

## Commissioner proposes logical way to cut spending

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Commissioner Nick Picerno says one way to cut spending is to look at unfilled positions in Moore County Government. Picerno, considered especially knowledgeable in budget matters, made the observation during a public hearing. “We don’t want to fire anyone or lay anyone off, says the former board chairman, “ but I was shocked to see the number of vacancies there are in the system.” Now would be a good time to see how many of those positions could simply be eliminated. The budget submitted by County Manager Cary McSwain, although balanced, calls for a spending increase of one-point-two million dollars. Commissioner Tim Lea says the number of unfilled positions stands at 35.