

September 21, 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 8:18 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 Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, 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 September 14, 2026. The motion was unanimous.

5: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved Utility Application 2026-25 from Muskogee County Rural Water District 6 for District 3. The motion was unanimous.

6: No Action

No action was taken regarding Utility Application 2026-24 from Sheppard Pool Operating LLC in District 3.

7: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved FY 2026-27 information sheet for District 2. The motion was unanimous.

8: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved proposed safety enhancements to county roads 123rd Street (OK 72 to 174th Street), 113th Street (OK 72 to 174th Street), and 174th Street (103rd Street to 123rd Street) in District 3.

Commissioner Payne: *"Melissa, is this something that we have already signed paperwork on and they're just coming back to reiterate what they want to do?"* **BOCC Secretary, Melissa Lee:** *"Yes."* **Commissioner Payne:** *OK and this just for your information this will be asphalt overlays paid for by the company."* The motion was unanimous.

9: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved an Extension of the Emergency Burn Ban for Muskogee County. **Emg Mgt Director, Dan Hall:** *"Good morning commissioners. Even though we received some rain this week, hope last night, it still is not enough to take the burn ban off in my opinion. I would like to see it for seven more days."* **Commissioner Doke:** *"I know our fire departments been fighting fires almost every day so I'll make a motion to extend the burn ban."* The motion was unanimous.

10: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved to pay Application #10 for the Okay Road Project. **Melissa Lee:** *"Kevin is not here today. That has been approved by Brian, Brian District 1, and Brian with Okay Road WSB project. We're not*

paying it just to approve the work from APAC.” **DA, Janet Hutson:** “While we're talking about the Okay Road project, they're not putting their POs in before they invoice. And I understand what they're doing but they need to put a PO in before the invoice because I've signed the last one when I signed without a PO coming in front.” **Commissioner Doke:** “Is that Kevin?” **Janet Hutson:** “I don't know exactly who does that but I just can't do it anymore. I'm not, I don't think it's appropriate and make the PO if it turns out to be a little less or something. That's one thing but let's -” **Commissioner Payne:** “We do it on everything else.” **Janet Hutson:** “I want a PO or I'm not signing anything.” **Commissioner Doke:** “I don't understand why I wouldn't just do like a blanket or something like that and then just work off the blanket.” **Janet Hutson:** “I can just tell you that I won't sign that.” **Melissa Lee:** “I think the issue was is there was never enough funds in the sub account to do blankets. I don't think that was the problem. And the other part of the problem is we get the engineering invoices like randomly out of order that we don't know are coming. So that's another part of it. Like the pay application ones I think we can get done no problem if there's money in the sub account.” **County Clerk, Polly Irving:** “They do know that we're going to pay something. He knows ahead of time.” **Commissioner Doke:** “Just put in a blanket for a few hundred thousand dollars and work off of it.” **Commissioner Payne:** “Well, someone needs to tell them that though.” **Janet Hutson:** “I'll be happy to.” **Commissioner Payne:** “Well let me- Okay.” **Janet Hutson:** “I mean whoever wants to but I'm not signing them.” The motion was unanimous.

11: No Action

No action was taken regarding County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund Form CERF-100 for FY 2027.

12: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved an Updated Invoice from Midwest Printing Company for the Muskogee County Election Board.

Commissioner Payne: “\$24,929. This is the piece that Art asked us for and there's an upgrade that was supposed to be a part of the deal from the beginning but it didn't make the invoice that we approved. It's \$1,300 more. It was \$23,629. Add \$1,300 now it's \$24,929 and he had asked for this before we did or didn't approve it. It needs to stay and I'll move for approval on that.” **Commissioner Doke:** “We're going to be paying for that out of general funds, right? So, we probably need to name the fund.” **Commissioner Payne:** “Probably.” **Commissioner Doke:** “We have money in capital outlay.” **Polly Irving:** “I think we've already decided what we're paying it out of, didn't we?” **Commissioner Doke:** “Or was it CARES or something?”

Commissioner Payne: “You're positive? No, I'll just rescind mine and you can make it.” **Commissioner Doke:** “I'll make a motion to approve and be paid for out of CARES fund.” The motion was unanimous.

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13: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Declaration of Surplus 2026-01 from the Muskogee County Sheriff's Office. **Sheriff, Andy Simmons:** “This is an older Dodge Charger. I believe it's a 2009 model. It needs about \$2,300 in work on the front end. But my hope is that you guys will allow me to donate it to Oktaha Public Schools for their SRO program. It is marked. It does have lights and I think it'd be a benefit to the county.” **Commissioner Payne:** “This is to surplus it and then I'm sure we'll bring back another item to do what he's asking.” The motion was unanimous.

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14: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to Enter into an Executive Session at 8:28 a.m. to discuss matters pertaining to economic development in District 1. The motion was unanimous.

15: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to Adjourn the Executive Session at 8:46 a.m. and resume Regular meeting with no action being taken regarding the discussed matters pertaining to economic development in District 1. The motion was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Hyslop and seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m. The motion was unanimous.