Duties & Responsibilities Of
Councils ~ Commissions ~ Boards ~ Trusts

HANDOUT ON SOME PUBLIC BODIES, ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE
WITH STATUTORY REFERENCES WHEN AVAILABLE
~ Oklahoma Laws ~

(This list is not meant to be all inclusive...just a starter)

Note: Volume 7 in the set of Oklahoma Statutes is a Comprehensive Index

A complete set of Oklahoma Statutes is available in the County Law Library in the
County Courthouse...and is available on-line at the Oklahoma State Courts
Network...www.oscn.net and also at the Oklahoma Attorney General’s Office web
site...www.oag.state.ok.us

County Commissioners
  County Officers and Deputies – elected
  Nutrition Sites Oversight - appointed
  County Development Trust Authority – appointed)  
    (Article 10 § 9D State Constitution)
  Industrial Development Authority - appointed)  )
  Industrial/Economic Development
  County Board of Health – appointed
  Lodging Tax Board – appointed
  County Airport Board – appointed
  County Housing Authority – appointed
  County Library Board – appointed
  City-County Library Commission – appointed
  County EMS Board – appointed
  County Excise/Equalization Board – appointed
  County Hospital Trust

  All of Title 19
  Title 63 § 1-206 and also a function of
  Area Economic Development Districts

  62 § 652
  63 § 1-201
  68 § 1370.9
  Trust, most usually
  63 § 1051-1084
  65 § 4-103 (can be multi-county)
  65 § 154
  Trust, most usually, also Article 10 § 9C
  68 § 2861 and 3005.1
  63 § 3250

Private Prisons/Counties
  19 § 744
  County Jail Trust Authority
  19 § 904.1 – 904.10 et seq

County Hospital Board – appointed
  19 § 789, can be leased, or a Trust formed

  County Fair board – elected
  Fair Trust
  Lease to Public Trust, Agricultural Fairs,
  Revenue Bonds/Permission of Commissioners
  2 § 104C
  2 § 15-143
  2 § 157

City Councils and Town Boards – elected
  Utility Authority – conjointly serving
  Industrial Trust Authority – appointed
  Hospital Board/Authority – appointed
  Airport Board – appointed
  Zoning and Planning Commission – appointed
  Housing Authority – appointed
  All of Title 11
  Public Trust 60 § 176
  Trust
  68 § 1370.8
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  Trust
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**Helpful web sites you can use:**

Oklahoma Legislature Home Page – [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/)

*Has links to House of Representatives, Senate, Proposed Bills and Adopted Bills as well as progress being made in Committee work*

**Helpful OSU Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Fact Sheets:**

Fact Sheet No. 884 – Bills, Laws and Regulations as Legal References

Fact Sheet No. L-236 – A Look Inside Your County Courthouse

Fact Sheet No. F-802 – Duties & Responsibilities of Elected County Officials