

May 11, 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 8:22 a.m. The motion was unanimous.

2: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, 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 Hyslop, approved Regular meeting minutes for May 4, 2026. The motion was unanimous.

5: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved an Invoice from Five Star Demolition for Fire Station 5 located at 1706 N York St. **Commissioner Payne:** *"This is a reimbursement from the Public Safety Trust, and I'll move for approval."* The motion was unanimous.

6: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Resolution for Disposing of Equipment for District 2. **Commissioner Hyslop:** *"This is our district, and we're selling some stuff, and this is part of the process for getting rid of it."* The motion was unanimous.

7: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Renewal Letter for Lease Purchase Agreement 229686, 2023 Mack Truck 1937 for District 1 for the purpose of the annual renewal effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The motion was unanimous.

8: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved Invoicing from Eastern Oklahoma District Circuit Engineering District. **Brian from EODCED:** *"My name's Brian. I'm your bridge inspection engineer from the Circuit Engineering District. This is your annual bridge inspection updates for this year's inventory. These are the new bridge inspection formats, so it's now a four-page report. The first two pages gives you the information about the bridge, where it's at, lengths and widths and heights. That page three has a bar chart that's color-coded, green, yellow, red. Red's kind of an eye-catcher to let you know there might be something wrong there you might want to look at. That fourth page has the narrative of all the findings. For your convenience inside your front cover of your book, I've summarized your findings and what you need to look at for maintenance and repair. And if there's been anything significant, well, I've called you on the spot and met with your foreman and been in the field on those things. So, we've taken care of those already, those significant items. In this year's report, I want to point out you've got some tabs there hanging at the top of your book, off the top. Get a chance later on in the year to look through those with your foreman. Those are the ones that really need attention, need to be considered for replacement, whether you want to handle those*

in-house or bring those over for a CERB plan replacement. The CERB plan is full. We've just been through rebalancing. ODOT has demanded that we use higher estimates for some things, where we used to use lower numbers. Now they're asking for higher numbers. That's causing us to logjam the system and slows delivery on their side. So that being said, some of these things would be better if you could replace them in-house, that would be much better. Because some of these things, they're small. They can be replaced with much smaller structures. Some of these, as we would say, problem children. That being said, I didn't see any significant issues other than routine maintenance, debris. Keith, you've got a couple of scour issues coming off the road deck. Typical maintenance repairs. I can say nothing real. Eyebrow raising, on that. On the back page is the invoice where it says approve the invoicing. Make sure we're clear here. This is paid for through Federal Highway Administration. This is for your knowledge and for your concurrence to know that this is what we charge for the services. This is the old unit rates. The contract should be coming before the board the CED board this month for what the revised hourly rates are. Long story short is our cost for bridge inspection is going to go up from about 600 to about 900 a bridge, just based upon the changes in our unit rates.” **Commissioner Payne:** *“Who sets the rates?”* **Brian of EODCED:** *“Well, ODOT had asked for the CED to review our financials and put forth a unit rate that's in accordance with the federal auditing requirements and the AASHTO policies for those hourly rates. So, we put it through the CPA and they went through our books and our audit and that's where they came back with these much higher rates. They're actually about \$100 an hour higher than what we had been using all based upon what they've asked for. And so, because of that the district will be reimbursed at a higher rate than it used to be. That's a good thing but it's also a double-edged sword because the money we pay from here takes away from the federal highway side of the allocations. There'll be an adjustment in the STP funds on that side of the program.”* The motion was unanimous.

9: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Contract between Canadian County Juvenile Detention and Muskogee County for services at Canadian County Juvenile Detention Center beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Commissioner Doke: *“\$36 a day which is probably one of the best rates I've seen.”* The motion was unanimous.

10: No Action

No action was taken regarding an Invoice from Digi for Access Control Badging Configuration.

11: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved an Office of Detention Services Intergovernmental agreement between United States Marshal Service Prisoners Operations Division Office of Detention Services in Muskogee County Jail.

Sheriff Simmons: *“This is what we discussed earlier in the year I believe where we worked with a third-party consultant to negotiate with the US Marshals to get the grant that we currently submitted to.”*

Commissioner Doke: *“Which is \$7,337?”* **Commissioner Payne:** *“So would this entail hiring somebody Andy? Is that that go-between?”*

Sheriff Simmons: *“No this was. We hired this consultant. What we pay him is the next 90 days of what the increase is per inmate.”*

Commissioner Doke: *“So this is the actual agreement with the Feds?”* **Sheriff Simmons:** *“Yes, with the Marshals.”* The motion was unanimous.

12: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to Enter into an Executive Session at 8:46 a.m. to discuss the purchase of real property in downtown Muskogee. The motion was unanimous.

13: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved to adjourn the Executive Session and resume Regular meeting at 9:04 a.m. with no action being taken at this time regarding the discussions in Executive Session. The motion was unanimous.

BIDS:**2026-007 – Road Graders, District 2**

All bids were closed at 8:30 a.m. and (2) compliant bids were received.

- *Yellow House – 2021 John Deere 672G for \$156,983.98*
- *Sandy - \$199,431.41*

Motion:

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved to accept all compliant bids and award Bid 2026-007 – Road Graders, District 2 to Yellow House in the amount of \$156,983.98. The motion was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 a.m. The motion was unanimous.