

July 1, 2026 -Special

The Board of County Commissioners of Osage County met at 9:30 A.M., July 1, 2026, in the OSU Extension Building at Osage County Fairgrounds. Members present were Anthony Hudson, Steve Talburt, and Kandy Jump.

Guests present were: Christina Talburt-County Clerk, Liliana Guillen-Purchasing Deputy, Jerry Roberts-Emergency Management, Cindy Murphy-D#2 1st Deputy, Prezley Wilson-D#2, Bridget West-Treasurer 1st Deputy, Ben West-Excise, Mike Hayman-Excise, Berry Keeler-Excise, Ty Loftis-KMPG Radio, Kelly Pedigo-Fairgrounds, Jerry Butterbaugh-OCIA, Chad Ray-D#3, Heather Barkley-Nutrition, Kelly Chouteau-Election Board, Bart Perrier-Sheriff, Achsah Elliott-Sheriff's Office, Ed Quinton-Assessor, Jake Bruno-Planning & Zoning, Matt Clark-Sheriff's Office.

Steve Talburt led the prayer.

Kandy Jump led the flag salute.

There was no new business.

Discussion and review Estimate of Needs for fiscal year 2026/2027 for Osage County General Fund. **Christina Talburt**-We have the budget summary that has all of the estimates of needs. This year, minus contingencies, the budget request is for \$10,796,456.33 an increase from last year's request which was \$10,348,148.83. One of the biggest increases is Workmans Comp and Property and Liability Insurance. The combination of both of those increases alone is \$269,239.00. The assessor's report will go in at the end of July to the Budget Maker and that's when we will know our actual budget. **Ben West**-What was our budget last year? **Christina Talburt**-Last year's minus contingencies were \$10,348,148.83. The total budget was around \$13,572,000.00 with contingencies. We won't know what our contingencies will be this year until after all of the rollovers go back into the Gen Gov Fund that shows your lapsed balance. Based on yesterday, at \$1,243,582.84 there's still some variances in there because of still closing out. **Mike Hayman**- Starting out the fiscal year, how many total full-time employees are there for the County? **Christina Talburt**- 220 as of today. **Mike Hayman**- 220 full-time? **Christina Talburt**- Yes, last year was 248. **Commissioner Talburt**- From everything that I've looked at, everybody seems to be fairly on track. There's been a few costs of living raises that have been asked for that weren't in there last year but most everybody is pretty close. The District Attorney's Office has no change. The Sheriff has an increase, but they moved things around to where it's a whole lot more workable and have shaved off quite a bit. Do you want to go ahead and do a brief rundown? **Bart Perrier**- What we are trying to do is move some positions that were under sales tax over to the general fund. The difference at the end of the day we are asking right now for what we asked for last year. It is an overall increase of \$36,000.00 on the general side. We went from 83 employees to 78 employees. There is days that I feel like we are understaffed at that, especially in the jail. **Commissioner Talburt**- I definitely applaud you for doing your due diligence to make it work, to make it better. **Bart Perrier**- For instance, were down \$164,000.00 from what we brought in with the sales tax last year. The year before that down \$188,000. When we came in day 1, we were living paycheck to paycheck and there was no buffer. I'm trying to create that buffer. Ultimately, we are trying to start a savings account. **Ben West**- I want to applaud you for doing your due diligence as well. **Commissioner Talburt**- The next is the Treasurer. There wasn't any change. The County Commissioners are the same. Do you have anything on the OSU increase? **Christina Talburt**- They have a \$25,000.00 increase to their budget request. \$20,000.00 on salaries, they currently have a 5-year grant that is expiring and they're not sure if it will renew and they would like to keep that position. It's \$20,000.00 on salaries, \$2,000.00 on travel, \$2,000.00 on M&O, and \$1,000.00 on capital outlay. **Commissioner Talburt**- The County Clerk has a decrease. **Christina Talburt**- I decreased the M&O by \$45,000.00. Last year, we completed a plat project and that had already been started. I have to commend the land people also because we completed another project, where we received a proposal for \$87,000.00 to redo some binders. They did a majority of the work and we will end up completing the project under \$20,000.00 compared to an \$87,000.00 price tag they were offering. The \$3,000.00 increase in salaries, we had some changes in personnel and will be able to increase the salaries with \$3,000.00. From last year's budget it's a decrease of \$42,000.00 and we will still be able to manage what we need to. **Commissioner Talburt**-The Court Clerk shows an increased \$3,000.00 for travel. **Christina Talburt**-Her increase for travel is for employees to train. In the past, I believe that some of the employees were not getting to go to the recommended 6 hours of training that is required. She pulled from her accounts this year for training. **Commissioner Talburt**- The Assessor. **Ed Quinton**-Increased salaries \$9,000.00, travel \$5,000.00, and capital outlay by \$4,521.00. Visual Inspections decreased professional services \$10,000.00, capital outlay by 20,000.00, and increased M&O by \$10,000.00. **Ben West**- Visual Inspections account is part of what schools pay? **Ed Quinton**- Yes, and the main thing was fuel. **Commissioner Talburt**-The Juvenile Shelter is the same. The Gen Gov has no increase. **Christina Talburt**- On Gen Gov we didn't increase anything but moved \$100,000.00 from capital outlay to the building fund. **Mike Hayman**- Where do they go when you have to use the Juvenile Shelter? **Bart Perrier**-We have contracts for youthful offenders in Vinita and more. **Mike Hayman**-So, you have to take them there? **Bart Perrier**- Yes. **Commissioner Talburt**- The Excise/Equalization Board has no change. We go to the County Election Board, there is an increase for salaries for \$19,647.50.

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Kelly Chouteau-Yes, there is an increase for an employee and a part time employee. We were understaffed for this election. **Commissioner Talburt**- The Insurance and Benefits, there was an increase for Workmans Comp for \$77,846.00 and Property and Liability \$191,393.00. That was just because they went up right? **Christina Talburt**- That is correct. Gen Gov pays the whole amount on Workmans Comp. Property and liability has a potential to be lower, some of the departments pay a portion. **Commissioner Talburt**- Purchasing is an increase from \$39,000.00 to \$42,000.00. **Christina Talburt**- Last year, it was initially put into the budget. We decreased it because that position had been vacant and we were able to manage last year, but this year we have a full- time person. **Commissioner Talburt**-The Information and Technology is Data Processing. **Christina Talburt**- It increased a little over \$1,000.00. This will likely go down because there are other departments that will pay a portion of it. This is just the total maximum. **Commissioner Talburt**- Emergency Management. **Jerry Roberts**-A cost of living raise for the employees and the only other thing was a new vehicle. **Mike Hayman**- Have you already got the vehicle? **Jerry Roberts**-No. **Commissioner Talburt**- 2020 was the last vehicle, right? **Jerry Roberts**- Yes. **Commissioner Talburt**- How many miles is on that do you know? **Jerry Roberts**- About 155,000. **Commissioner Talburt**- The grant will pay for half of that vehicle, correct? We just have to appropriate the whole amount? **Jerry Roberts**- Right. I applied for it, but I haven't got anything yet. **Commissioner Talburt**- Charity did not change from \$5,500.00. Planning & Zoning has an increase for \$2,400.00 for Salaries. **Jake Bruno**- It's a \$100.00 raise for both of my girls in the office. **Commissioner Talburt**-E-911 asked for a \$2,400.00 increase for salaries. Do we know whose salaries? **Christina Talburt**- I do not. **Commissioner Talburt**- Safety has an \$2,500.00 increase for salaries. **Jerry Roberts**- Half of our salaries come out of Safety and half out of Emergency Managements. **Commissioner Talburt**- The next three are the Highway Districts. District #1, #2, #3 is \$75,000.00 per District, there is no change. For District #1, the whole amount spent, District #2 was \$65.92 returned, and District #3 \$89.04 returned. The County Audit Budget is the same. **Christina Talburt**- There is no change. The amount is set by the Budget Maker and it's based on what is statutorily required. **Ben West**- That's a lot of money for an audit. **Commissioner Talburt**-The Free Fair Budget with a slight increase on M&O of \$2,306.00, premium and awards \$9,200.00, and decreased Capital Outlay \$10,000.00. So, the \$9,200.00 and \$10,000.00 are both decreased? **Christina Talburt**- No, the premium & awards is an increase. **Commissioner Talburt**- Is there anybody here to explain that? No, then Free Fair Improvements or Fairgrounds. There was a pretty good increase of salaries \$10,400.00 and M&P \$27,760.00. You know what the increase was for? **Kelly Pedigo**-our increase is from utilities. They just keep going up. If we went to PSO, I'm sure it would probably change. **Commissioner Talburt**- The last one is Senior Citizens, last year given 91,000 and normally we give 80. We gave the extra last year to buy a piece of equipment that was needed. We went ahead and approved \$91,000.00 and you're asking for \$110,566.00 this year. What's the increase for? **Heather Barkley**- Aside from the 30% raise and the cost of groceries, I believe she would like to get Barnsdall opened. It's going to take money to upgrade the facility. It doesn't have anything commercial inside. The building she's looking at is ADA compliant, so won't have to make changes for that. We have a part time employee considering working full time to staff the Barnsdall facility. **Commissioner Talburt**- We had this meeting combined so that we could go through and discuss the budgets out in the open and have the discussions needed beforehand so we will be ready. We don't know where it's going to come back money wise until we get it from the Budget Maker. I really don't feel like there's too much asked for and I appreciate the ones that got their budgets down to where they're workable. **Ben West**- Thank you all for all you do. **Commissioner Talburt**- I do want to say that I appreciate all of the work that Ed does. He puts a lot of time into this to make this happen for the County. He does things for the right reason. **Mike Hayman**- It's a thankless Job. **Commissioner Talburt**- I appreciate the Board for getting together and being able to talk about this. Thank you to the Clerk for keeping things all together. There will be some numbers that'll have to be moved, but I think we are close to where it needs to be.

Under citizen input: **Jerry Butterbaugh**- To the Jail and Senior Citizens. Are the food increases anticipated? **Bart Perrier**- Yes, but we contract our food services. **Jerry Butterbaugh**- Does the Courthouse remodel have any effect on the budget and are you anticipating more surprises? **Commissioner Talburt**- I don't think that it's going to affect the budget, I mean it will, but I think the money is there for the things that we are going to have to do on the elevator. **Jerry Butterbaugh**- \$100,000.00 moving to the building fund, is that helping compensate or is that going to be used differently? **Christina Talburt**- It can, but that is the Commissioners decision. The building fund is for all County owned buildings. **Jerry Butterbaugh**-The last question is informational. What percentage of the overall County budget is insurance and how big is the dollar increase in overall insurance? **Christina Talburt**- I'm not sure on percentage wise or the whole County, but the total price of Property and Liability increased \$191,393.00 to \$714,632.00 from \$522,149.00. Last year, they did an additional increase across the board for all counties. Ours increased by \$77,000.00 plus whatever the increase for the year. **Jerry Butterbaugh**- So it could be about \$400,000.00? **Christina Talburt**- Workmans Comp I'm not sure. It's based on how many incidents are reported. **Heather Barkley**- I would like to add to my answer earlier. The Fairfax shop is where we are currently serving because our facility was never approved by INCOG and they won't let us use it. It's another reason why she asked for the increase. We would like to rent a facility where people can sit down and congregate for lunch. **Kandy Jump**- District #3 would let that happen, but we wouldn't be approved by INCOG for that purpose.

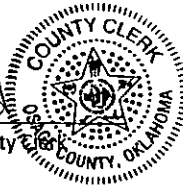
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Anthony Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting. Kandy Jump seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Jump-yes. Motion carried.

Read and approve this 6th day of July, 2026.

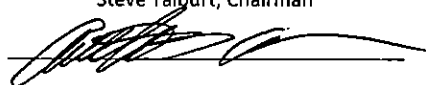
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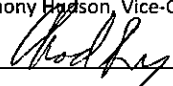

Christina Talburt, Osage County Clerk



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