

April 20, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The Muskogee Board of County Commissioners met in session at 8:15 a.m. Members present were: Chairman, Keith Hyslop; Vice-Chairman, Kenny Payne; Member Ken Doke; and Muskogee County Clerk, Polly Irving.

1: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to Open the meeting at 8:30 a.m. The motion was unanimous.

2: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved the Purchase Orders. The motion was unanimous.

3: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved the Monthly reports. The motion was unanimous.

4: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved Regular meeting minutes for April 13, 2026. The motion was unanimous.

5: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Braggs Public Schools and Muskogee County Sheriff's Office. **Andy Simmons:** *"This is a renewal of the MOU we've had in place. Basically, we have a deputized Muskogee County deputy that is paid for by Braggs Public Schools so we have an SRO at the school at no cost to the county."* The motion was unanimous.

6: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to Appoint Stephen Wright to the Excise/Equalization Tax Board effective May 1, 2026. There was no paperwork received by the County Clerk to support this motion. The motion was unanimous.

7: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Oktaha Public Schools and the Muskogee County Sheriff's Office. The motion was unanimous.

8: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved an Economic Infrastructure Community Equipment Fund Agreement between Google LLC and the Board of County Commissioners for the benefit of Council Hill Fire Department. **John Tyler Hammons:** *"Mr. Chairman, members of the board, this is... Google is building a data center out in the counseling area. They have agreed to donate substantial amounts of money to the counseling fire department by reimbursing them for fire equipment they previously bought. I think it's several hundred thousand dollars. I would recommend approval."* There was no paperwork signed and executed by the Commissioners to support this motion. The motion was unanimous.

9: No Action

No action was taken regarding payment for RWD #7 water line relocation for the Okay Road Project.

10, 11, 12: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to convene into Executive Session at 8:39 a.m. to receive confidential communication concerning a potential claim, discuss the sale of real property in the southeast quadrant in Muskogee, and to discuss the purchase of real property in downtown Muskogee. The motion was unanimous.

13: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to adjourn the Executive Session and resume Regular Session at 9:01 a.m. with the following being decided upon: **John Tyler Hammons:** *“Mr. Chairman, members of the board, the county commissioners did meet in executive session as authorized to 25 OS 307 B-4 to receive confidential communication concerning a potential claim. At this time, no action is required. County commissioners did meet in executive session as authorized to 25 OS 307 B-3 to discuss the possible sale of real property located in the southeast quadrant of Muskogee. While no votes were taken or polls cast, however, at this time, I do believe a proper motion would be to approve the sale of the juvenile detention center with a lease option for the sheriff’s office.”*

Commissioner Payne: *“So moved.”* **Commissioner Doke:** *“Second.”* The motion was unanimous.

John Tyler Hammons: *“County commissioners did meet in executive session as authorized to 25 OS 307 B-3 to discuss the purchase of real property in downtown Muskogee. No action is required at this time.”*

BIDS: 2026-004 – Motor Graders, District 2

All bids were closed at 9:00 a.m. with no bids received.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hyslop and seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. The motion was unanimous.