGOP Checking Account and Credit Cards to include all of the existing signors including National Committeeman, Steve Curry, Chairman, John Bennett, Vice Chairman, Shane Jemison, Treasurer, Joe Hart and the Assistant Treasurer, Dwaine Shroyer.

Unanimous approval to Amend

Motion as amended: Approve authorizing signors on the OKGOP Checking Account and Credit Cards to include on the OKGOP Checking Account and Credit Cards to include all of the existing signors including National Committeeman, Steve Curry, Chairman, John Bennett, Vice Chairman, Shane Jemison, Treasurer, Joe Hart and the Assistant Treasurer, Dwaine Shroyer.

Unanimously Approved as Amended

Motion by Rick Stiles to have Bank Statements and CC Statements provided in hard copy at the time of the next Budget Committee meeting and any meeting after. These statements need to be from the previous months to ensure transparency and any future litigation resolution, (documents not to be taken out of meeting).

Second by Leon Farris

Unanimously Approved

A consensus of the Budget Committee that the next meeting would be virtual via “Teams” on October 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be:

- Review scope of work or contract with Project 46 and/or job descriptions for employee's being paid;
- Conversation surrounding the standard operating procedures for finances; and
- Receive and review the Finance Committees’ goals for fundraising and possible adjustments to budget items as fundraising goals are met.

Motion by Steve Curry to Adjournment: 7:57 pm

Second by (Leon Farris)

Unanimous approval

Signature: _____
Budget Committee Chairman, Joe Beffer

Signature: _____
Secretary, GOP, Salome Vaughn

November 9, 2021 Oklahoma State GOP Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm. by Chairman Joe Beffer on to admit attendees, then had another obligation

Jonathan Krems identified a Quorum present

Johnathan Krems introduced Dwayne

13

7 makes a quorum

Shane

Steve

Jonathan

Rick

Wasson

Charles Ortega

Leon Farris

Dwaine

Sandy

Tiffany

Vaughn (non voting member)

Dwayne Shroyar is now officiating

Approval of Minutes (Salome provided via email)

Jonathan asked for a motion to approve the minutes

Motion: Leon

Second: Sandy

Jonathan asked for comments

asked for ayes in favor

asked for nays

Unanimous Approved

Jonathan advised Report on eVote per text from Salome, she was unable to get her mic to unmuted

Report on eVote

No approval needed informational only.

Shroyer advised updated Treasurer's Update (Committee advised Hart resigned)

Leon lead a discussion regarding the Question of funding Proj 46 and the vote meant that we would not pay...we still do not have a scope with some kind of description.

Dwayne advised that the contract had been cancelled and that Proj 46 was paid pursuant to the conditions of the original contract through November.

We have Cancelled the contract and working on another version.
If we cannot pay we cannot ask them to perform.

Dwayne advised we will develop a new contract and at such time will present for approval through the committee.

Leon was questioning moving forward and how the committee was not provided contract scope as promised, which caused concern for transparency and difficulty with making decisions.

Kremms advised that the committee might want to consider how to operate, what you do as to not micro manage chair instead create categories and allow the team to operate within that scope of the budget. I have not seen such micromanagement been associated in the past, I think that is propoably a big enough until Joe B is able to meet with us.

Other thoughts?

Leon advised when I objected to pretty sketchy visiting with miles about the work he was doing building technology infrastructure. Messaging through videos, I like the idea, take it or leave it. Website he is building some enhancements to voter data would be beneficial. The price is very modest. My issue is not with miles I like his work no one seemed to know what, there was not a contract and then we found out it, we need transparency. I do not want negative miles or party. I am not interested in walking away and leaving it undone. We do not say the Rules that is a State comm issue. No conversation with the State Comm on this issues, so there is where I see the big problem.

Sandy we did not have a clue about the contract, it might have been the best in the world, but we were not provided information that was agreed and we did not know what the scope of the work was. Chairman has 60 days to provide a budget and then we are to approve that budget as the oversight for the State, we amend or approve. We have not had anything presented to us. There should be specific categories and know how much money is coming in. That has not been presented and we are the oversight comm. And we have a responsibility to the people of the state of oklahom.

Leon I think I appreciate what you are saying.

Sandy it was short time and I understand I was not on the first meeting, there were some communication difficulties and I was not advised. That has been remedied.

Leon, what was the contingency was Proj 46?

Tiffany until next meeting caveat with information relative to line item...when the contract did exist and there we have not even gotten back to a budget. We were first advised, no contract, then there was contract, then the contract was being revised.

Dwayne, any other thoughts.

Sandy why is it taking so long to get a contract, never taken this long. Scope of work, I do not sign until I know, everything I sign, goes through a board of commissioners. Took a long time to get, now it is being revised, we have not been given an amended or revised.

Tiffany, up for revision and they, who is they are remaking more scope and contractual negotiations?

Dwayne: let me take the beginning, it was not intended to be handle that way. I certainly know how that could create doubt and concern, we have a contract, we said don't pay contract, we wait and see. We are prepared to move on a new contract...but we decided to and start with a newer contract.

Sandy, I move the budget committee review the new contract by November 19 and we also have budget with incoming and outgoing revenue. Meet again November 22.

Krems I do not see in the state party rules this committee has any authority to approve or disapprove. I think it is dangerous.

Dwayne, may be a bad precedence.

Krems: If we go down that path, then we start having other issues. Which do we review which we not review, my suggest we operate on a higher level and not get into that detail.

Tiffany, this is our job to ensure the budget is approved or not approved and amended.

Shane under Rule 14 ...

Krems I searched contract and contracts is not in rule 14

Shane, yes however it is the scope of this comm to essentially be the appropriate of state funds

Krems yes

Shane there in order to approve any contract or agreement must at least have review.

Krems no I do not think so, I think we could set out categories this fund but not that fund we are not allowed to or party

I don't think we should micro manage the chairman...then what about contracts waiting for fund raising. I have never heard of this committee and Steve correct me if I am wrong, exercised oversight over any contract

Steve I recall budget comm reviewed in detail but the budget comm was asked to approve the so as for in this case, \$4,000 enhancements, is that a reasonable budget in terms of the chair, you can find an agreement, if you authorize an expenditure, then how that might be spent. The budget com to specific details.

Sandy have we been given a budget with categories, with expenditure to approve.

Dwayne, with expenditures by category.

Tiffany only accepted until the next meeting.

Steve clarity and lack of communication and the lack of that has created doubt on based on what you are telling and that is not an unreasonable outcome. I also believe whomever elected office some discretion to enter agreements and produce results. Enhanced communications and software development. Nitty gritty, we divide that the question has been as longer we do not get into a long-term contract. I understand Miles...we need access to. Be an information is going to be developed and takes time and resources. Language, beyond the scope of

Dwayne other thoughts or comments.

Sandy, do we need to go back to budget presentation

Dwayne, we could try to find the budget that was proposed and consider approving

Steve if I recall we approved the budget with the exception of the 30 days and line item to review the scope and the way we are developing and who gets the information on Proj 46

Shane read minutes...from first meeting ...clarifying the budget approval with the caveat. Which was not received and therefore we moved to the eVote process.

I don't think the discussion was necessarily to get into the minutia of the contract, big piece was there were questions on some of the line items and coming together staff titles at which point we asked for additional information in addition to approving chairmen bennet operating expenses and we discussed all of this in that meeting specifically relating to a brief scope of work on proj 46 while wanting to approve an operating budget and raising money. Just to make sure where we were.

At which point we had our most recent meeting.

Prj 46 under the scope of work, we did not tell them what we wanted. We

Sandy, we approved the first budget, we do not have on this agenda to pick up the approval or disapproval of the budget.

Leon. I believe so you are correct

Sandy, then I am off this meeting.

Joe Beffer is not here, my suggestion is that we communicate get that

November 19 which is Friday and meet again on Monday 22...

Dwayne now you are requesting the budget and scope of proj 46

Sandy I again I missed the first meeting, we need revenue and expenses

Leon We have never seen revenue side.

Sandy, that is my understanding

Motion: Sandy base budget to be presented to this body

Second tiffany if we move the night

Motion: sandy

Second: tiffany

Approved

Dwayne moves to next budget committee meeting, we can delay Agenda item 5 with some good discussion...

Next budget meeting

Any objection

Shane: honestly Dwayne if you have a structure for an operating procedure, I would encourage providing as a committee, we would hear from what you want, give us a direction.

Tiffany give us a proposal, what you want to do and we work from there

Leon ok

Tiffany we will do, x y z so we can come together.

Dwayne ok

Motion by Leon to table item 5

Second Shane
Unanimously approved

Tiffany can we see by 19

Dwayne, Joe needs to get that out by the meeting, if he could accomplish that. We will pass that along to him and hopefully he will have it to you.

Charles asks where do we stand, are we paying them, are we continuing to pay them, other than just leaving compensation for,

Dwayne at this point we have cancelled in writing.

Tiffany, the contract was 30 days past, pay them through November.

Dwayne we will do that. Miles has been gracious.

Tiffany it is the state comm to approve or disapprove.

Leon my take on the rules that all operating expenses need to go through this committee, chairman as state comm all items of any significance should be run past the comm...it is not a dictator, he is an executive.

Tiffany yes that could setup a dangerous precedence on this. We should advise State comm. That he needs to get a budget to us.

Steve we were not giving details as how it is spend only a limit on spending.

Tiffany raising revenue finance, state committee and then making sure budget comm approves, disapprove, that is our job. There is not any way ultimately the budget comm cannot look at that you no matter what you want to do.

Leon, Functions of the 3 bodies...chairman has yet to lay out what he wants to accomplish...

Dwayne Anything else or adjourn

Leon move adjourn

Shane Second

Unanimous

6:16

November 22, 2021 Oklahoma State GOP Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm. by Chairman Joe Beffer

Attendees:

7 for a Quorum

Joe Beffer
Tiffany Haworth
Shane Jemison
Sandy Hodges
Leon Farris
Bill Pearson
Steve Curry
Pam Pollard
Kendra Wesson

Salome Vaughn here, Sir, regarding Item #2 on the Agenda, can we please pass this item until next Budget Committee Meeting. These are cumulative minutes and not minutes for the Record? Joe will ask to table minutes.

No objections to table minutes.

#3: Review, 6450 scheduled in December dropped 4,000 rent utilities, 2360 administrative software 9,440

Pam includes red curve fee

joe yes

I have received no inflow or outflow; admin and I don't see treasurer that might have that information. We would provide the budget and then you are going to have the variances. We should be reviewing regularly as well.

This is the over view of expenses, I believe what we discussed is we don't have inflow, variances and we should be able to see what is needed. We have received nothing else.

Budget by category, under payroll, communication...

he is not actually using, n

subsequently removed proj 46
approved 950 for a book keeping service 6450
matches per month
dec not nov 30 pay period

Pam says bookkeeping 2,000 450

joe allocated 500 over a moth

pam okay

joe 500

I have not received any update, but in out rules we will

that is the role of the budget, not the treasure, exec dirc or any volunteer. that is our responsibility. we have not heard anything. I will be asking for a report.

rent utilities occupancy, breakdown on that we have budgeted, just thru end of year.

red curve, we budget 3250 has come down I have not received anything

nationbuilder I know they have we did not budget adp

google Microsoft I do not know what these are

under 5,050

leon: is that microsoft

joe it might be, I have not bugged him. he left because he was tired I am sure

this was the approved budget. I have not seen if they are providing, agree they would provide bank statements. to review. Dwayne, something to report.

any questions on approved budget and since the approved budget when removed, there has been no request to replace.

Everyone has a copy, I do not believe there is anything hidden. I do not have outflow or inflow.

#4: Rules and Standard Procedures

no contracts, rules and standard procedures were provided as well.

what I did and I felt it was important that this document include the rules, our scope is outlines in the rules. blue actual rules.

composition of this committee:

vacant seats

9 additional members from districts and

jointly appointed

4 appointment and all those positions are filled

authorities and duties

what are we here to do

prior it was bob Dani; we did those multiple times. we worked to bring a basic structure.
the budget should include estimates....

by category...but in our first meeting when we approved the expense budget, chair was going to have a meeting. Finance committee, I have not received anything

okay the budget should approve give chair room to adjust software costs,reading from

we said he could spend 5,050 we no longer want to use nationbuilder to another third party, as long it is within the budget and then he comes back wot us. now if

Leon, any software

joe, say he wants to fie communications direct in feb after we have authorities, can do within the same financial constraints. Now add another staff, that will require coming to the budget commit, do within the current scope of the budget. make changes and then report back to us for the oversight.

Keep in mind this is what I put together. I pulled all of this I listened to min in the last meetings.

next

reading from

we don't have access to accounts. we can't wait 3 to 4 months, for us to have to go look at ethics they should be prepared, not line items, just basics.

Pam rules are not specific, but our vice chair should have access. that should be a signor ...Steve curry should have access account.

tiffany we also agreed to have Shane on bank account

Salome confirmed.

meet at a min quarterly

any contract will be presented prior to signing. our job to determine if that contract is obligating us to expenses...supported by basic inflows. ensure future budget.

10 years, or 5-year, doe contract provide a 30 out clause at no cost, or payment for a min of 30 days

puts us in a financial problem and we do have responsibility to allow the contract to sign contracts

Leon, well said

Joe, thank you.

rules are clear are not use, directly or indirectly for any campaign or candidate promoted,

outlines state party restrict fund my personal opinion 46 will promote and allow the chairman to campaign for I will not be a proponent that in our budget.

that is all I have below cpa review and state budget very clear.

where we had some

what are we missing, where did I mis speak, I would like to see us resolve this and get this finalized.

Tiffany confirmed

Pam was trying to be very polite and he should understand he should present these to us

Steve, I know that he was just added so I do not know had access to the bank account till last week.

joe I will try to speak with him for what he prefers.

those that came before him and he wants to present a different struct, I don't care. when necessary, we can see line items as well and we have in place. wheat I put before you today as standard procedures.

any specific discussions on this?

numerous times we have talked

Leon: I would offer motion these should be approved as presented. You did a good job.

Steve: second

Pam, good job, very well and look at it the way

Shane cut and dry

unanimous

I will drive to meet Dwayne and also staffing and the inflow section as well. to get built out as well.

#5:

hold off un till after first of year schedule no later than end of February.

I will work with admin to get, I will schedule sooner, but not until after 1

Next meeting some of us are we will not do a live 530

tiffany 530 not

it will 630 with a 10-day notice

Steve, he is

Dwayne has seen this and bennet has seen this.

Steve I will pick up copies of bank statements going back to march and to see what,

question no longer authorized pro 46, I do not know what is going on...I know we saw a video

did not have proj 46 stamp

tiffany qualifies or disqualified, involvement is

joe, nothing to do with us as long

tiffany, that is my question, someone republican messages, in kind contribution and that is something we need to if that is happening, it should be reported, in violation of budget authorization.

tiffany, budget committee members strongly suggest Bennet start coming to this, he has been hired, we are here out of the goodness of our hearts and kindness, he needs to be here, as Steve said this urging bennet to be at next meeting.

Dwayne as well.

Steve, thank you joe, good job.

Steve adjourns

Pam second

bye everyone.

We have two vacant positions on the Committee - Treasurer and Finance Chair -
We won't have either until the State Committee meets again to

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS DURING JOHN BENNETT ADMINISTRATION

Prepared for the OKGOP Budget Committee

8/26/23

Prepared by Vince Scoufos from notes taken at Budget Committee Meetings in 2021.

Budget approved pending details on a contract the Bennett Administration had with Miles Rahimi of Project 46 for digital infrastructure development and video production. (Line item for \$4,000/month.)

MONTHLY BUDGET:	<u>Line-Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Office;	Rent	1,000	
	OG&E Utilities	310	
	Supplies & Postage	250	
	Maintenance & Repairs	0	
	Equipment	0	
	Cox	400	
	CNG	85	
	City of OKC	65	
On-line Bookkeeping;	Red Curve, Aristotle, GTS	3,250	
Other Bookkeeping	???	450	
Software;	???		
Digital;	Nationbuilder	1,500	
	Google	50	
	Microsoft	200	
	Hosting & Squarespace	50	
Project 46;	Digital & Video	4,000	
Personnel;	Salaries & Benefits	0	
	Contract Workers	0	
	Chairman Travel Expenses	1,500	Total 13,100

Actual Income and Expenses for Ten Months from May 2021 – Feb 2022. (See Detailed Report.)

Total Income:	147,000.	Average/month, 14,700	
Total Expenses:	127,400	Average/month, 12,700	(Excluding Project 46, 10,340/mo)