

County Request No. 238

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Date of Request: 04/29/2026 Department: District 2

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Review as to legality and form - General Mutual Cooperation Agreement between The City of Choctaw and the Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County

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Brandi Mertens, Chief Deputy D2  
County Officer or Department Director

Reply of District Attorney's Office: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Reply: 4/29/2026 Brandi Mertens  
Assistant District Attorney

# GENERAL MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

**BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHOCTAW  
&  
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY**

**THIS GENERAL MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT** (the "Agreement") is entered into effective JULY 1, 2026, between the **CITY OF CHOCTAW** a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oklahoma (the "Municipality"), and the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY**, a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oklahoma (the "County").

## RECITALS:

**WHEREAS**, 69 O.S. § 601A, authorizes the County to use any funds which are in the county highway fund to construct and maintain as county highways those roads which best serve the most people of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, 69 O.S. § 603 provides that the County may contract for grading, draining, or hard surfacing any street within any municipality where such street is a continuation of or a connecting link in the State or County Highway System; and

**WHEREAS**, 69 O.S. § 1903B authorizes the County to enter into an agreement with a municipality or any two or more counties or municipalities to construct, improve, repair or maintain any of the roads, streets or highways of the other parties to the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, County Resolution No. 118-08 has set out procedures for tinhorn acquisition if the requested tinhorn location(s) is/are within the corporate limits of a municipality, and a legal agreement with the municipal entity to install the tinhorn and collect the fees must be approved; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Municipality find that it is to the mutual benefit of the citizens of both the Municipality and the County to enter into an agreement for mutual cooperation for maintenance, construction, and repair of certain streets within the limits of the Municipality and the responsibility of the Municipality, and the installation of tinhorns within the limits of the Municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The County may, at their discretion, perform work to construct, improve, or repair certain roadways within the incorporated limits of the Municipality.
2. The Municipality's governing body must submit specific written requests to the County, titled regarding particularly described streets or portions of streets for which the Municipality is seeking the County's assistance in construction, improvement, repair and maintenance. Said requests shall adequately and specifically describe the street location and the specific type of

assistance needed from the County and describe the anticipated period of time that such assistance shall be needed. If the County approves the Municipality's request for assistance, said request shall be performed pursuant to the authority of this Agreement and the specific agreement.

3. The Municipality shall, under the specific agreement, furnish to the County the funds to pay the cost of materials.

4. No party to the contract shall be liable for the acts or omissions of the other party or for failure to inspect or supervise the performance of the other party.

5. The parties understand and agree that this Agreement in no way relieves the Municipality of the Municipality's primary duty to maintain its streets in a reasonably safe condition for travel by the public for the duration of the project.

6. Municipality hereby represents and warrants to County that the Municipality owns, leases, or holds beneficial easements on any and all real property on which they seek the County's assistance in construction, improvement, repair or maintenance.

7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Municipality acknowledges that the County's performance of work under this agreement is subject to the County's availability of highway department personnel, equipment, labor and materials, and to weather conditions or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of County.

8. This Agreement shall commence on JULY 1, 2026, and continue through JUNE 30, 2027.

