

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. for which the time, place and agenda were posted on the second floor of the Cherokee County Courthouse.

Members of the Board present were Commissioner Whitewater, Commissioner Jenkins and Commissioner Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Hall to waive the reading of the minutes for the February 2, 2026 regular meeting and the minutes of the February 11, 2026 special meeting and approve as written. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve a Lease Purchase Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County and Carson Community Bank to lease purchase a new 2026 John Deere 772 P-Tier Motor Grader with 6WD, plus extended warranty, with a 2022 Caterpillar 140 Motor Grader as trade-in through Yellowhouse Machinery Co./Sourcewell for District #1. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.
2. No action was taken on District #1 discussion and possible action to replace the encumbered request from District #3 and pass the encumbered funds in the amount of \$80,462.86 along to District #1, and approval of Purchase Contract between ODOT (Oklahoma Department of Transportation) and Cherokee County District #1 to purchase a John Deere 320 P-Tier Backhoe Loader, pertaining to the County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund, paperwork not completed, will be approving at a later date before deadline of March 23, 2026.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve an agreement to work on private property with David Armstrong in District #1, to widen roadway and improve drainage for safety of travel for approximately 3/10 of a mile on Vinita Ave., between Grandview Rd. and Highway 51 Spur. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve a resolution to deposit a check from Robbins Recycling in the amount of \$1,610.00 to go into the 1228-3-2900-2005 Account for Maintenance and Operation for the Cherokee County Solid Waste Department for FY25-26, Moody Transfer Station-Trailer #3 scrapped, all usable parts were previously removed. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve designation of P-Cardholder for Mandi Halpain in the Treasurer's Office, with a card limit of \$2,500.00. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve permission for TJ Girdner, Cherokee County Building Manager, to obtain written quotes for remodel of old District Attorney's Building located at 255 W. First St. to create storage for the Court Clerk's Office. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve permission for TJ Girdner, Cherokee County Building Manager, to obtain written quotes for remodel of Extension Offices located in the Community Building. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.
8. Victoria Byrd with Cherokee County Chamber Tourism present to give an update on "Explore Cherokee County".

9. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the following monthly reports:
- A. Treasurer's Office
 - B. Assessor's Office
 - C. Health Department
 - D. Detention Center
 - E. Sheriff's Office
 - F. Court Clerk
 - G. County Clerk
 - H. Election Board

Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes.
Motion carried.

10. Justice Smith with AirMedCare Network was present to give a presentation on their services, the Commissioners asked that she send more information to look over for review.

11. A summons was acknowledged by the Board:

A. Arvest Bank-vs-Thomas A. Eastham DBA Falcon Floats; Joyce Eastham; Chuck A. Eastham; Lambert Restoration & Construction Services, LLC DBA Restoration 1 Tulsa

12. A Notice and Order was acknowledged by the Board:

A. Application to vacate utility reserve and an easement or right-of-way located at 118 W. Morgan Street, described as 7.6 feet of the College Street easement lying west of the South 23 feet of Lot 6 Block 41 City of Tahlequah

13. A motion was made by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve all claims, P.O.'s, blanket P.O.'s, appropriations and transfers as presented to the board. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.

14. A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to table approval of payroll for February 16, 2026 thru February 28, 2026 until February 24, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Hall to recess until February 24, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 24, 2026
1:00 P.M.

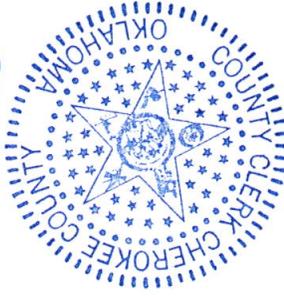
Members of the Board present were Commissioner Whitewater, Commissioner Jenkins, Commissioner Hall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve County payroll for February 16, 2026 thru February 28, 2026. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adjourn. Roll call: Commissioner Whitewater-yes, Commissioner Jenkins-yes, Commissioner Hall-yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Trammel
Cheryl A. Trammel, County Clerk



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Chairman

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Member

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Member