

October 6, 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 8:45 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 September 29, 2025. The motion was unanimous.

5: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved an Application for Group Supplemental Medical Expense Insurance through ACE American Insurance Company (CHUBB) introduced by Dylan Lucht of Lucht Insurance to be added to the Renewal of Employee Benefits effective 1/1/2026. The motion was unanimous.

6: Motion

Commissioner Hyslop made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a VSP Vision Renewal Proposal provided by Dylan Lucht of Lucht Insurance for employee benefits effective 1/1/2026. The motion was unanimous.

7: Motion

Commissioner Hyslop made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) for Muskogee County OPERS-Eligible Retirees. Dylan Lucht explained: *"So this one we discussed some last week as well. To refresh everyone, the Blue Cross rates, we had no control over those Blue Cross files. We drew the insurance department and reduced those rates. And just the trend is right now supplemental coverage, and that's what retirees have that are Medicare that are over 65. They're just, the trending is. And so some of those look like a \$20 per month increase. And some of them are as high as \$80 per month increase, which is significant. Very few of the 80, but there are some that are in there that are being affected that way. As it stands, we did go to market. We did look for other carriers that could compete against Blue Cross that would do that. And we did not have any success with that, however. We also went to market to look at other carriers that would offer a Medicare Advantage plan, health plan to go along with it. And the carriers all declined. They wanted all or nothing. You drop your Blue Cross 100% and it's us, and we'll do this. The problem is they have networks, and so it would affect some folks. We did go and have some meetings with community care. They did agree to offer this, and alongside the first Blue Cross Supplemental, this can be offered. There are two plans. One will be \$99.50 a month, and the other one will cost nothing to the new retiree. And that portion of it that is being paid through OPERS will pay the premium for this. So, if the retiree says this is a good idea, we'll do it for them, they could move over to it. And if there's one person or if there's 10 or however many, Community Care is going to offer that without any restrictions on enrollment. All they ask for on this is just minutes or approval if they want to move forward. There will be some other*

documentation required once we get everything lined up with them.” The motion was unanimous and no paperwork was presented for signatures to support this motion at this time.

8: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved a Lease Purchase Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and Bob Moore Ford LLC for Haskell Fire Department to purchase a 2025 F-550 with financing through Welch State Bank. Commissioner Doke explains: *“Just for the record, we’re talking about a 2025 brush truck Ford F-550. Unit price is \$112,384.31. Lease purchase price would be \$135,130.80. Monthly payments of \$1,608.70 per month. Six successive options to renew the lease with the final option to renew the lease for a period of four months.”* The motion was unanimous.

9: No Action

No action was taken regarding a utility permit application in District 3.

10: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved a Letter of Choice for County Bridge Inspection Contracts. Commissioner Doke explains: *“Oklahoma Department of Transportation has selected seven consulting firms to perform routine local government bridge safety inspections based on established qualifications processes. And companies that meet the National Bridge Inspection Standards, basically what they’ve done is they’ve created an approved list, I guess, of vendors that we can use or choose for whoever we want to inspect our bridges here. I’m not sure if the question is, do we all end up using the same bridge inspection company countywide, or are we choosing these per district?”* John Tyler Hammons responds: *“Countywide. I think this remains in effect for two years, if I’m correct.”* Commissioner Doke states: *“So they list pre-qualified consultants, and then also in there is pre-qualified circuit engineering districts. I think the tradition has been that we’ve always used our circuit engineering district. For a fraction of the cost, and they’re local, so we can always run out there and talk to them. And then it goes into some of the details of the number of bridges and the populations and all that kind of stuff.”* Commissioner Payne states: *“I’ll move to appoint and approve circuit engineering district number two to perform our bridge inspections for the specified term on the contract.”* The motion was unanimous.

11: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved the Release of Easement recorded in Book 4885 at Page 466. John Tyler Hammons explains: *“This is a requirement for our agreement with the developer for our project down south. This is in return for the \$770,000 that’s closing this easement and recommend approval.”* Commissioner Payne asks John Tyler: *“Actually, is that the one with the Port?”* John Tyler responds: *“Yes.”* The motion was unanimous.

12: No Action

No action was taken regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement with Yellowhouse John Deere for (5) Motor Graders for District 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m. The motion was unanimous.