

OKLAHOMA COUNTY

*Oklahoma County Office Building
320 Robert S Kerr Ave,
Oklahoma City, OK 73102*



Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 8, 2026

3:00 PM

***Brian Maughan - Chair
Jason Lowe - Vice-Chair
Paul Foster - Member***

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***Recorded in the
Oklahoma County Clerk's Office***

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present: 3 - County Commissioner Jason Lowe, County Commissioner Paul Foster, and District 2 - Chief Deputy Brandi Mertens

Notice of the meeting was properly posted on May 4, 2026.

For purposes of this agenda “Action” means any of the following: amending, approving, approving as amended, deferring, denying, giving instructions to staff, making a recommendation to another public body, receiving documents or presentations, referring to committee, reconsidering, re-opening, returning, or striking the item.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2026 prepared by the County Clerk as authorized by statute (19 O.S. §243, 244, and 445) subject to additions or corrections by the Board of County Commissioners.

Foster moved, Mertens seconded, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Lowe, Foster and Mertens

Departmental Items

District No. 1

2. Discussion and possible action for the approval of a Specific Mutual Cooperation Agreement between the City of Midwest City and Oklahoma County pursuant to Title 69, O.S. § 603, Title 11, O.S. § 36 for reconstruction, repair, and/or improvements to the Sooner Road Railroad Crossing located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Midwest City. Upon completion of the project and receipt of invoicing from the County, Municipality shall reimburse the County for all material in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$116,564.39). This Agreement shall become effective upon signature of both parties and shall terminate on June 30, 2026. Requested by Jason Lowe, Commissioner, District One.

Lowe moved, Foster seconded, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Lowe, Foster and Mertens

3. Discussion and possible action for the approval of a Specific Mutual Cooperation Agreement between the City of Oklahoma City and Oklahoma County pursuant to Title 69, O.S. § 603, Title 11, O.S. § 36 for reconstruction, repair, and/or improvements to the Sooner Road Railroad Crossing within the municipal boundaries of the City of Oklahoma City. Upon completion of the project and receipt of invoicing from the County, Municipality shall reimburse the County for all material in an amount not to exceed Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$40,822.50). This Agreement shall become effective upon signature of both parties and shall terminate on June 30, 2026. Requested by Jason Lowe, Commissioner, District One.

Lowe moved, Foster seconded, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Lowe, Foster and Mertens

4. Discussion and possible action accepting a Rural Economic Action Plan grant project OK County D1 4 (Britton Road Full Rebuild Between Harrah Road and Dobbs Road) as satisfactorily complete and accepting payment request documents. Requested by Jason Lowe, Commissioner, District One.

Lowe moved, Foster seconded, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Lowe, Foster and Mertens

District No. 3

5. Discussion and possible action regarding renewal of eight (8) Mutual Cooperation Agreements between the Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County and 1) Putnam City Schools, 2) Deer Creek Schools, 3) Town of Luther, 4) City of Piedmont, 5) Town of Arcadia, 6) Board of County Commissioners of Canadian County, 7) Board of County Commissioners of Logan County, and 8) Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County for FY26-27. All agreements were approved as to form and legality by Lisa Endres, ADA. Requested by Paul Foster, Interim Commissioner, District 3.

Foster moved, Mertens seconded, to approve. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Lowe, Foster and Mertens

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the formal acceptance of the cancellation of the existing Memorandum of Understanding, dated December 2023, between the Board of County Commissioners of Oklahoma County on behalf of the Oklahoma County Sheriff and the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority as it relates to transportation services of detainees of the Oklahoma County Detention Center to and from the Oklahoma County Courthouse holding facility. Requested by Paul Foster, Interim Commissioner, District 3.

Foster moved, Lowe seconded, to strike. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Lowe and Foster

No: 1 - Mertens

Sheriff

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the acceptance, modification, and/or the amendment of the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners, the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office, and the Oklahoma County Criminal Justice Authority for the provision of operating the court holding facility on the 11th floor of the courthouse. This MOU is set for an amount of \$340,261.89, which is the exact expense related to salaries, FICA, retirement, and health benefits for the four (4) personnel assigned to perform these duties. This MOU will take effect on July 1, 2026 and will end on June 30, 2027. Unless otherwise terminated or suspended in writing in accordance with Article IV hereof, this Agreement will automatically renew on July 1st of each option year with updated contract pricing that reflects any cost of living adjustments and/or expense increases/decreases. Requested by Sheriff Tommie Johnson III.

Lowe moved, Mertens seconded, motion to vote no. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Lowe and Mertens

Abstain: 1 - Foster

8. Discussion and possible action regarding amending the Trust Indenture. The amendment should include, but may not be limited to, the removal of Article IV, (7)(d) and any other referenced prohibitions for the Criminal Justice Authority related to the provision of detainee courthouse transportation. The final document should ensure that the CJA is not restricted by the trust indenture to perform all detainee transportation, including detainee courthouse transportation. Requested by Sheriff Tommie Johnson III.

Lowe moved, Foster seconded, to defer to later today. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Lowe and Foster

No: 1 - Mertens

Recess

Lowe moved, Foster seconded, to recess at 4:01pm until the call of the Chair today. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Lowe, Foster and Mertens

Roll Call

Present: 3 - County Commissioner Brian Maughan, County Commissioner Jason Lowe, and County Commissioner Paul Foster

Return

Foster moved, Lowe seconded, to return at 5:34pm on 05/08/2026 in the BOCC room. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Maughan, Lowe and Foster

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Foster moved, to strike. The failed for lack of second.

Maughan moved, Lowe seconded, to not amend the indenture. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Maughan and Lowe

No: 1 - Foster

Commissioners Comments/General Remarks:

Citizen Participation:

Sean Cummings was called to speak

Adjourn

Lowe moved, Foster seconded, to adjourn at 5:39pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Maughan, Lowe and Foster

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Chair or Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Maressa Treat,
County Clerk and Secretary to the Board