

RESOLUTION 02-08-2024A

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO SET ASIDE AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF EXPLORING ANY AND ALL LEGAL REMEDIES AGAINST THE COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY CHALLENGING THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY JAIL AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEYS TO RETAIN OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF INITIATING ANY AND ALL LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST THE COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY AS DIRECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEL CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Del City, Oklahoma, is deeply concerned about the proposed relocation of the Oklahoma County Jail to 1901 E. Grand Blvd, Oklahoma City, which would place the jail in close proximity to residential neighborhoods, schools, daycare facilities and parks within the City of Del City and the surrounding area;

WHEREAS, the City of Del City is further deeply concerned about the potential adverse economic impact on its citizens, as well as those businesses located in Del City, which may result from the relocation of the jail to 1901 E. Grand Blvd, Oklahoma City;

WHEREAS, the City of Del City is also deeply concerned about the possible temporary housing of sex offenders in the proposed County Jail within 2000 feet of schools, daycare facilities and parks in direct violation of Section 590 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

WHEREAS, citizens of Del City, City Staff, as well as all City Councilmembers and the Mayor, have diligently addressed these concerns with the Boards of County Commissioners to no avail;

WHEREAS, the City of Del City believes that it is in the best interest of its residents and the community to explore all available legal remedies to challenge the proposed relocation of the Oklahoma County Jail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Del City, Oklahoma, that:

SECTION 1. Authorization to Set Aside Funds

The City Council of the City of Del City hereby authorizes City Staff to set aside funds not to exceed the sum of \$ 150,000.⁰⁰ for the express purpose of exploring all available legal remedies against the County of Oklahoma County to challenge the proposed relocation of the Oklahoma County Jail to 1901 E. Grand Blvd, Oklahoma City.

SECTION 2. Authorization to Retain Outside Legal Counsel

That the City Council of the City of Del City hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Attorneys to retain outside legal counsel to explore all possible legal challenges to the proposed relocation of the Oklahoma County Jail to 1901 E. Grand Blvd, Oklahoma City, as well as the authorization to initiate any and all legal actions recommended by the City Manager and City Attorneys and authorized by the City Council.

SECTION 3. Utilization of Funds

Funds allocated pursuant to this resolution shall be used exclusively for legal consultation, research, and any necessary legal actions to address the concerns stated herein.

SECTION 4. Severability

If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the resolution, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are declared severable.

SECTION 5. Effective Date

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 8th day of February, 2024.



Melissa Jones
Melissa Jones, City Clerk

CITY OF DEL CITY, OKLAHOMA
A Municipal Corporation

Floyd Eason
Floyd Eason, Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality:

William W. Wheeler
William W. Wheeler, City Attorney