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January 8, 2024 | FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ELECTION INTEGRITY ISSUES OBSERVED IN OKLAHOMA

Recent observations of the election process at the Oklahoma County Election Board lead to questions of integrity. Oklahoma County Republican Party Chairman, Ken Warner had the opportunity to appoint a Republican member (Cheryl Williams) and alternate member (Jenni White) to the Oklahoma County Election Board in 2023. Since that time, Williams and White have taken active participation in the election process and relayed questions to both Warner and Election Board officials regarding disturbing procedures they have witnessed.

The first incident reported was related to the December 12th special election for House District 39 and the sales tax to build a sports arena in downtown Oklahoma City. Friday, December 15th, 2023, Williams (Vice-Chairman) of the 3-person Oklahoma County Election Board voted against certification of the December 12th election due to various infractions of what she observed during the ballot counting. The 3-person Oklahoma County Election Board is comprised of a Republican (Williams), a Democrat (Chairman, David Glover) and the Secretary of the Oklahoma County Election Board (Doug Sanderson). Unfortunately, due to the 3-person decision making, the votes were certified by Glover and Sanderson even though Williams objected. At issue is the prescription of Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) and Oklahoma law, versus Oklahoma County Election Board procedure. Read the full set of observations that led to the concerns below, click here.

To summarize, Oklahoma County Republican Party leadership is requesting several concerns be addressed by state lawmakers, election officials and the Oklahoma County Election Board. There needs to be clarification in code and law referring to the "Oklahoma County Election Board" as both the office and the 3-member board. The 3-member Board needs to become a 5 or 7-member board for obvious reasons. The Secretary of the Oklahoma County Election Board is a voting member of the Board but should be relegated to a position of information for the Board and not a voting member due to conflict of interest. The Oklahoma County Election Board must follow the law as it is written in Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes and Title 230 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code. Neither Williams nor White believe that the Oklahoma County Election Board is following the OAC regarding Absentee voting. That being the case, we've a failed election system in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Republican Party leadership is grateful for the oversight of Williams and White and adamant that the Oklahoma County Election Board be transparent in their actions and follow all pertinent State Law and Oklahoma Administrative Code.

In Liberty,

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