October 19, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners of Osage County met at 10:00 A.M., October 19, 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, Liliana Guillen-Purchasing Deputy, Jerry Butterbaugh-OCIA, Emma Butterbaugh-Citizen, John T. Manning-Citizen, Bart Perrier-Sheriff, Anthony Barrett-Sheriff's Office, Jay Long-Sheriff's Office, Kandy Jump-D#3 1st Deputy, Joe Lucas-Citizen, Cindy Murphy-D#2 1st Deputy, Shawna Myers-D#2 Community Engagement, Bridget West-Treasurer 1st Deputy, Jake Bruno-Planning & Zoning, Kelly Pedigo-Fairgrounds, Jerry Roberts-Emergency Management, Ty Loftis-KPGM/KWON Radio, Brady Jones-Citizen, Ed Quinton-Assessor, Kay Kelley-E911, Dean Hix-Citizen, Nona Roach-OCIA, Jeff Clymer-Citizen, Jeanie Howerton-Nutrition, Heather Barkley-Nutrition, Jim Warring-Grand Mental Health, Dalton Higgins-Higgins Construction, Joshua McNett-KSB Enterprises, Brett Mize-Assistant District Attorney, Lavendar Carroll-Court Clerk.

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 October 13, 2026. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

Chad Ray moved to approve blanket purchase orders #272601-272609. 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 received: 270673 WINDSTREAM CORPORATION 766.96; 272175 APAC-CENTRAL 2929.24; 272453 EXHIBIT INDEXES 59.90; 272464 C&M PLUMBING 597.00; 270167 PAWHUSKA TIRE & SERVICE CENTER 20.00; 272451 ALLEN BROTHERS FEED 1400.00; 272528 THE FAIRFAX CHIEF 490.98; 271070 HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES OKC WEST-YUKON 129.00; 271071 HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES OKC WEST-YUKON 129.00; 272545 OKLAHOMA JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES 360.00; 271441 STANDLEY SYSTEMS 168.51; 272342 AT&T 673.06; 272478 AT&T 383.30; 271669 KCD ENTERPRISES 467.10; 271819 DISH NETWORK 141.14; 272430 ROYAL-T PEST CONTROL 45.00; 272513 SCHAFFER & HERRING LAW FIRM 2289.51; 272508 TASC 300.00; 272505 WENDY COTTON 330.69; 272507 TARA RATLIFF 21.43; 272517 DEPOSITORY FUND #T-768-697 465.12; 271820 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS 197.09; 271837 CITY OF PAWHUSKA 6351.38; 272519 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS 229.65; 271399 BILL KNIGHT FORD 35678.88; 270132 OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 42687.07; 270659 OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 36833.91; 271007 R.K. BLACK 73.08; 271224 CITY OF SKIATOOK 456.63; 272007 HOMINY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER 100.00; 271072 AUTRY TECHNOLOGY CENTER 6.00; 272496 PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCT 1000.00; 271432 GINA BLANKENSHIP 379.85; 271433 CHARLA FRANK 457.37; 271484 JANELLE ELFVING 69.62; 271435 COWBOY ASPHALT 988.56; 272456 TULSA ASPHALT 5067.12; 270191 TOMO DRUG TESTING 343.00; 272455 AEG PETROLEUM 15007.83; 272457 FORMBY OIL COMPANY 5259.00; 271135 EVERY HOLE EQUIPMENT 3835.40; 272449 KIRBY SMITH MACHINERY EXCHANGE 2390.02; 272527 FLEET PRIDE 83.00; 272150 SUNDANCE READY MIX 6526.50; 272235 UNIFIRST 358.54; 272432 TULSA AUTO SPRING COMPANY 493.77; 271526 AIRGAS USA 612.00; 271527 THE HYDRAULIC CENTER 600.00; 271538 HOMINY AUTO SUPPLY 1394.50; 271762 GRIMSLEYS 506.34; 272240 CINTAS 35.05; 272277 BRUCKNER'S TRUCK SALES 330.00; 272413 KELLPRO 108.00; 272445 REDLANDS OFFICE SOLUTIONS 81.46; 272321 SHAMROCK TIRE & AUTO REPAIR 910.00; 272297 AMANDA COUFFER 370.86; 272454 UNITI 639.73; 272483 CITY OF PAWHUSKA 915.89; 272488 INDIAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 520.57; 272521 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS 458.71; 272322 BELLCO GLASS 801.20; 272072 B&H PHOTO VIDEO 7856.25; 272184 FUELMAN 23396.45; 270937 STANDLEY SYSTEMS 826.05; 272088 LEAF 932.82; 272515 TIM HOUGH STATE FARM AGENCY 30.00; 270164 HOMINY AUTO SUPPLY 1805.66; 270095 CYRACOM INTERNATIONAL 16.96; 272084 CITY OF PAWHUSKA 13528.86; 272086 AT&T MOBILITY 5633.85; 272189 ALLIANCE BUSINESS SERVICES 1039.78; 271611 GREEN COUNTRY TOURISM 6600.00; 271927 KCD ENTERPRISES 685.00; 271606 GREEN COUNTRY TOURISM 300.00; 271607 GREEN COUNTRY TOURISM 1000.00; 272470 M&M AWARD APPAREL 6555.00; 272468 AT&T MOBILITY 82.36; 272301 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 20.59; 272503 BEN E KEITH FOODS 1516.92; 271974 JEANIE HOWERTON 762.28; 272185 HOMINY DRUG AND GIFT 2645.69; 272400 GIL DUPONT 331.70; 272401 ANTHONY BARRETT 86.06; 272404 JEFF WILLIAMS 323.15; 272405 ACHSAH ELLIOTT 445.32; 272510 DON B BARNETT 944.67; 272311 BARTLESVILLE PRINT SHOP 243.00; 271816 OSAGE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY 60932.29; 272259 P&K EQUIPMENT 878.80; 272481 FRIENDS OF FAIRFAX 9000.00.

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Anthony Hudson moved to approve utility permit **(#1796)** for District #3 submitted by one permanent telecommunications lien and installed in a repair parallel aerial line manner, starting point in the NE Qtr. of the SE Qtr. of Section 23, Township 20N, Range 11E, Crossing or Parallel to County Road number Timberlane Ridge Rd., Ending point in the NE Qtr. of the SE Qtr. of Section 23, Township 20N, Range 11E. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign a letter of support for FY2027 SQ781 proposal for District 10 Public Safety and Behavioral Health Initiative. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. **(29415)**

The Board acknowledged payment of $5,036.16 from the LPS Opioid qualified settlement year 4 to (1251-2-2000-2005) Opioid Abatement Settlement. **(29416)**

The Board acknowledged invoice from INCOG for 2nd quarter membership dues for FY 2027 in the amount of $4,651.50. **(29417)**

Chad Ray moved to approve and sign transfer of funds form #240 for Court Clerk in the amount of $17,604.40 from X0001 General Fund to (1211-1-1400-1110) Court Clerk Salaries. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. **Lavendar Carroll-** Actually, that wasn't my request. Every month I deposit money from my Court Fund to salaries, it was mistakenly put into the General Fund instead of my Salary account. This is a correction from the Treasurer's Office.

The Board acknowledged payment of $6,216.54 from ACCO for claim number: VAAP079671 for Sheriff Account (1315-2-8004-2005) Sheriff M&O. **(29418)**

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

a. City of Barnsdall $818.10

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

The Board acknowledged OCIA sponsorship to the Fairfax Community Collaboration Summit for the Friends of Fairfax, INC in the amount of $9,000.00 to be paid from (1301-8-3100-2005) OCIA M&O. **(29419)**

The Board acknowledged letter form Free Fair board stating Receiving Agents are Kelly Pedigo and Elizabeth Mayfield. **(29420)**

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign an employer application for Group Insurance with Principal Life Insurance Company. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. **(29421)**

Anthony Hudson moved to table Employee Assistance Programs Services agreement with Community Care. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign transfer of funds form #240 for REAP Grant #230231 in the amount of $142,246.99 from X1102 Highway Fund to X1103 CBRI Fund. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the Osage county monthly reconcilement between the County Clerk and Treasurer for September 2026.

Project Update on Courthouse Remodel: **Dalton Higgins-** Tony with KSB couldn't make it. **Joshua McNett-** The upper EIFS is finished in the building. They've finally delivered the windows for the curved ones in the Court Room. The scaffolding is still scheduled to come down Wednesday and we are punch listing the outside tomorrow. We will go through and look for anything that needs fixed. **Dalton Higgins-**We can get scaffolding down and get going on the punch list for rest of the building and out of the way. We've got a couple things out for pricing that came from the Fire Marshal's review. These things include fire suppression, fire alarms, stair tower, and all of those things. We have that all compiled and will be getting that to you guys (Commissioners) within the next day or two. **Lavendar Carroll-** Do we have an ETA on when that building is usable? **Dalton Higgins-**In the next year.

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Anthony Hudson moved to enter into executive session- as per Oklahoma Statutes Title 25, § 307 (B)(4), for the purpose of confidential communications between the Board of County Commissioners of Osage County & its attorney to discuss the Osage County Nutrition Program with Nutrition Director Jeanie Howerton. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

Anthony Hudson moved to reconvene the meeting following the executive session. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

Anthony Hudson moved to discuss and possibly act upon the resulting executive session. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. **Steve Talburt-**The discussion is to give two weeks to get a resolution that is workable with INCOG.

Anthony Hudson moved to table a 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 for two weeks. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried.

Chad Ray moved to approve and sign ODOT form 324A for District #3 for JP 29416-BR 220 Claremore Creek to Parkhill INV #01454221.00-8 for Professional Services in the amount of $12,245.75. **(29422)**

Citizens Input: **Jerry Butterbaugh-**At the end of the meeting, you said something that was very interesting. I truly do appreciate what staff went through with costs rising and inflation rising. It makes everything more expensive and they are asked to spend less. Do you anticipate the revenues will be down, or come back? How does it look? Are we going to be in this super tight budget situation next year too? **Steve Talburt-** We are riding right on edge. We're not completely in the bad, but were not in the good green that we want to be in. We just want to tighten everything up, so that we can get a grip. The biggest issues are, everybody wants to give their departments a raise and everybody would agree that they all deserve it. The fact is, once you give a $100 raise, it's not just $100 that you give, it's retirement and everything goes along with it. It raises that amount up. What we're going to have to do as a board, is we're going to have to keep a grip on it and everybody's going have to understand that it may be a year or whatever. We are going have to build up until we are not riding on the edge anymore. We've had a lot of expenses that have come out of the Courthouse remodel. There have been a lot of things that have been paid for even in the Annex Building, the Sheriff's Office and the purchase of buildings. There have been things that had to come out that we didn't completely plan for.

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

Read and approved this 26th day of October, 2026.

Board of County Commissioners
Osage County, Oklahoma

Steve Talburt, Chairman

Anthony Hudson, Vice-Chairman

Chad Ray, Member

COUNTY CLERK
OSAGE COUNTY OKLAHOMA

Christina Talburt, Osage County Clerk