

May 7, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners of Osage County met at 10:00 A.M., May 7, 2024, in the OSU Extension Building at Osage County Fairgrounds for an Emergency Meeting. Members present were Interim Anthony Hudson, Steve Talburt, and Charlie Cartwright.

Guests present were Leah Quinton-County Clerk Executive Assistant, Sally Hulse-Treasurer, Ed Quinton-Assessor, Robert Smith-Pawhuska Journal Capital, Jerry Roberts-Emergency Management, Kelly Pedigo-Fairgrounds Secretary, Ember Butcher-OSU Extension, Cheyenne Patrick-OSU Extension, Rick Clovis-OSU Extension, Ty Loftis-KMPG Radio, Jim Mertin, and Bud Beaston.

Charlie Cartwright called the meeting to order.

Charlie Cartwright led the prayer.

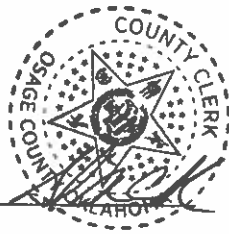
Anthony Hudson led the flag salute.

Under new business, Mike Fisher stated that the Agenda incorrectly reflects the Chairman due to time restraint; the Chairman is Charlie Cartwright. Jerry Roberts stated that after an assessment, the Southeast section of Barnsdall is gone, with roughly three homes still standing from the Fire Station up east to Highway 123. Charlie Cartwright inquired about the outskirts of Barnsdall. Roberts stated the tornado went to Highway 123 and crossed into Washington County. Roberts announced the Governor will be arriving in Barnsdall today and possibly US Congressmen in the coming days. Roberts stated they currently have cadaver dogs searching the area to ensure they do not miss anything. Tim Mertens, with the Red Cross, stated they are helping people from Barnsdall, Pawhuska, and Hominy. Last night, the Fairgrounds had six people stay, and they believed they would be there for a few days. Mertens stated they are trying to assess the needs. They are bringing in shelter and water. Charlie Cartwright inquired if Mertens feels this is a State of Emergency. Mertens stated there is significant damage and he would believe so. Roberts stated that PSO already has 150 employees in Barnsdall and is sending 100 more with 300 power poles. Ed Quinton stated he had spoken with Johnny Kelley, the Barnsdall Mayor and that the Assessor's Office would follow the storm's path and adjust the tax roll. Quinton stated that if the home is damaged, the Assessor's Office will lower the property to 50% of value, and if the house is gone, the Assessor's Office will remove the property off the tax roll until that changes. Quinton stated by statute that this is what his office can do for the area, and they will be starting at the lake to follow the path.

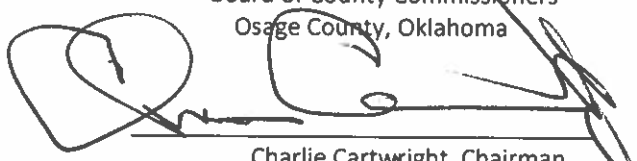
Steve Talburt moved to declare and sign a State of Emergency in the Town of Barnsdall and Osage County, Oklahoma. Anthony Hudson seconded the motion. Hudson-yes; Talburt-yes; Cartwright-yes. Motion carried.

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


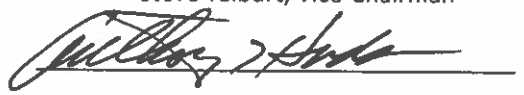
Read and approved this 13th day of May, 2024.

Robin Slack, Osage County Clerk

Board of County Commissioners
Osage County, Oklahoma


Charlie Cartwright, Chairman

Steve Talburt, Vice-Chairman

Anthony Hudson, Member