

March 2, 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 February 23, 2026. The motion was unanimous.

5: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Declaration of Surplus from District 1 consisting of equipment that were lost or stolen. The motion was unanimous.

6: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved an Application and Utility Permit 2026-04 from Okmulgee County Rural District #20 to maintain a waterline located at 18541 W 20th St N in District 3. The motion was unanimous.

7: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Letter of Approval from Mountain View Fire Department Board to elect Bobby Allen to serve as a board member as Treasurer. The motion was unanimous.

8: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Resolution for Disposing of Equipment 2026-03 from the Health Department consisting of office furniture that will be sold on Purple Wave Online Auction. The motion was unanimous.

9: No Action

No action was taken regarding a Utility Permit Application 2026-04 for District 3.

10: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved and awarded Bid 2026-002, District 2 Bridge Beams to Plan B Excavation out of Culleoka, TN for the purchase of (2) Bridge Beams at \$1800 each, totaling \$3600. The motion was unanimous.

11: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Self-Reported 2026 Inventory for Oktaha Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

12: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Self-Reported 2026 Inventory for Summit Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

13: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Self-Reported 2026 Inventory for Taft Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

14: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Resolution for Disposing of Equipment for District 1 consisting of equipment that was junked.

Ken Doke: *“So this is different than the earlier one. This disposal is two items that were from a surplus back in November. So, there's not a number, a corresponding number to go with it, but it is a surplus that was filed back in November of 25, and those two items were disposed of.”* The motion was unanimous.

15: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the Assessor to extend the Board of Equalization review period through the end of June 2026. **Ron Dean:**

“The Board of Equalization meets every year during the month of May to hear protest from taxpayers that we've had informal hearings with. For residential property owners, that's never a problem. For commercial businesses, in off times, is. They normally have got tax representatives that are working with them. We're talking lots of assets and a lot of time spent on the company's behalf, but also on our behalf, trying to go through and come to a resolution before going to the board. We've extended the board in which in statute the assessor has got the right to extend the board at any time through the month of June. But it's difficult to get a quorum of two members if they don't know in advance. So that's why I'm wanting to go ahead now and assume that we're going to need to extend the board through June and to where we can go ahead and schedule four dates in the month of June for the equalization board members to where there can be at least two there. So if we have the need to offer those dates to companies for the hearings, we're going to go ahead and do that in advance. So just trying to be proactive.” **Kenny Payne:** *“And just to be clear, because this question got asked earlier, that is statutorily acceptable?”* **Ron Dean:** *“Yes. The assessor has the right to extend the board through June. We cannot extend it at any time.”* There was no paperwork presented for signatures to support this motion. The motion was unanimous.

16: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved an Interlocal Agreement between the Sheriff of Muskogee County / Board of County

Commissioners and McIntosh County Sheriff's Office / McIntosh County Board of Board of Commissioners to provide housing and board for inmates of Muskogee County. **Kenny Payne:**

“This jail?” **Andy Simmons:** *“Yes.”* **Kenny Payne:** *“If we need the jail space, that'll help us.”* **Andy Simmons:** *“Normally, if we have a high-profile crime or somebody we need separated or a public official, we house them at a new county for their safety and to limit the county's liability.”* The motion was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 a.m. The motion was unanimous.