

September 14, 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 8:26 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 Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved Regular meeting minutes for September 8, 2026. The motion was unanimous.

5: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved Utility Applications 2026-02 through 2026-23 in District 1 and District 3 for Bodark Solar Energy LLC. The motion was unanimous.

6: No Action

No action taken regarding a Utility Application #2026-24 for Shepard Pool Operating LLC in District 3.

7: No Action

No action taken regarding an invoice from Port Muskogee for Workforce Development.

8: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved to extend the emergency burn ban for Muskogee County another (7) days. **Emergency Management Director, Dan Hall:** *"Good morning, Commissioners and everyone. This morning we're talking about the burn ban. With only 15 counties out of 77 that are off of a burn ban, and the only one touching us that's not on a burn ban right now is Okmulgee County. Wagoner came in and did one on Thursday. So, we're the only ones that's not on a burn ban still. We did poll the chiefs like we were supposed to, and they all voted no. We had 11 guys that said they don't want a burn ban, but we're still dry. We didn't get enough water. Commissioner Payne:* *"I saw a map either last night or this morning. I think it was this morning, and we are actually in a worse drought condition right now than we were when we put it on than we were last week. More of our county is in what they call severe. I don't know what that means exactly, except for there's five levels, and severe is in the middle. We had a large and potentially dangerous fire at Whittinghill construction, or Whittinghill garbage out on Hancock last Wednesday or Thursday. We had it. We've probably, and in reference to our county fire departments, they've done a great job of knocking them down, but there have been a couple of pretty good-sized fires at this point. Over the last two or three weeks there have been several, but it's pretty small and pretty easily taken care of. But I don't think that, I don't know why we would have put a ban on two weeks ago or a week ago if we weren't going to keep it on now when the conditions are worse than they were then. Dan Hall:* *"And we are, especially in the southern part of our county, it's a lot drier." Commissioner Payne:* *"Now there's a swath from Fort Gibson to Haskell almost in the northern part that is in the same criteria as the south is." Commissioner Hyslop:* *"Yeah, and*

we're going to be in triple digits again part of this week, so no rain in the forecast.” Dan Hall: “The first sign of rain, any type of interest in rain, is the next Monday or Tuesday, as far as I like it, since 10 days. And that's a maybe then too. Like Councilor Payne said, we're in a worse situation now, and I don't see us, I don't, I'm not going to be very popular with this decision, but in my opinion.” The motion was unanimous.

9: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Contract with Premier USA Inc and Muskogee County. **Commissioner Doke:** *“I think we approved this last week. Is this just a sign or something?”* **Dan Hall:** *“Last week we had an issue with some of the paperwork. We took it back to the district attorney to look over.”* **DA, Janet Hutson:** *“Is this the Premier process? Here's the problem. I visited with Dan. He indicates that this contract is basically for one position, but the contract says between Premier and the County of Muskogee. So, if it's going to be a thing where other county agencies are going to utilize Premier and it could possibly exceed \$25,000, we need to bid.”* **Commissioner Payne:** *“So can we not leave it at Muskogee County and write in a caveat that this is for a particular?”* **Janet Hutson:** *“Yes. We can interlineate and put definitively this is for this one position, and then I think we're fine as long as she signs off on it.”* **Dan Hall:** *“And I think she will.”* **Janet Hutson:** *“Okay. With that interlineation, I would be fine.”* **Commissioner Payne:** *“We'll do what you want to do. It doesn't matter to me. Would you be on board with making the motion with that consideration in the motion? And who would that be within the county that we're going to put out there as the agent? In other words, not Muskogee County. It is Muskogee County and the Office of Emergency Management. Is that how you want to do it?”* **Janet Hutson:** *“Yes.”* **Commissioner Payne:** *“Okay. With that, I will move for approval with the condition that the contract be altered to say Muskogee County, particularly the Office of Emergency Management, will be the hiring entity here.”* The motion was unanimous.

10: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a 2026-27 Information Sheet for Maintenance Department. The motion was unanimous.

11: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a 2026-27 Information Sheet for Emergency Management. The motion was unanimous.

12: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a 2026-27 Information Sheet for Muskogee County Sheriff's Department. The motion was unanimous.

13: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a 2026-27 Information Sheet for Muskogee County Fire Tax Board. The motion was unanimous.

14: No Action

No action taken regarding a 2026-27 Information Sheet for Buckhorn Fire Department.

15: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a 2026-27 Information Sheet for Muskogee Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

16: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a 2026-27 Information Sheet for Summit Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

17: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a 2026-27 Information Sheet for Taft Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

18: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a 2026-27 Information Sheet for Webbers Falls Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

19: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Boynton Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

20: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Braggs Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

21: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Brushy Mountain Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

22: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Buckhorn Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

23: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Council Hill Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

24: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Ft. Gibson Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

25: No Action

No action taken regarding an acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 list for Gooseneck Bend Fire Department.

26: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Haskell Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

27: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Keefeton Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

28: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Mountain View Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

29: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Muskogee Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

30: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Oktaha Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

31: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Porum Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

32: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Summit Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

33: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Taft Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

34: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Wainwright Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

35: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the acknowledge receipt of self-reported 2026-27 inventory list for Warner Fire Department. The motion was unanimous.

36: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to Enter into the Executive Session at 8:58 a.m. to discuss the issues of continued employment status of courthouse librarian. The motion was unanimous.

37: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to Adjourn the Executive Session at 9:24 a.m. and resume Regular meeting with no action being taken regarding the discussions of the continued employment status of the courthouse librarian. The motion was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Doke and seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. The motion was unanimous.