

May 27, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

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

**1: Motion**

Commissioner Hyslop made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved to Open the meeting at 8:44 a.m. The motion was unanimous.

**2: Motion**

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

**3: Motion**

Commissioner Hyslop 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 19, 2025. The motion was unanimous.

**5:**

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved an Expenditure Approval Letter in the amount of \$15,000 to the Center for Economic Development Law for legal costs associated with Muskogee County Economic Development projects which was requested from the Port to cover the County's one third of the legal fees. Legal Fees for the economic development projects have been split between the Port, the City, and the County. The motion was unanimous.

**6:**

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved a CED Solid Waste Program Request for Muskogee County which is grant monies to clean up the county. The motion was unanimous.

**7:**

Commissioner Hyslop made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Revised Resolution or CERF-100 Form to request equipment changes to an asphalt paver for District 3. The motion was unanimous.

**8:**

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved a Letter of Approval to reappoint Justin Duke whose term expires May 30, 2025 to continue to serve as a member of the Oktaha Fire Board beginning July 1, 2025. The motion was unanimous

**9:**

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved a Letter of Expenditure for the use of \$25,000 from the Commissioners Highway Fund (0001-6-4000-2005) for an asphalt overlay on S. 25<sup>th</sup> St in District 2. The motion was unanimous.

**10:**

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved a Letter of Expenditure for the use of \$25,000 from the Commissioners Highway Fund (0001-6-4000-2005) for resurfacing costs on County Line Rd, Council Hill in District 3. The motion was unanimous.

**11: No Action**

No action was taken regarding the approval to transfer funds from the Commissioner Highway Fund account to District 1, 2 and 3 for expenditures.

**12:**

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved a list of Designation of Purchase Cardholders for the P-Card as follows: Kenny Payne - District 3 Commissioner, Shelly Sumpter – Treasurer, Robyn Boswell – Court Clerk, Ron Dean – Assessor, Polly Irving - County Clerk, Crystal Vickrey – District 1 Secretary, and Nedra Peyton – District 2 Secretary. Each cards have a card limit of \$2,500. The motion was unanimous.

**13: No Action**

No action was taken regarding the approval of an updated County Travel Policy.

**14: No Action**

No action was taken regarding the approval of duct work in the office of the Treasurer.

**15:**

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved to Enter into Executive Session at 9:00 a.m. to receive confidential communications between the public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest: Keefton Volunteer Fire Department vs. Board of County Commissioners, case number CV-23-185 and case number 12306. The motion was unanimous.

**16:**

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved to Exit the Executive Session and resume Regular meeting at 9:38 a.m. and a brief statement was given by General Counsel, John Tyler Hammons which states: “Mr. Chairman, members of the board, in case number CV-23-185, judgment was entered in favor of the Board of County Commissioners declaring that Keefton Fire Department is a Title 19 fire department under state law. Statutorily, the Board of County Commissioners is required to appoint a board to govern the Keefton Fire Department as a Title 19 entity. I recommend the Commissioners begin the process of appointing a Title 19 Board to govern the Keefton Fire Department as required by law and consistent with the judge's order.” The Commissioners have taken no action at this time. The motion was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Carrie Wages with Emergency Management gave an update of the recent storms and damages in Fort Gibson.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. The motion was unanimous.