

March 3rd, 2026

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 1:45 P.M. on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 with the following members present: Chairman Mike Furnas, Commissioners Robert Clark and Scott Hilton. Notice of the meeting was posted at the south door of the Ottawa County Courthouse February 25th, 2026 at 11:08 A.M. Commissioners' Meeting Agendas and Minutes can also be found online at ottawa.okcounties.org.

1. Call to order.

2. Pledge of allegiance.

3. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve minutes of February 23rd and special meeting minutes of February 25th, 2026. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

4. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve claims presented to the Board for payment: 2025-2026 CH Improv-ST 137, MIAMI SPECIAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, 10338.90, UTILITIES 138, K&G PAINTING, 1350.00, PAINTING; General 1681, ALERT 360, 47.07, SECURITY SERVICES 1682, OTIS ELEVATOR CO*, 1213.75, REPAIRS 1683, AMERICAN NEWSPAPER INC, 202.34, LEGAL NOTICE 1684, ALERT 360, 48.10, SECURITY SERVICES 1685, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 67.87, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 1686, ALLEN SIGN STUDIO, LLC*, 86.00, VEHICLE LETTERING 1687, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS *, 7.88, CONTRACT BASE RATE CHARGE 1688, MIAMI SPECIAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, 308.90, UTILITIES 1689, MIAMI SPECIAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, 3175.21, UTILITIES 1690, MIAMI SPECIAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, 69.85, UTILITIES 1691, MIAMI NEWS-RECORD, 210.48, LEGAL NOTICE 1692, SOONER PRINTING*, 80.50, POSTAGE 1693, OSU COOP EXT SERVICE*, 10666.66, CONTRACT AGREEMENT 1694, LAKELAND FINANCIAL SERVICES, 220.43, LEASE PAYMENT 1695, MIAMI NEWS-RECORD, 150.00, SUBSCRIPTION 1696, CODE3 SECURITY, 1458.56, SECURITY SERVICES 1697, MIAMI SPECIAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, 339.46, UTILITIES 1698, MIAMI SPECIAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, 7094.26, UTILITIES 1699, KIM MCCORD, 165.00, OFFICE CLEANING; Health 144, McKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL, 83.54, MEDICAL SUPPLIES 145, OK STATE DEPT OF HEALTH, 3270.25, SALARY 146, JEREMY LAMB, 900.00, JANITORIAL SERVICES 147, ORKIN EXTERMINATION CO INC*, 48.63, PEST CONTROL 148, GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, 387.25, LEASE PAYMENT 149, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 488.82, SUPPLIES 150, MAGELLAN DIAGNOSTICS INC, 359.04, MEDICAL SUPPLIES 151, VIP VOICE SERVICES, 2260.00, PHONE SYSTEM CALL SERVICES; Highway 1083, CODA, 125.00, REGISTRATION FEE 1084, SPRINGDALE TRACTOR CO., 476.91, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1085, LIBERTY, 260.03, UTILITIES 1086, EQUIPMENTSHARE.COM INC, 113.70, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1087, M&J EQUIPMENT SERVICES LLP, 1719.31, REPAIRS 1088, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 52.25, SUPPLIES 1089, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 578.71, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1090, SPRINGDALE TRACTOR CO., 223.85, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1091, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS *, 92.83, CONTRACT BASE RATE CHARGE 1092, BOLT FIBER, 199.99, UTILITIES 1093, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 47.25, SUPPLIES; Hwy-ST 388, WILLIAMS DIVERSIFIED MATERIALS, INC, 4497.75, MATERIALS; Rural Fire-ST 102, RUGGED SOLUTIONS AMERICAN LLC, DBA SETCOM CORPORATION, 8502.86, FIRE EQUIPMENT; SHERIFF'S FUNDING ASSISTANCE GRANT 3, EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESOURCES LLC, 17500.00, VEHICLE PURCHASE 4, EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESOURCES LLC, 15750.00, VEHICLE PURCHASE; SH Svc Fee 166, NEO PEST CONTROL, 2500.00, PEST CONTROL 167, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 89.00, PARTS By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

5. Citizen's participation or comments: Ben Bullard presented information about proposed transmission line crossing four Oklahoma counties. Nowata, Washington, Delaware and Ottawa counties.

Transmission line will begin around Wichita Kansas and end in Branson Missouri. Providing 345,000

volts using 150 feet of Right-of-way crossing property owners' private property. Invited public to attend meeting at Welch Civic Center March 17th @ 6:00pm. Requested Commissioners have a Road Use agreement or Bond Agreement due to companies driving large equipment on our road possibly causing damage making to the Companies liable for the damage they might cause.

Natalie Bullard- Asked question to the board, Have any of the Commissioners met or spoken to anyone from AEP? Will the County have any money gain from this? What is each individual Commissioners opinion on this line crossing the County? What affect does the citizen have if major of them don't want to line? What will the Commissioners do to protect the citizen? Will this item be on the agenda as an item? Tribal Chief Hilton Brand-the proposed line will cross a few reservations trust land which is not allowed. Ask the Elected officials to contact the state official and express their concerns and how they can help the citizens.

Greg Bryant- this will benefit data centers; this amount of energy would provide energy to 750,000 to 800,000 homes.

Debbie Gains-Joplin has similar centers that use 2 ½ million gallons of water per day and is out of water. We are already in a drought situation, and this will drain us of the water we need.

Gail Graham- spoke with Oklahoma Corporation Commission 2 weeks ago they said they have no jurisdiction. How will this affect our livestock and land? Surveyors came on her land and took pictures.

Donald Corkland- 800 acres on the Craig/Ottawa county line his farm has vacant prairie land. County Road are in bad shape now. They had a truck stuck because of the little rain we received.

George Hubbard- rural America and landowner want to keep it rural. Question: is there any regulations or rules within the County to stop the line coming through? If we don't have regulation does that mean companies are able to use counties like ours for their own means.

Bev Drake- High voltage line have a high hum sound, like the wind turbines have their own sound. Will this effect bird and butterflies. My farm has no till ground and no herbicides due to the native prairie grass. This is not going to help our rural citizens.

Melinda Stotts- I have three transmission lines by my home. I have health concern. Studies have been done saying it is unhealth to live close by. My family hunts, fishes and enjoys and eats the wildlife on our farm. What is the effect this will have on wildlife?

Penny Jarmin- My father was born on this land. I have two 40 acres with two house and the proposed line will go right in the middle of the two properties.

Larry Palmer- they are not making any more land so to damage the land you won't get it back. Can they not use the right-of-way on Interstate 44 or send it somewhere else?

Mike Carmen- running through cattle operation. No one is taking accountability.

Greg Bryant- Ottawa/ Craig County line. Work entire life appreciate the dirt. Brother and I run cattle. Company is looking for land to get ahead of demand for future growth. Has the Company looked for other solutions

Jim Wilkins- 52 days before AEP certificate of authority to discuss on option to propose this. No should volunteer survey property. I am asking everyone to come to the meeting.

Kristy Kirk- my husband and I run cattle and have honeybees. The proposed line will be within 150 feet from them. We need bees for food.

Tammy Lawry- Thank you for the turn out. My dad Joe Dan Morgan was emergency manager for Ottawa County. This will run through my parent's property. I work at the Tar Creek Program working with youth teaching them how the clean and take care of land. Mining companies didn't know they were causing health problems and now we are cleaning it up. Take a Stand. We don't need this. Find another place.

Debra Cole- I have serval family and kids that live on the property with me. Studies saying kids have contracted leukemia from lines. Everyone is passing blame. Bergstrom's secretary said not benefiting us. Go through Missouri.

Mike Furnas- Thanked everyone for coming and speaking for Ottawa County.

6. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Sheriff's Department purchase two Flock Safety cameras using County General Funds. Funds will be reimbursed through the DEQ grant. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
7. Motion by Hilton, second by Clark, to approve Guy Engineering Invoices for services through February 20, 2026 on PACT-Environmental (Stantec) Consultant concerning bridges located in District # 1, 2 & 3 to be paid out of the Fund # 1305 also known as CBRI-105 Fund. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
8. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve lease purchase a 2019 Caterpillar Grader 12M3 Serial # N9R00352 from John Fabick Tractor Company in the amount of \$ 189,000.00. Requested by District # 1 Commissioner Mike Furnas. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
9. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve lease purchase a 2025 Caterpillar Grader 140-15 Serial # EB210199 from John Fabick Tractor Company in the amount of \$ 331,916.00. Requested by District # 1 Commissioner Mike Furnas. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
10. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve solicitation for sealed bids to lease purchase a tanker truck for the Peoria Fire Department. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
11. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve allocation of motor vehicle tax from County Treasurer. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
12. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve allocation of alcoholic beverage tax from County Treasurer. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
13. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Cash fund estimate of needs and request for appropriations for various County offices: 1102-6-4100-1110 - PERSONAL SERVICE \$ 45,700.01 11102-6-4100-4130 - LEASE RENTAL \$ 10,000.00 1102-6-4200-1110 - PERSONAL SERVICE \$ 48,665.91 1102-6-4200-1310 - TRAVEL \$ 2,000.00 1102-6-4200-4130 - LEASE RENTAL \$ 5,000.00 1102-6-4300-1110 - PERSONAL SERVICE \$ 53,574.85 1102-6-4300-1310 - TRAVEL \$ 2,000.00 1102-6-6110-2005 - TRANSPORTATION PACT FUND \$ 13,378.25 1102-6-6120-2005 - TRANSPORTATION PACT FUND \$ 13,378.25 1102-6-6130-2005 - TRANSPORTATION PACT FUND \$ 13,378.25 1102-6-6510-2005 - CIRB-MV DIST 1 \$ 15,228.65 1102-6-6520-2005 - CIRB-MV DIST 2 \$ 15,228.64 1102-6-6530-2005 - CIRB-MV DIST 3 \$ 15,228.65 1103-6-6000-2020 - CBRI-105 ACCOUNT \$ 21,343.86 1208-1-1000-2005 - COUNTY CLERK CASH OPERATION \$ 932.80 1209-1-1000-2005 - REC PRESERVATION OPERATION \$ 4,545.00 1211-1-1400-1110 - COURT CLERK PAYROLL \$ 20,000.00 1220-1-0600-2005 - RESALE OPERATION \$ 16,023.36 1223-2-0400-2005 - COMMISSARY \$ 16,586.30 1226-2-0400-1110 - SHERIFF SERV FEE PERS SERVICE \$ 1,884.00 1226-2-0400-2005 - SHERIFF SERV FEE OPERATION \$ 7,950.18 1226-2-04400-2017 - SHERIFF SERV FEE BOARD OF PRISONE \$ 47,319.40 1230-1-0600-2005 - TREASURER CASH OPERATION \$ 760.00 1251-1-2000-2005 - OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND \$ 13,713.96 1305-7-8008-2005 - COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT-ST \$ 75,063.84 1313-6-8041-2005 - HIGHWAY SALES TAX \$ 49,183.37 1313-6-8042-2005 - HIGHWAY SALES TAX \$ 49,183.37 1313-6-8043-2005 - HIGHWAY SALES TAX \$ 49,183.37 1321-2-8201-2005 - AFTON FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,321.52 1321-2-8202-2005 - COMMERCE FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,264.22 1321-2-8203-2005 - FAIRLAND FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,313.78 1321-2-8204-2005 - MIAMI FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,283.94 1321-2-8205-2005 - PARADISE PT FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,297.16 1321-2-8206-2005 - PEORIA FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,323.09 1321-2-8207-2005 - PICHER FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,276.36 1321-2-8208-2005 - QUAPAW FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,259.59 1321-2-8209-2005 - WYANDOTTE FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,322.84 7205-1-1400-2005 - LAW LIBRARY \$ 1,084.90 7206-1-1900-2005 - DRUG COURT REVOLVING FUND \$ 469.00 7210-1-1400-2005 - Court Clerk Management And Preservation \$ 1,543.25 By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

14. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve monthly reports submitted by various County Offices: County Clerk, Treasurer, Election Board, Health Department and Sheriff's Department By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

15. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve check for deposit: check # 2732 form Election Board in the amount of \$ 647.99; check # 6800550847 from AT&T in the amount of \$ 307.22. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

16. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve transfers of appropriations: 1102-6-4300-2005 to 1102-6-4300-1110 in the amount of \$ 5,000.00 By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

18. Commissioners' activity reports: District 1: thanked the support from our citizens to our county's health, safety and welfare. Working on line-of-sight. Report problem spot at intersection to the field office. District 2: Routine maintenance. District 3: Routine maintenance.

21. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve blankets # 3272-3289. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

22. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve to adjourn. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

Mike Furnas, Chairman
Robyn Mitchell, County Clerk
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