

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1314**

### **OKLAHOMA COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE AUTHORITY CHOICE OF LITIGATION FORUM**

**WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority desires to provide for the choice of litigation forum for actions alleging violations of federal law brought against the Authority and/or its employees acting within the scope of their employment;

**WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority acknowledges that Section 2012 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Pleading Code, requires that an Answer be filed within twenty (20) days of service of Summons and Petition for any action filed in state district court against the Authority and/or its employees acting within the scope of their employment;

**WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority further recognizes that the time limitations of the Oklahoma Pleading Code make it impractical for the Authority as a body to make determinations as to the best forum for litigation where a Petition or action alleges the violation of federal law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUTHORITY**, that based on the foregoing and in furtherance thereof, the Authority hereby approves the following:

1. Legal counsel, in consultation with the Jail Administrator and Chairman of the Authority or, if unavailable, the Vice-Chairman of the Authority, shall determine whether the interests of the Authority are best served by removal to federal court of any litigation alleging the violation of federal law filed in state district court; and

2. Upon the determination by legal counsel, in consultation with the Jail Administrator and Chairman of the Authority or Vice-Chairman as the case may be, that the interests of the Authority are best served by removal of the action to federal court, legal counsel is authorized to take all necessary actions to effectuate removal of the litigation to federal court, including payment of necessary filing fees.

**ADOPTED** by the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority on  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Chairperson of the Oklahoma County  
Criminal Justice Authority

ATTEST:

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Oklahoma County Clerk