October 19, 2026 – Special Meeting

The Board of County Commissioners of Osage County met at 9:30 A.M. for a Special Meeting, 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 Deputy #2, Liliana Guillen-Purchasing Deputy, Ben West-Excise Board, Mike Hayman-Excise Board, Berry Keeler-Excise Board, Jerry Butterbaugh-OCIA, Emma Butterbaugh-Citizen, Bart Perrier-Sheriff, Anthony Barrett-Sheriff's Office, Jay Long-Sheriff's Office, Kandy Jump-D#3 1st Deputy, 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.

Steve Talburt called the meeting to order.

Steve Talburt led the prayer.

Anthony Hudson led the flag salute.

There was no new business.

Anthony Hudson moved to approve and sign fiscal year 2026/2027 Budget Publication Sheet and Budget Book. Chad Ray seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Ray-yes. Motion carried. **Steve Talburt-** We had a couple of issues concerning the budget. We had to cut the budget because it was over what was appropriated and there was a clerical error from the budget maker that had to be corrected. I'll let Christina explain what has been cut from the budget to bring us where we're at. **Christina Talburt-** The initial budget request was for $10,827,923.93 without contingencies. This left a short fall of $532,436.82. We were able to decrease that, mostly from the General Government Fund by $465,698.60. The other $67,567.00 came from volunteered department decreases. However, as the Commissioner stated, the budget maker discovered another error that was within the Reserve Funds. This resulted in another decrease of $476,565.89. At that time, the Commissioners opted to take out of contingencies rather than to delay the budget process any longer. The County as a whole should be appreciative to them, they made the decision, and we could move forward with our budget. All of the departments received their requested budget with the exception of the Assessor, Free Fair, Fairgrounds, County Clerk, OSU Extension and Nutrition. They've all volunteered to make some cuts in their budget to get us down to what it needed to be. The final budget for the year including contingencies is $12,853,448.84. This is lower than our budget from last year which was at around $13,572,000.00.

Citizens input: **Jerry Butterbaugh- T**hank you to the Clerk, the Assessor, Treasurer and the other department heads, for finding a way to balance the budget. It's very hard doing more with less money and I certainly appreciate your effort. If you could please pass it on, thank you. **Steve Talburt-** I appreciate all of the elected officials, all department heads, you guys did a great job on your budget. We had to make some cuts just because of the finances and we probably will next year. We will have to really watch because we've got to get back in line. I appreciate everybody working together and getting these things done. Everyone did a great job. **Ben West-**The Excise Board also wants to thank the County elected officials. Everybody joined in, got after it and cut the budget. We appreciate that and the BOCC, we appreciate your efforts as well. Also, thank you Christina. **Steve Talburt-**We are doing well and we've got a lot more than a lot of other counties. We are doing good, so don't think we are living in poverty or anything like that, but we just have to get a better handle on the finances. We appreciate you guys as well.

Steve Talburt 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