

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Media Release
May 18, 2011

The board met in regular session on Thursday, May 18th. At the top of the agenda was the impact of the state budget upon the local board, a primary concern is the proposed phase out and eventual elimination of the Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPPT), over the next 8 years. As proposed, the revenue loss equals nearly \$4.5 million in cumulative loss over that period. When the phase out of state reimbursement for Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPPT), is completed, the board will lose nearly \$800,000 each year thereafter or the near annual equivalent of one mill in local levy funds. The board and superintendent have been working on a plan to address the projected revenue shortfall. During the board meeting they began the difficult task of addressing the anticipated loss of nearly 14% of their revenue. As a first step, the Longevity Pay and Personal Leave Payout programs were eliminated. Additionally, a cap of 200 hours will limit the amount of sick leave that can be exchanged for cash at retirement which becomes effective on September 1, 2011. Further reductions/cost cutting measures will be necessary and will be determined during the next few months. The board acknowledged that these are difficult times filled with uncertainty and anxiety. It was also emphasized that it remains the goal of our Board and administration to minimize the negative impact on the people served as well as the effects on staff.

In personnel matters, Lucas Cummings, custodian was introduced to the board. Mr. Cummings filled a vacant position in April.

The board was advised that the annual geranium fundraiser event was successful this year selling 494 baskets of flowers. Dr. Mancuso thanked the community for their support and staff for their assistance in the geranium sale project.

The next board meeting is June 16, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the board office conference room.

Pamela Hickman
Executive Secretary
May 24, 2011