

## Discussion Topics for Oklahoma (County of), OKx

### FINANCES/MANAGEMENT

#### General

1. Has there been any recent turnover of county leadership or key finance staff positions? On 03/19/25, the Board of County Commissioners created a new County Manager position and appointed Jessica Clayton. On 04/01/25, Jason Lowe was elected as the new Oklahoma County Commissioner for District 1. On 3/24/25, Chantel Boso assumed the role of Chief Finance Officer for the Oklahoma County Clerk's Office.
2. Has the county experienced any negative consequences from changes to federal funding? (federal grants/contracts delayed or canceled, major layoffs of federal employees in the area, etc.) None

#### Fiscal 2024

1. Please discuss the spend down of debt service fund balance over the last couple of years. Related to paying judgements? The Debt Service fund revenue decreased more than 15% for fiscal year 2024, as a result of a decrease in other tax receivable for the outstanding bond and judgment balance obligations. The county's debt obligations decreased from the prior year, primarily due to the payoff of two general obligation bonds (2008 Bond-GM Plant, Crutch, Deer Creek; 2014 Bond- BNSF Rail Yard, Tinker Acquisition).
2. What drove the increase in cash in the Public Buildings Authority fund? On 03/10/23 a deposit of \$14,388,258.01 significantly increased the PBA's cash balance. Three million was from Capital Projects-Sheriff Building (Fund 2070) and the \$11M+ amount was from the ARPA Fund 1415 for PBA-ARPA projects per a subrecipient Agreement.

#### Fiscal 2025

1. Please discuss financial results for fiscal 2025, and any major changes to fund balances (committed, assigned or unassigned) or cash. No major changes identified to-date.
2. Please provide estimated operating revenue (not including transfers and uses of fund balance) across all funds in fiscal 2025, if possible. Did the county receive any ARPA revenue in fiscal 2025? The estimated operating revenue for General Fund equals \$138,004,987. We did not receive any ARPA revenue in 2025.

#### Fiscal 2026

1. Please discuss the 2026 budget. Did the county propose a balanced budget? YES Any major amendment since the start of the fiscal year? The County is in the process of amending the FY26 budget to pick up an additional \$4.4M in revenue. The process to amend the FY26 budget will be completed by 09/30/25.
2. Any plans to materially spend down unrestricted reserves for any purpose in the next few years? (Not including restricted bond proceeds or capital reserves, as shown in the audit) Not at this time
3. Are there plans to modify the sinking fund tax rate in conjunction with this issuance? Upon the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds, and including the outstanding County's Series 2023 GOLT Bonds, the Sinking Fund levy is projected to peak at approx. 2.77 mills in FY 2027-2028 and then descend each year as bonds are paid back (this assumes no future GO bond issuance and annual judgments in the same amount as the prior year). The Series 2023 and Series 2025 Bonds have a maximum (combined) levy of 5 mills, so the County will be well below the maximum levy after issuing the Series 2025 Bonds. (Note: levy projections are based on annual NAV growth of 3.00%. The County has averaged 4.50% annual growth over the last 20 years.) Please see attached information.
4. Any challenges on the horizon in future years that could lead to imbalanced operations? New Jail and Behavioral Care Center construction, maintenance, and operation.

### DEBT/CAPITAL PROJECTS/PENSIONS

1. Please provide an overview of the projects to be funded with the current sale. Proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds will be used to finance the cost of an intake center, kitchen, laundry, and other related facilities at a new county detention center.
2. If the county has a "plan of finance" or pro forma debt model you can share, please do. Please see attached information.
3. Please discuss construction of the Behavioral Care Center, including reported cost overruns. The Original Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Behavioral Care Center (BCC) was \$44,400,000. The current GMP for the BCC is \$45,246,909. The County will seek reimbursement from responsible parties for \$491,849 of the current GMP. We anticipate the GMP will increase again by a similar amount. Hopefully, no surprises beyond that. The risk to a higher GMP decreases as the project progresses toward completion.
4. Any plans to go back to voters for additional GO bond authorization in the next 5 years? No

5. Any plans to issue any other non-voter approved debt in the next few years? No
6. Please provide a capital improvement plan, if available.

## **TAX BASE/ECONOMY**

1. Please provide a general overview of the state of the local economy, including any major strengths/challenges experienced in the last year or so (or expected in next year). Real Estate values have stayed steady, but the inventory has decreased in the past couple of years. There is more than 2 billion uncaptured assessed valuation with the 3% - 5% cap that is in place per statutes. Personal Property values are on the rise and continue to steadily increase from a couple of years ago.
2. Discuss any major residential, commercial or industrial development going on in Oklahoma City. Anything that would "move the needle" on tax base, sales tax collections, population, employment, etc. a

### Upcoming and Completed Projects

- (The county will not see the increase in assessed valuation for 25 years for the projects noted TIF.)
  - The Oaks development at NW Expressway and Penn – almost complete.
  - OKANA development next to AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM (will go on in 2026) – located in TIF
  - Large Industrial development proposed south of I-240 between Eastern and Bryant
  - Strawberry Fields – large mixed-use development to the west of scissortail park – proposed TIF
  - 12-story Office building across from OKC Memorial and Museum – located in TIF
  - Convergence project – located in TIF
3. Any expectations or discussion on what the long-term effect of tariffs on the local economy will be? Any insight from local business leaders?

## **MISC.**

1. Is there anything else relevant to the credit review that hasn't been disclosed? Litigation outstanding, cyber risk exposure, etc? No