

January 12, 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 8:50 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 Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved Regular meeting minutes for January 5, 2026 with the modification that Kenny Payne was absent. The motion was unanimous.

5: No Action

No action was taken regarding a presentation from AirMedCare.

6: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved an Invoice from Five Star Demolition for Asphalt Phase 2 in the amount of \$178,858.

Commissioner Payne: *"This is on the public safety complex. The only thing on the invoice is asphalt phase 2. I know that Dalton has taken up the old asphalt so we can level it. And I think February actually is... Mid-January in the next week or so, we'll start going out for bids on actual building and things of that nature. I have a spreadsheet that Melissa created for me over here that includes this amount that I'm gonna go see Laurel today about as far as what we've expended to this point, which is about \$450,000. And get us a timeline on who, what, when, where, how, and why this will come back to us. And we'll go from there. The amount is \$178,858. \$178,858 for this phase, which is included in that amount."* **Commissioner Doke:** *"And I guess if we're paying for this, it's been procured and all that, we're good because we're dealing with some procurement related stuff."* **John Tyler Hammons:** *"It was bid, yes sir."*

Commissioner Doke: *"So the question is, we just want to pay it and then get it back. And I guess, you're tracking that in?"* **Treasurer, Shelly Sumpter:** *"I'm working with Kevin and Melissa. It's tracked on the entire county level. So that when the auditors come in, they see that we're tracking all of this stuff, not just that Melissa has a list. We were supposed to meet last week and it was my fault that we didn't. So I'll give you that this week."* The motion was unanimous.

7: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved an Application and Utility Permit from Muskogee County Rural Water District 6 to erect, construct and maintain a road bore located at 2030 S 134th St W, Haskell Oklahoma in District 3. The motion was unanimous.

8: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Memo from District 2 stating that (42) Bridge Beams that were donated by Manhattan

Construction in March of 2024 must be placed in District 2 inventory. The motion was unanimous.

9: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a 2026 Information Sheet from Braggs Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

10: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved an Application and Utility Permit from Dobson Fiber to erect, construct and maintain a Fiber Optic Line located at SE side of the City of Muskogee in District 1. **Commissioner Doke:** *"So I'll make a motion to approve the road bores for all of the county related crossings and to let them know they need to talk to the city about anything related to the city of Muskogee."* The motion was unanimous.

11: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a DR-2019-Muskogee CO-00019 Grant Budget Modification Request. **Grant Writer, Kevin Wilson:** *"Morning. Morning. All we need to do this morning is requesting a leverage reduction from the HMGP, the advanced assistance grant. Initially we had estimated the amount of that leverage to be \$534,318.53 after then when that was all submitted the actual number that was submitted by MESHAK for reimbursement was \$501,507.52 which is a reduction of \$32,811.10 This doesn't change anything just except the line item budget for the advanced assistance leverage which is something we have to do before we go ahead and proceed with the expenditure report so we get money coming back into the coffers. We will likely have to do another one of these as this project proceeds and what our actual cost is going to be. At this time it only changes the leverage amount."* **Commissioner Payne:** *"This is picky but I just want to bring it to mind on the record. Down at the bottom it says we are requesting a reduction 'if' the county leveraged commitment for the project of \$32,811.01 I think that should say 'of'. I put a line through it and put 'of' but I want that on the record just in case it would ever need to be."* The motion was unanimous.

12: No Action

No action was taken at this time regarding claim # VAALAC078645 for the Muskogee County Sheriff's Office.

13 & 14: No Action

No action was taken at this time regarding an Executive Session to receive confidential communication from the legal counsel concerning pending litigation with Cedar Inn Rentals.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 a.m. The motion was unanimous.