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The Board of County Commissioners of Osage County met at 10:00 A.M., September 21, 2026, in the OSU Extension Building at Osage County Fairgrounds. Members present were Anthony Hudson, Steve Talburt, and Chad Ray.

Guests present were: Christina Talburt-County Clerk, Adrienne Gutierrez-County Clerk 2nd Deputy, Reba Bueno-Conner-Purchasing Agent, Lilita Guillen-Purchasing Deputy, Cindy Murphy-D#2 1st Deputy, Shawna Myers-D#2 Community Engagement, Benjamin Grace-D#2, Caleb Brewer-D#2, Bridget West-Treasurer 1st Deputy, Debbie Coon-Treasurers Office, Kristin Smith-Treasurers Office, Ty Loftis-KMPG Radio, Brandon Bartee-Bison Benefits & HR, Tara Howard-Bison Benefits & HR, Jerry Roberts-Emergency Management, Deanna Ravellette-Emergency Management, Joe Lucas-Citizen, Kandy Jump-D#3 1st Deputy, Jeanie Howerton-Nutrition, Heather Barkley-Nutrition, Brady Jones-Citizen, Sarah Quinton-Citizen, Trey Quinton-Citizen, Bart Perrier-Sheriff, Billy Wakefield-Undersheriff, Achsah Elliott-Sheriff's Office, Tiffany Bradley-Sheriff's Office, Bobby Sappington Jr-Sheriff's Office, Ed Quinton-Assessor, Kelly Pedigo-Fairgrounds, Sarah Patterson-Health Dept, Kay Kelley-E911, Steven Kusner-Free Fair Board, Chris Wheeler-Aleck, John T. Manning-Citizen, Jake Bruno-Planning & Zoning, Kelly Chouteau-Election, Amanda Stroud-Election, Jackie Yocham-Election

Steve Talburt led the prayer.

Anthony Hudson led the flag salute.

There was no new business.

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign minutes for September 14, 2026. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

Chad Ray moved to approve blanket purchase orders #271970-271982. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

Anthony Hudson moved to audit and allow purchase orders for payment. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. The following purchase orders were approved: 261939 KCD ENTERPRISES 1485.00; 270520 EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL 648.00; 271873 KSB ENTERPRISES 586757.66; 271874 KSB ENTERPRISES 408970.55; 271260 P&K EQUIPMENT 437.23; 271594 ALLEN BROTHERS FEED 142.21; 271825 THE FAIRFAX CHIEF 517.82; 271923 THE FAIRFAX CHIEF 386.04; 271748 RANDY HADDON 39.94; 271749 KAY KELLEY 248.32; 271658 PREFERRED BUSINESS SYSTEMS 60.00; 271758 OKLAHOMA JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES 1860.00; 271789 CRAIG COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION 470.40; 271867 AT&T 671.43; 271400 NATIVE AUTO ELECTRIC 850.00; 271769 MUSKOGEE COMMUNICATIONS 900.00; 270943 AT&T 585.61; 270947 DISH NETWORK 141.14; 271543 AT&T 200.13; 271840 NIGHTENGAL PLUMBING 175.00; 271881 BELLCO GLASS 150.00; 271922 SHANE RENCOUNTRE 350.00; 271924 SHANE RENCOUNTRE 350.00; 270876 UNIFIRST 294.60; 271178 REDLANDS OFFICE SOLUTIONS 201.84; 271779 OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION 2383.76; 270086 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS 384.70; 270946 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS 194.13; 271872 NEXTERA ENERGY SERVICES GAS 25.42; 271848 WELCH STATE BANK 81565.40; 271894 HOMINY AUTO SALES 22500.00; 271783 FORMBY OIL COMPANY 17136.89; 271882 FORMBY OIL COMPANY 880.28; 270150 STEWART MARTIN KUBOTA 11191.68; 270371 CHEROKEE HOSE & SUPPLY 1900.00; 270927 WARREN CAT 720.40; 271637 RUSH TRUCK 215.60; 271696 KIMBALL MIDWEST 1133.32; 271721 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 76.61; 271722 YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY 657.83; 271858 JENSEN TRACTOR RANCH 308.75; 271725 SUNDANCE READY MIX 1435.00; 271701 COWBOY ASPHALT 1680.00; 271054 ERGON ASPHALT & EMULSIONS 357.25; 271753 ERGON ASPHALT & EMULSIONS 2564.46; 270479 APAC-CENTRAL 2879.28; 270840 CANDY CREEK CRUSHER 2731.47; 271422 APAC-CENTRAL 1687.79; 271577 BURBANK MATERIALS 6157.15; 271678 ATWOODS HOME-RANCH 104.95; 271528 FILTER CARE OF MISSOURI 261.00; 271676 STANDLEY SYSTEMS 121.40; 270890 AIRGAS USA 639.64; 271036 KIMBALL MIDWEST 298.29; 271486 THOMPSON BROTHERS WELDING 984.51; 271497 CINTAS 119.35; 271590 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 446.74; 271703 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 106.03; 271727 PAWNEE TRUE VALUE 425.46; 271851 AEG PETROLEUM 2883.30; 271761 R&M DIESEL 145.95; 271578 SOUTHERN TIRE MART 1186.00; 271712 INDIAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 545.29; 271781 CITY OF PAWHUSKA 930.99; 271852 WINDSTREAM 604.61; 271880 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS 450.45; 271916 AT&T MOBILITY 146.81; 271558 HOMINY DRUG AND GIFT 2454.46; 270860 BOB BARKER COMPANY 980.02; 271772 CALEMA DBA KMS 343.75; 270287 BOB BARKER COMPANY 1991.32; 270939 BOB BARKER COMPANY 1725.66; 271786 NEXTERA ENERGY SERVICES GAS 429.80; 271919 LEAF 2019.58; 271775 MARC MILLER BUICK-GMC 1223.50; 270297 UNIFIRST 470.10; 271767 BG PRODUCTS & EQUIPMENT 303.00; 271784 OTA PLATEPAY 42.32; 270795 NEXTERA ENERGY SERVICES GAS 509.04; 271324 PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF OKLAHOMA 50.86; 271330 CITY OF PAWHUSKA 18812.06; 271556 ALLIANCE BUSINESS SERVICES 1065.28; 271686 SHADYS 150.00; 271788 ROBERT HARPER SMITH 640.00; 270515 GRIFFIN COMMUNICATIONS 4185.00; 271865 STILLWATER BROADCASTING 800.00; 271561 A PLUS PRINTING 168.68; 271608 GREEN COUNTRY TOURISM 500.00; 271610 GREEN COUNTRY TOURISM 5000.00; 271122 MY MEDIA MATTERS 1200.00; 271123 MARY

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BETH MOORE 7031.57; 271311 ESKIMO JOES PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS GROUP 1437.78; 271034 AT&T MOBILITY 82.35; 270663 TM CONSULTING 2178.90; 271640 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 343.79; 271684 KELLPRO 1064.00; 271780 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 98.78; 271401 CDW GOVERNMENT 7834.37; 271692 NATIVE AUTO ELECTRIC 10699.00; 270936 HOMINY DRUG AND GIFT 2607.94; 271920 MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL 289.90; 270163 FARHA WAREHOUSE 4966.62; 270502 HILTON GARDEN INN 397.59; 271705 LEXIS NEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS 231.86; 271768 FIREHOUSE TOWING 503.69; 271776 RECOGNITION PLACE 81.00; 271861 S&S TEXTILES 172.18; 271862 S&S TEXTILES 174.05; 271716 MAYFIELD AG 41782.00; 271720 MAYFIELD AG 76648.00.

There were no utility permits.

Anthony Hudson moved to award and sign a contract for low Bid to W.W. Manufacturing in the amount of \$177,500.00 for Bid #27-03 for North Stalls for the Fairgrounds. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. (29356)

Board discussion and possible action to approve the following sale of tax property by Treasurer described as:

- a. **#7381 Prudom Add Lots 9 Thru 10, BLK 26-** Debbie Coon: On July 15th, Steven Easley Jr came in and placed a bid. It went to taxes for \$1,256.28. The bid was \$300.00 and advertising of \$65.96, and the filing for \$32.00, making it a total of \$397.96 for item A. Sara Quinton made a bid of \$400.00. There were no other bids. Sara Quinton won bid for \$400.00. (29357)
- b. **#8110 Prudom Add Lots 21 Thru 24, BLK 44-** Debbie Coon: On July 15th, Steven Easley Jr came in and placed a bid. It went to taxes for \$2,806.12. The bid was \$400.00 and advertising of \$65.97, and the filing for \$32.00, making it a total of \$497.97 for item B. Sara Quinton made a bid of \$500.00. There were no other bids. Sara Quinton won bid for \$500.00. (29358)
- c. **#26751 O.T. Pawhuska Lot 7, BLK 140-** Debbie Coon: On July 15th, Steven Easley Jr came in and placed a bid. It went to taxes for \$1,083.12. The bid was \$354.00 and advertising of \$65.97, and the filing for \$32.00, making it a total of \$451.97 for item C. There were no other bids. (29357)
- d. **#21322 O.T. Hominy Lot 3A, BLK 35-** Debbie Coon: On August 17th, William Prather came in and placed a bid. It went to taxes for \$1,954.56. The bid was \$16.00 and advertising of \$212.78, and the filing for \$34.00, making it a total of \$262.78 for item D. There were no other bids. (29358)

The Board acknowledged the Osage County monthly reconciliation between the County Clerk and the Treasurer for August 2026.

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign cash fund estimate of needs (SAI 308) for:

- a. City of Barnsdall \$354.68
- b. Town of Osage \$1,174.09

Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged payment of \$4,006.80 from ACCO for damage to 2021 Chevrolet Silverado (Claim Number: VAAP079526) for the Sheriff's Office. (29359)

The Board acknowledged payment of \$7,713.05 from ACCO for damage to 2020 Chevrolet Silverado (Claim Number: VAAP079523) for the Sheriff's Office. (29360)

The Board acknowledged payment of \$5,751.60 from ACCO for damage to 2023 Ford (Claim Number: VAAP079539) for the Sheriff's Office. (29361)

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign a service agreement with Anderson Public School for FY 2026/2027 one (1) half-time SRO to be paid annually up to \$29,529.80 for the Sheriff's Office. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. (29362)

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign 2024 REAP contract 240228 closeout certification (9 Mile Rd) in District #3. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. (29363)

The Board acknowledged letter from District #2 adding Alyssa Lee as a receiving agent for the remainder of FY 2026/2027. (29364)

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Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign (SA&I 240) transferring \$41,500.00 from Senior Citizen's M&O (1242-3-5200-2005) to:

- a. Salaries (1242-3-5200-1110) \$30,000.00
- b. FICA (1242-3-5200-1210) \$1,500.00
- c. Retirement (1242-3-5200-1221) \$5,000.00
- d. Insurance (1242-3-5200-1222) \$5,000.00

Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged donation of two truck tires to Osage County District #2 from Robert Hamil, both are sized 11 R 22.5-one is a steer tire and one is a drive tire. (29365)

Chad Ray moved to approve and sign invoice for Drummond Ranch, LLC in the amount of \$1,185.00 for 0.14 acres of permanent road easement for District #3 on Br 220 Claremore Creek J/P 29416(06) Parcel 3 to be paid from CBRI (1103-6-6000-2075). Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. (29366)

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign invoice for Nick Gordineer in the amount of \$1,100.00 for 0.01 acres of permanent utility easement for District #3 on BR 220 Claremore Creek J/P 29416(06) Parcel 2.1 to be paid from CBRI (1103-6-6000-2075). Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. (29367)

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign ODOT form 324A for District #3 on J/P 24916(04) NS 3700 Bridge 220 Claremore to Parkhill for invoice 01454221.00-7 in the amount of \$15,702.00. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. (29368)

Anthony Hudson moved to table Meal Delivery contract to James Hunt for Meal Delivery Services in Fairfax in the amount of \$350.00 per month not to exceed \$4,200.00 for the term of the contract through June 30, 2027. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

Anthony Hudson moved to approve a quote to Happy Heat & Air in the amount of \$8,660.00 for Osage Cove Fire for two heaters for the new building to be paid for with INCOG REAP Grant. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. **Reba Bueno-Conner:** Osage Cove Fire Department is asking to accept the quote from Happy Heat & Air for \$8,660.00. It was the only one that was quoted for the two that they're needing. It is for \$8,660.00, the REAP Grant is for \$6,200.00, they will pay the \$2,460.00 difference. (29369)

Presentation-Brandon Bartee with Bison Benefits and HR: One of the co-owners of Bison Benefits & HR out of Collinsville. We're an independent employee benefits brokerage in Collinsville, Ok. We work with the cities of Skiatook, Barnsdall, Hominy for over ten years, and the Rural Water Districts #15 since at least 2013. I have a brief cost analysis of what we'd be looking for the County versus what the State offers. As it stands with the State of Oklahoma, you have options between Health Choice and Community Care. Blue Cross is leaving the State of Oklahoma in 2027. From what I can tell based on billing, 54 County employees have to find a new insurance plan. The State has been slow at giving the insurance information, the rates we have are based on the information that was available. Community Care came in with the best for the County on the medical side. Your deductible will have a Gap Plan built into it. Think of it like a gift card for anything that would go to your deductible. The Gap Plan pays everything like ER visits, cancer, strokes and all of that. You will have a little bit after the deductible, but the out of pocket would be lower than what you have for Health Choice High. It's going to be around \$1,350.00 and with the State it's going to be \$3,300.00. On the State Plan, if you use Health Choice, your prescription coverage is uncapped. A review we looked at mentioned that it shows that even if you hit your maximum out of pocket on the medical side, you can still have prescription co-pays. With the Blue Cross or Community Care Plans, once you hit your out of pocket, that's it. You don't pay for anything else. On the Dental Plan, we took it to Principal and that would save the County roughly \$8,000.00 a year. I put together two dental options as well. One would be what's called a High Plan. That is as close as we could get to Health Choice dental. Then, a Low Plan, if someone wanted to insure their spouse or children. I want to focus on a program that the County does not currently participate in. We are the only State in the United States who has a program like this. It is an income-based program that if someone qualifies financially for it, then the County would receive 60% of that employee's health premiums back to the County. It is funded by the tobacco tax or surcharge on tobacco tax. Every dollar they get back helps cover any kind of cost increase or anything like that. With the State, if you get a cost increase, you either take it or leave it. If ten people were to qualify for Insure Oklahoma, the County would get about \$65,000.00 back a year from the State. The program being free, but there is a process. The County has to apply for it, and I'd recommend amending your employee handbook. If you're over the age of 65, you're automatically ineligible, but everyone else can qualify. I was referred in by Wagnor County, which

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has been with us for eleven years. The County will still pay 100% of your medical premiums. You would have a better level of coverage because you don't have deductible co-insurance on all of these things with the built in GAP plan. The County pays Life Insurance, get \$20,000.00 and that costs the County \$5.20 an individual. For Life Insurance with a company called Colonial, you can get \$25,000.00 of life for 20 cents less. Or we could do the same \$20,000.00 for \$1.20 an employee less. Either way, the County comes out ahead on that. There is a program called Employee Assistance Program and it would cost the County \$1.10 an employee. It is also administered by Community Care, but it is separate from their medical plans. This will have things like mental health, training and regulation 24 hours on site. It all costs about \$1.10 and it's separate from any other benefits. The only other cost to the County would be if you leave the State of Oklahoma, you do have to manage retiree billing for retiree benefits. Your maximum cost would be about \$1,700.00 a year and I have built that into the cost analysis. Things like Cobra, our office pays for that for you. We cover the administrative cost for the flexible spending account, which I think you only have a couple that have it. We also offer a software program to the County at no cost, that we pay for. It is called Employee Navigator. The employees can actually manage their benefits on their phone or any other electronics. Everything is managed through an online system and it can show you everything in real time what your costs would be.

There was no citizen input.

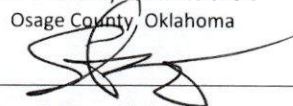
Anthony Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

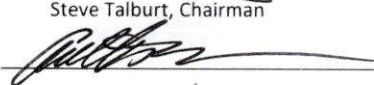
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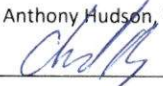

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