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The Board of County Commissioners of Osage County met at 10:00 A.M., March 9, 2026, in the OSU Extension Building at Osage County Fairgrounds. Members present were Anthony Hudson, Steve Talburt, and Charlie Cartwright

Guests present were: Christina Talburt-County Clerk, Adrienne Gutierrez-HR/Payroll, Reba Bueno-Conner-Purchasing Agent, Lilliana Guillen-County Clerk Deputy, Jerry Butterbaugh-Citizen, Cindy Murphy-D#2 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy, Shawna Myers-D#2 Community Engagement, Joe Lucas-Citizen, Nona Roach-Citizen, Kate Franko-Google, Scott Ziance-Google, Marissa Turley-Citizen, Kaylee Raspberry-Citizen, Billy Wakefield-Undersheriff, John Cummings-Sheriff's Chief Deputy, Matt Clark-Sheriff's Office, Bobby Sappington Jr-Sheriff's Office, Kelly Pedigo-Fairgrounds, Brady Jones-Citizen, Ashley Kane-ADA, Kelly Chouteau-Election Board, Ed Quinton-Assessor, Jeff Wann-D#1 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy, Ty Loftis-KMPG Radio.

Steve Talburt led the prayer.

Anthony Hudson led the flag salute.

There was no new business.

Charlie Cartwright moved to approve and sign minutes for March 2, 2026. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Anthony Hudson moved to approve blanket purchase orders #265661-265669. Charlie Cartwright seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Charlie Cartwright moved to audit and allow purchase orders for payment. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. The following purchase orders were approved: 263177 INDIAN NATIONS COUNCIL ON GOVMT 1438.21; 263234 UNIFIRST 153.09; 263159 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS 189.33; 265304 AMAZON PAYMENTS 49.74; 265054 ACE HARDWARE/CORNERSTONE BUILDING CTR 442.93; 265116 ACE HARDWARE/CORNERSTONE BUILDING CTR 107.96; 265298 ACE HARDWARE/CORNERSTONE BUILDING CTR 253.85; 265587 THE FAIRFAX CHIEF 647.18; 264756 LEAF 75.87; 262912 TOMO DRUG TESTING 157.56; 265473 SECURITY STATE BANK 2997.09; 265478 SECURITY STATE BANK 3436.42; 265480 WELCH STATE BANK 1151.79; 265052 KCD TOWERS 380.00; 265474 WELCH STATE BANK 1464.19; 265475 WELCH STATE BANK 2389.74; 265476 OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1777.98; 265477 OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1646.85; 265479 WELCH STATE BANK 1635.61; 265393 BG PRODUCTS & EQUIPMENT 1005.60; 263729 MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS 4602.84; 263971 FIZZ-O WATER COMPANY 15.90; 264006 CINTAS 289.00; 264691 UNIFIRST 273.50; 265420 PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF OKLAHOMA 54.79; 265459 ROYAL-T PEST CONTROL 45.00; 265471 WILSON PEST & LAWN 50.00; 265484 VIP VOICE SERVICES 1029.91; 265621 COACHWORKS PAINT & BODY 3606.41; 264363 HOMINY AUTO SUPPLY 103.06; 264936 ACT 109.70; 265142 MID-WEST PRINTING COMPANY 1205.00; 265593 CREATIVE CABINETS 11408.50; 265594 CREATIVE CABINETS 20516.04; 265615 PAWHUSKA TIRE & SERVICE CENTER 40.00; 264396 OSU CTP 125.00; 264419 DAWN RYAN 146.45; 264918 RICK CLOVIS 676.28; 264748 ATLINK SERVICES 125.00; 265048 AT&T 1991.75; 265049 AT&T 1619.59; 264481 MICHAEL E. COLE 625.00; 264487 WILSON PEST & LAWN 75.00; 264495 B&C BUSINESS PRODUCTS 30.00; 264504 MINUTE MAIDS 1200.00; 265157 PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICE 207.63; 265323 R.K. BLACK 79.36; 265329 TECHSICO ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS 25.00; 265330 CINTAS CORP 50.98; 264486 STANDLEY SYSTEMS 301.15; 265297 NOODLE SOUP 247.50; 264671 SARAH PATTERSON 73.37; 264673 CHARLA FRANK 208.80; 264490 CITY OF SKIATOOK 343.79; 264259 TULSA ASPHALT 1976.70; 265580 BANK OF GRAND LAKE 17107.62; 265381 DIRECT DISCOUNT TIRE OF STILLWATER 2404.00; 265237 FLEET FUELS 273.90; 265357 FORMBY OIL COMPANY 2321.14; 265358 CROSS OIL COMPANY 4315.60; 265481 EGID 753.92; 264219 P&K EQUIPMENT 1139.27; 263742 SKIATOOK AUTO PARTS 139.31; 263790 P&K EQUIPMENT 189.49; 264986 STEWART MARTIN KUBOTA OF BROKEN ARROW 3152.00; 265306 YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY 752.86; 264244 HIGHWAY 60 TIRE 142.97; 264765 CORNEJO MATERIALS 7589.79; 264771 BURBANK MATERIALS 6097.70; 265140 APAC-CENTRAL 1210.08; 265426 OAKLEY FERTIZER 2751.95; 265579 OAKLEY FERTIZER 2694.45; 264962 ATWOODS HOME-RANCH 149.94; 264966 ATWOODS HOME-RANCH 134.94; 264967 BRANDT'S 150.00; 264976 FAIRFAX FEED & RANCH SUPPLY 150.00; 264808 WILSON PEST & LAWN 65.00; 264816 UNIFIRST 361.07; 264833 UNIFIRST 359.81; 264873 QUALITY WATER SERVICES 30.50; 265591 OTA GOVERNMENT ACCT SERVICES 10.94; 265630 MCCORD RWD #3 27.13; 264208 LOWE'S 113.88; 264212 CATES SUPPLY 740.30; 264678 BUMPER TO BUMPER 21.84; 264683 LAWSON PRODUCTS 147.66; 264699 ACE HARDWARE/CORNERSTONE BUILDING CTR 253.85; 264704 BUMPER TO BUMPER 1741.21; 264782 FAIRFAX FEED & RANCH SUPPLY 142.15; 264788 BRUCKNER'S TRUCK SALES 365.91; 264812 THE HYDRAULIC CENTER 927.35; 264813 WOODLAND AUTOMOTIVE 1630.34; 264818 CINTAS 73.25; 264823 MCCARTYS OFFICE MACHINE 256.39; 264825 UNIFIRST 1381.79; 264826 MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY 146.76; 264829 ATWOODS HOME-RANCH 30.00; 264841 WELDON PARTS 790.11; 264845 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE 69.86; 265131 DP SUPPLY CO 15607.50; 265296 ACE HARDWARE/CORNERSTONE BUILDING CTR 124.31; 265355 GELLCO CLOTHING & SHOES 150.00; 265445 DIRECT DISCOUNT TIRE OF STILLWATER 245.80; 261944

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OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY 36.85; 264693 AT&T 438.40; 264703 CRTS 193.64; 265350 NUSO 70.81; 265581 WINDSTREAM CORPORATION 308.07; 265582 ATLINK SERVICES 272.95; 265590 SUMMIT UTILITIES OKLAHOMA 623.36; 265595 PERSHING FIRE 10000.00; 265596 OSAGE COUNTY RWD #5 1962.00; 265446 ALL LIT UP ELECTRIC 458.21; 264809 AUTO-CHLOR SERVICES 1107.00; 264859 MONTGOMERY TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS 2607.50; 265490 AUTO-CHLOR SERVICES 887.00; 265520 FUELMAN 12754.89; 265302 MARC MILLER BUICK-GMC 377.86; 265622 BARTLESVILLE CHRYSLER-DODGE 154.00; 264119 UNIFIRST 318.29; 265492 BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS 19179.94; 264118 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE 1631.41; 264695 HOMINY AUTO SUPPLY 2101.43; 265092 HOMINY AUTO SUPPLY 1902.17; 265392 C&B AUTO GLASS SERVICES 874.68; 265223 GRIFFIN COMMUNICATIONS 4185.00; 265227 PAWHUSKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 3000.00; 262452 MY MEDIA MATTERS 400.00; 263300 MY MEDIA MATTERS 400.00; 264343 MY MEDIA MATTERS 400.00; 264352 MY MEDIA MATTERS 400.00; 264353 MARY BETH MOORE 7532.25; 264183 PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICE 1057.89; 265429 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 58.77; 265452 MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY 832.89; 265290 AXON ENTERPRISE DBA AXON JUSTICE 3323.50; 264780 HARPS FOOD STORES 394.64; 264789 MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY 261.99; 264799 MICHELLE MCCONNELL 245.78; 265560 VYVE BROADBAND 153.83; 265550 HOMINY DRUG AND GIFT 2593.18; 265518 BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS 10327.33; 265112 CINTAS 687.70; 264616 DIGI SECURITY SYSTEMS 749.20; 263598 CINTAS 372.00; 264432 ON TARGET 1058.69; 265391 PATRIOT CHEVROLET 340.11; 265447 WELCH STATE BANK 1457.36; 265583 WELCH STATE BANK 1513.25; 265449 OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1885.41; 263983 WW MFG CO 1262.00.

Anthony Hudson moved to approve Utility Permit # (1751) for District #3 submitted by one permanent water line and installed in a boring manner, Starting point of section 10. Township 20N, Range 10E, Crossing or Parallel to County Road number Crossing Bore-Osage St. Charlie Cartwright seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Anthony Hudson moved to sign Resolution for Re-bid on #26-17 for a Lead up and Arrow System to the Indoor Arena for the Osage County Fairgrounds approved on 03/02/2026. Charlie Cartwright seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. **(28763)**

Anthony Hudson moved to sign and award Bid #26-16 to W W Manufacturing in the amount of \$58,692.00 to replace the South end of the Outdoor Arena for the Osage County Fairgrounds. Charlie Cartwright seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. **(28764) (28765)**

Anthony Hudson moved to sign Resolution to go out for advertising for Bid #26-18 for a Tanker Truck for Rock Fire Department to be paid with REAP Grant. Charlie Cartwright seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. **(28766)**

Charlie Cartwright moved to approve and sign for Cremation Services in the amount of \$400.00 to Kendrick-McCartney Johnson Funeral Home for an indigent person in District #1. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. **(28767)**

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Anthony Hudson moved to approve Invoice to Eagleview for Pictometry in the amount of \$188,845.83 to be paid out of (0001-1-2000-2999) Gen Gov Contingency. Charlie Cartwright seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. **(28769)** Ed Quinton- This is our contract for Eagleview Pictometry. It will be the same for ten years.

Charlie Cartwright moved to approve and sign the following February 2026 reports:

- a. SAI 308 February 2026 receipts
- b. 1102 Highway
- c. CBRI 1103 Highway
- d. Reconciliation-Assessor **(28770)**
- e. Monthly SAI Report-Treasurer's Office **(28771)**
- f. Sheriff's Jail Account-1210-2-0400-2005 **(28772)**
- g. Sheriff's Service Fee Account-1226-2-0400-2005 **(28773)**
- h. Reconciliation-County Clerk **(28774)**
- i. County Clerk's Cashbook and Summary Report **(28775)**
- j. Reconciliation-Health Department **(28776)**
- k. Reconciliation-Election Board **(28777)**

Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

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Anthony Hudson moved to approve Invoice to J&J Chapman Construction for Emergency Management portion of the new Evidence/Storage Building in the amount of \$98,500.00 to be paid from Gen Gov Building & Maintenance (0001-1-2000-2050) approved on 06/23/2025. Charlie Cartwright seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. **(28778)**

Charlie Cartwright moved to approve and sign Quote for Kellpro in the amount of \$7,533.44 for the Dmarc Building at the Annex for installation of Rackmount and back-up battery. The following quotes were received: Kellpro in the amount of \$3,217.80 **(28783)** Apprentice in the amount of \$4,200.00 **(28784)**, and Kellpro in the amount of \$7,533.44 **(28785)**. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Anthony Hudson moved to sign Transfer of Funds form 240 to correct error from FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$214.36 from FY 2025-2026 D#3 M&O (1120-6-4300-2005) to FY 2023-2024 D#3 M&O (1120-6-4300-2005). Charlie Cartwright seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. County Clerk Christina Talburt advised the Board that an error occurred in FY 23/24 and was left in a negative balance by the former County Clerk administration, and with speaking with the State Auditor, as well as the Budget Maker, this is the resolution to balance the account.

Anthony Hudson moved to sign Transfer form 240 for documentation to correct error from FY 2023-2024 in the amount of \$56,202.13. Charlie Cartwright seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. This is same as above.

The Board acknowledged the transfer of lapsed funds to FY 2025-2026 from FY 2022-2023 Cash Funds \$101,677.36. **(28779)**

The Board acknowledged the transfer of lapsed funds to FY 2025-2026 from FY 2023-2024 General Funds \$0.02. **(28780)**

The Board acknowledged the transfer of lapsed funds to FY 2025-2026 from FY 2024-2025 Cash Funds \$111,286.12 and Gen Gov \$105,205.88. **(28781) (28782)**

Anthony Hudson moved to table Jim Warren and Mindy Haney with Grand Lake Mental Health- Presentation on applying for grant that will allow two mental health experts to work at the Sheriff's Office. Charlie Cartwright seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Charlie Cartwright moved to sign Oath of Office and Certificate of Appointment for Marissa Turley to Osage County Industrial Authority. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried. **(28762)**

Charlie Cartwright moved to approve Appointment of Marissa Turley to the Osage County Industrial Authority vacant seat in District #1. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

Kate Franko-Project Spring presentation: Kate with Google. She's been at Google, working on Data Center Public Affairs for more than five years. She has covered Data Centers all over the Country, and hear to speak and explain a bit more about the project. There has been a lot of discussion online and in person. Kate wanted to address the rumors and correct the record about the project.

- **We are going to drain Skiatook Lake. Fact:** Water from the lake is allocated through contracts and permits to cities, and the city then allocates to potential users. Google cannot, and will not, take water from any source without control of and permission of, the City of Sand Springs. Since water usage is a concern in the area, we've committed to not using water for cooling, which is a big use in a Data Center. Also, we might build more than two buildings, but it's not determined yet. For the first two phases, water will be limited to domestic purposes only. We will also discharge into the same wastewater that all of you use.
- **Dump all of the wastewater and contaminate the groundwater. Fact:** Google has to follow the law, just like everybody else. Project Spring and this potential Data Center campus, will adhere to all established requirements. We will follow all permits, regulations, and laws in the permitting process to ensure, even in construction, that we don't negatively impact groundwater in any way. Local and State authorities audit us all over the Country for compliance, and we make sure we always operate within rules and regulations. There will be no random dumping of water.
- **Flood nearby creeks or land. Fact:** The project, like any other large development, is required to get a storm water discharge permit, which requires us to build out storm water detention ponds. These ponds limit the outflow of storm water to match pre-development, existing conditions.
- **Will not pay for any of the water or water infrastructure that we need. Fact:** Google pays for

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everything Google needs. We will pay for all water, and wastewater, infrastructure that we need, and actual water that we use. All the infrastructure has to be approved and permitted and operated by the city.

- **We're going to ruin the night sky and people won't be able to see any stars because of building lighting. Fact:** The facility will not be brightly lit at night. We will shield all lighting that's around the perimeter, shield the sources, and aim them down. The purpose of our night lighting is just to illuminate the security perimeter, and that's just for security purposes. We have a big buffer between the road and the fence line and the fence line is what will be lit up.
- **Create permanent noise. Fact:** We've committed to keeping the noise level at 65 decibels at the property line. That is the sound of a quiet conversation from a few feet anyway. Within several feet, the noise level drops off significantly. We're not going to build right up to the property line. You'll see most of it, but you won't hear it. You won't feel any ground vibrations either.
- **Have noisy back-up generators. Fact:** These are for emergency use only. If the power goes out. We have to keep it up and running, because a lot of processing goes through Data Centers. We test them routinely on a monthly basis to make sure that they actually do work. They are heavily regulated, both at the State level and the Federal level.
- **Generators are going to pollute the air. Fact:** These generators are only used in emergencies, and for testing to make sure they're functional. The electricity for project Spring will be sourced from distant power generation facilities and transmitted to the site using lines that are already there.
- **Pollute the water and the air with forever chemicals. Fact:** Forever chemicals are not released into the ground or into the water at a Google Data Center. We work with local water and wastewater authorities to ensure that we adhere to all Federal, State, and Local Wastewater Regulations.
- **Negatively impact wildlife. Fact:** I want to clarify that we will preserve a significant portion of landscape on this property as natural land. Prevented measures will be taken, like, timing construction, to avoid any sensitive seasons, for any endangered, threatened species identified by specialists. We will preserve habitat areas, and practice to reduce any disturbances.
- **We won't produce enough jobs, but also that there are too many jobs that are going to cause traffic problems. Fact:** Data Centers are very large facilities, and the reality is to operate a very large facility, you need a lot of people. We have a very strong history of hiring locally. There are a lot of jobs, but we don't have the strong negative traffic impacts that other types of facilities will have to import employees. We hope to hire many of you.
- **Raising electric bills. Fact:** Google pays for its own energy and infrastructure that it needs. Google signed a pledge at the White House that requires companies that are doing things like building Data Center, do not cause rate payer increases for the average consumer, and average customer, like all of us.
- **If there's a power shortage or water shortage, the Data Center is going to be prioritized over average people. Fact:** Residents are prioritized over businesses, and local leaders confirm that.
- **If somehow we don't have power from PSO, the energy company that's providing the services to that site, that we will do on site generation. Also, that we are going to build gas turbines on the land. Fact:** That isn't even possible. We have permits to only use grid power lines, and backup generators for emergency use.
- **Google won't pay any fees, and the money is all fake. Fact:** We are talking a lot about how the agreements that we're working on will generate millions of dollars per year for Osage County, City of Sand Springs, public schools, and for Tulsa Tech. We are working on finalizing an agreement to a fixed per square foot payment plan.
- **Bringing other industries into the site. Fact:** This is absolutely not going to happen. We have a large site because we need very large buildings. We want to keep it set back from the road and from other neighbors. We are going to have a security perimeter fence around it, and these are extremely secure facilities.
- **Going to use eminent domain to construct a water line. Fact:** We have no intention of using eminent domain.

**Commissioner Steve Talburt-** The question I have is why was Osage County the last to know about any of this? It went through Sand Springs instead of coming directly to the County. **Kate Franko-** I don't think Osage County was the last to know anything. We had to start with the City of Sand Springs as a location of the primary location of the property, with the city, to make an agreement and discuss the general idea there. Our team reached out to other taxing entities as we were able to, as we got, a feel for whether or not this could actually go forward. **Commissioner Steve Talburt-** After it was annexed, and we did not know anything until after it was annexed into the city. I guess what I'm trying to say is, why did you guys have to go to the city instead of coming to Osage County and consulting with us? Since the property sits in our District and not come 6 miles out of Sand Springs to build the Data Center. **Kate Franko-** The power needed for the facility would need to come from PSO, and in order for PSO to service the property it had to be in the city limits of the City of Sand Springs. So, in order for PSO to have access, the property had to be annexed to the city. That is the main reason for the annexation. The ability to have power across the land is the reason that the Data Center is possible there. But in order to access the power on the land, it had to be part of the city. **Commissioner Steve Talburt-** But you are aware that the annexation of it was iffy? **Kate Franko-** I know there are conversations about that going on. I can't comment on it, unfortunately. **Commissioner Steve**

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**Talbur-** Exactly. I don't have any other questions, do you guys? **Commissioner Charlie Cartwright-** Kate, thank you for finally giving me an answer this morning on Anderson Schools. A question that was raised more than 2 months ago in a meeting with Ed Quinton, who's our point man on this, and me and 3 representatives from your office. I expressed a lot of concern about Anderson Schools and this is the first time I'm hearing about Anderson Schools. I'm not getting answers out of you, so you give me about 2 months to go out and find out what my constituents want. What do you expect out of this Board here? What do you want from us? **Kate Franko-** I'm hoping for your support. **Commissioner Charlie Cartwright-** I have had 2 months now to figure out how many constituents feel. My constituents do not want this. You have excluded 97, and when you come between 97 and Prue, North of the County line, you have no support, and I work for those people. **Kate Franko-** I'm hoping with the information you've heard today, about the plan in general, that we can move forward. **Commissioner Charlie Cartwright-** When my boss tells me not to do something, I don't do it. **Kate Franko-** I'm hoping that, again, the information that we presented today is different from what we've covered so far. I wanted to clarify one thing, too, we did announce the money for Anderson Schools at the meeting. **Commissioner Charlie Cartwright-** Nobody told me. I was the one that kicked the tires on that. Nobody told me until this morning about Anderson Schools. There's poor communication here anyway, but nonetheless, I work for these people. **Kate Franko-** If there's any more information I can provide, that would showcase what we hope to do here and how we hope to help everyone benefit the community, I'm very open to sharing. **Commissioner Steve Talbur-** We're not here to put you in a hot seat. **Commissioner Charlie Cartwright-** No, we need questions answered. **Kate Franko-** I'd be happy to answer them. **Commissioner Steve Talbur-** It falls in my District, the land does. Nobody in my District wants it there. I'm with Charlie on where he's at. They are the ones that voted me in, and I stand behind how I feel.

Citizens input: **Nona Roach-** I have a question about PSO having to associate with the City of Sand Springs, when PSO is all over Osage County, not just Sand Springs. Also, they just appeared before the Osage Minerals Council, like last month. Although, they're not likely part of it, particularly because of the 900 acres that it's going to encompass, it will affect their production, their oil and gas. The other concern is their buffer going to be Cedar Trees, and nobody in Osage County ever wants another Cedar Tree. Is that your plan? **Kate Franko-** I can't speak about the exact type of trees, but we are working with an engineering firm who will figure that out. **Nona Roach-** I suggest you have a full conversation with people and realize that's something that is almost impossible to get rid of here, and nobody wants it. **Ed Quinton-** I've probably got 30 or 40 hours of research on Data Centers, trying to find what the complications that they've had getting them installed and once they've got them, what people have done and such. The one thing that I want to say, most people have seen AI work. So, if you're just making an emoji or doing something on Facebook, then you're not using AI, you're just getting a picture. If you go into using AI, like for business or for research, the more and more demand for the service, the closer it needs to be to you. So, if the Data Center doesn't get built here, it will get built somewhere else, and whenever we start using the data, we will get the leftovers from wherever we are using it. Correct me if I'm wrong, the closer you have the Data Center, like anything else, the faster the response you get on your time. It's fairly fast now, but I do get a lot of buffering, and it's because of the distance it's trying to go to get me the information. So, I want to say that we are in a Data Center warfare in the world. We absolutely have to win it or we will pay for it, and that's where we are at. People don't want Data Centers, but I promise, they're going to want the information the Data Center can give them as soon as they need it. As far as the electric issue, are you saying that it won't go up? The problem I've got with that is, the electric companies are going to charge you the same amount as it would anyone else to get the electricity to the Data Center. I've heard, and I'm not saying this, I'm asking, what I've heard is, the cost of electricity itself is going to go up, which in turn, will make the cost to the consumer's electricity go up? Not that the Data Center is going to make people pay more for electricity, but the usage of electricity and the demand of electricity is going to go up, and that is going to increase the consumer base electric bill. Is that true? **Kate Franko-** Can I, actually, just offer my clarification, because I'm not sure exactly what you mean? **Ed Quinton-** What I'm saying is, if you're going to take a quarter of the energy, and they need another quarter whenever, 60, 70 more houses are built into the area, they're going to have increased their electricity power, which increases the consumer electricity monthly usage. **Kate Franko-** What we've agreed to with the power company is that Google pay for all of the infrastructure upgrades that it will need to serve the Data Center itself. If the Data Center is here or not, and the power company needs to generate more power to service more homes or other businesses, that is completely distinct from the Data Center. If they have to raise the rates to cover more than 50 homes, that will happen whether or not the Data Center is there. For the Center to operate, we have to connect into a local substation. The Data Center has to pay for the upgrades that they need. Those upgrades actually benefit all the users. **Ed Quinton-** Is it under contract? **Kate Franko-** Yes. **Ed Quinton-** Is it signed? **Kate Franko-** I don't know if it's actually finished yet. **Ed Quinton-** That is the question. You're actually going to pay for the upgrade? **Kate Franko-** Yes. **Ed Quinton-** That's not going to affect the consumer? **Kate Franko-** No, it will not affect electricity rights here. **Ed Quinton-** So if you're going to use 20% of the power, you're paying for the upgrade for the 20% that you're going to receive? **Kate Franko-** Correct. **Ed Quinton-** On the school, is the \$100,000.00 a yearly payment? **Kate Franko-** It's a one-time payment to Anderson Schools, and we will give donations like that to all districts across Osage County over time. **Ed Quinton-** The \$450,000.00 payments to the County for building, after completion, correct? **Kate Franko-** Yes. **Ed Quinton-**

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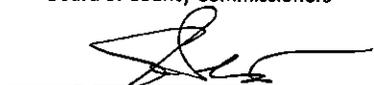
My question is, using AI to find out about AI, found out that there have been some delays in the buildings, like, they'll get a building started, and then there are delays. If you were able to do this, couldn't we get a hard deadline when the payment would start, so it couldn't be delayed for 2 or 3 years and the County wouldn't receive any funding? **Kate Franko**- I don't believe we can do that only because if there are delays, they're usually out of our control. We don't want a delay. **Ed Quinton**- I don't care who's in control. I'm asking if they would make a hard deadline? This is just so we don't get put off 3 or 4 years with no payment, because the building wasn't up to par. **Kate Franko**- I don't believe we can do that. The payments start after we get the certificate of occupancy. One thing we did do was offer the City of Sand Springs Schools an annual payment until the payment started. I've been reaching out to community organizations to look into and start donations in Osage County right away. Since there's still voting going on, we are very limited on who we can actually give to, just to avoid influencing any voting. **Ed Quinton**- I want to be clear, I wasn't asking for a payment to the County before anything was built. I was asking for a deadline that said, payments will start January 1, 2028, even if the buildings are not complete. One more question. Will there be solar panels or solar power? **Kate Franko**- At this point, not to my knowledge. **Jerry Butterbaugh**- Raised a question concerning the rising gas prices and uncertainty how long it will persist. **Commissioner Steve Talburt**- We have some funds and these are issues that we are going to have to look at, and it could affect a lot of things. We tightened up the budget for last year and we will have to do the same for the budget this year. **Jerry Butterbaugh**- As a citizen, I want to say thank you to Mr. Cartwright, regarding your earlier comments about communication on the project in Sand Spring. I've been hearing about secret meetings for over a year, and I disagree with Google's approach, This is a routine function for Google, for their Public Relations Department, and to leave out Osage County Minerals Council, The Board of County Commissioners until late in this communication process is an insult and should be taken as an insult. **Commissioner Steve Talburt**- Just to clarify, Kate and I had a discussion that we won't have any more meetings separately. If we have any discussions or any meetings, they're going to be done in a BOCC Meeting where they are discussed publicly. **Kate Franko**- The Osage Minerals Council was approached last August about this for the first time, but not the entire council at once. The idea that they've not been approached is incorrect. **Jerry Butterbaugh**- I don't want to be in an argument, but the criticism that I've voiced, is criticism that has been made nationally against Google in different markets, and it is a corporate decision. How do you communicate with the citizens? There are reasons for privacy. These reasons include insight dealing on real estate, getting your ducks in a row on energy, water, events like that. It's a corporate decision for Google to communicate more with citizens. **Scott Ziance** - also with Google, I believe that maybe we have not done a good job communicating and there needs to be more discussions to address the myths and hopes they get the chance to address them, I believe the voters trust the Commissioners and hopes that they can also earn their trust. **Commissioner Steve Talburt**- I appreciate you coming and going over the issues of what is true and not true, but there are things in this whole situation that I don't trust and my constituents don't trust and they don't want it. They are the ones that have to live with it, that's my aggravation, the City of Sand Springs comes out into the County poses something on the citizen's that have no vote in the city limits, but they come out and force something on them they don't want and no voice to say they don't want it. So, they are doing everything can to fight and stand up for their rights, and I applaud them. I think it is overreach on the City's part to force something on someone that doesn't have a vote.

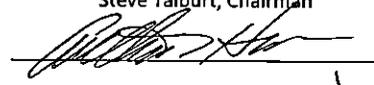
Anthony Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting. Charlie Cartwright seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

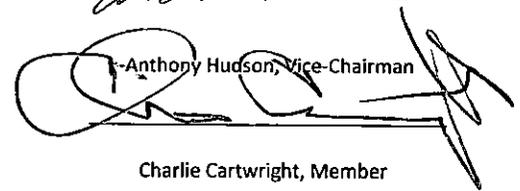
Read and approved this 16th day of March, 2026.

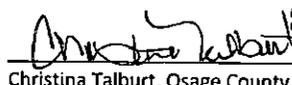
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