

June 8, 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 8:15 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 Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, 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 June 1, 2026. The motion was unanimous.

5: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Declaration of Surplus 2026-16 from District 2 consisting of a 2029 Copier CS-3060. The motion was unanimous.

6: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Resolution 2026-013 related to County Longevity Pay Program. **Commissioner Payne:** *"This is a piece of legislation that came down from the state increasing the longevity pay for county employees, possibly other employees, but we're dealing with county employees. And increased their longevity by about 50% across the board."* **JT Hammons:** *"I know for the record on longevity pay, it will be paid out of the funds available to the office. So, it won't come out of the general government. It will come out of each individual office's budget."* **Commissioner Payne:** *"Payroll account."* **JT Hammons:** *"Correct."* The motion was unanimous.

7: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved an Equipment Lease Renewal State FY-2027 through the County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund. The motion was unanimous.

8: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Cooperative Service Agreement and Invoice between Muskogee County Board of County Commissioners and United States Department of Agricultural, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services (WS). **Commissioner Payne:** *"This is a yearly contract we have with the state that allows them to come on property within our districts and trap unwanted animals and things of that nature. The cost this year is \$3,400."* The motion was unanimous.

9: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a FY26-27 Officer List for District 3. The motion was unanimous.

10: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a FY26-27 Disaster Recovery Plan for District 3. The motion was unanimous.

11: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a FY26-27 Inventory List for District 3. The motion was unanimous.

12: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Cooperative Agreement between the County and the Property Owners/Easement Holders of Buddy Lane Road that adjoins East River Road, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma located in District 1 to perform work pursuant to 69 OS Section 643.1 to Diminish Erosion. **DA, Janet Hutson:** *"We received a call in the District Attorney's Office from Mr. Jack Smith, very, very upset about the condition of Buddy Lane Road, which is a private roadway. Portions of it owned by Chris Sneed and other property owners. The others listed out there, I think there's five of them that are also easement holders. The road is eroded. I spoke with Ken at length about it. The ditches were opened up out there on East River Road, causing that water to flow faster, and it has had an impact of erosion upon that road. He was really, really angry, but I think we've got him calmed down and things are better. I think pursuant to 643.1, we do have the authority and right to go out there and remedy the problems they have. Ken and I have talked about it. He has sent me the scope of work. I've maintained contact with Chris Sneed as well as Mr. Smith, and I think they will be ready to sign off on improvements so we can put that behind us. This contract provides that this is a one-and-done situation. We're going to come out there and remedy that. We are not assuming any liability or acknowledging anything that was done wrong. There was also an issue of who put that tin horn in. Was it us? Was it a private thing that was done between Brady Ross and somebody named Turner? We don't know for certain on that, and so we're not acknowledging, and thank you for that language yesterday, we're not acknowledging that either, that we put it there or we didn't. And regardless, we have the right pursuant to that statute to go out and remedy that problem for them. And I think at this time it's probably the best thing to do because everybody's threatening all kinds of things. And so, I think that that is not the battle to fight. Just go out and get it fixed and get it done. Ken, do you think two days, three days?"* **Commissioner Doke:** *"I'm not sure. I'll talk to Brian and find out. But the reality is we took an old gravel road and before we were going to chip seal it, it turned into a hard surface road. But before we did that, we were going to make sure the drainage worked on it. There was a lot of old smashed pipes and the ditches weren't great. We literally just ran the ditches and put in pipes, but we got everything draining again. And so, the water all has to go down to this one spot. It's the low spot, and then it makes its way to the creek. But, you know, we really just made it all work, I guess. And it's got to go to the low spot. And Buddy Lane is the low spot. So anyway, I think that we've got an idea how we can rectify their situation too. And it's not a significant project, really. I mean, I think we can go out there and hit it for a couple days and keep everybody happy."* **DA, Janet Hutson:** *"Well, the one person we kind of thought was on board and thinking that things were better was not on board. And clearly said 180 degrees from him."* **Commissioner Payne:** *"Do we need any paperwork of any kind?"* **DA, Janet Hutson:** *"I've got a contract, and I've got the legal descriptions attached to the contract."* **Commissioner Payne:** *"Okay. Will that come through our meeting at some point or not?"* **DA, Janet Hutson:** *"I think it comes through this morning. I've got everything here. And I've sent it to Ken and had him look over it. He made a few changes, and I made some changes. And so, it's for Ken's signature only. It doesn't require all three percent of the statute."* There was no paperwork given to the County Clerk's Office to support this motion. The motion was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hyslop and seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 a.m. The motion was unanimous.