

September 14, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Texas County Commissioners was called to order by Darrell Edwards, Chairman. Dolan Sledge and Levi Bickford, members, and Wendy Johnson, County Clerk, were present. Grant Wadley, Guymon Fire Chief, Erica Maddox, Executive Director of the Guymon Chamber of Commerce, Aimee Midkiff, Treasurer, and Tondé Christian, Emergency Manager, were also present.

The agenda was filed on September 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Edwards verified that we were in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, with all board members present.

Motion by Bickford, second by Sledge, to approve the following claims and purchase orders for payment.

GENERAL: 270952, 397, **\$445.00**, Big West Industrial Sales, services; 271245, 398, **\$784.49**, City of Guymon, utilities; 271207, 399, **\$3,340.00**, Joe's Custom Concrete, services; 271202, 400, **\$2,444.25**, Mathis Oil Co, fuel; 271092, 401, **\$30.96**, SPC Office Products, supplies; 270518, 402, **\$948.00**, Texas County Sheriff Dept, travel.

DISTRICT #1: 271258, 403, **\$609.31**, Quadient Leasing, lease payment; 270693, 404, **\$192.00**, Seward County Landfill, roll off.

DISTRICT #2: 270637, 405, **\$1,998.89**, A & I Parts, parts; 271125, 406, **\$255.00**, Advanced Water Solutions, repairs; 271106, 407, **\$225.89**, Bruckner Truck Sales, services; 271203, 408, **\$40.98**, Chappell Supply & Equipment, services; 270146, 409, **\$42.00**, Fronk Oil Co, propane; 270810, 410, **\$175.00**, Internal Medicine Clinic, physical; 271259, 411, **\$609.31**, Quadient Leasing, lease payment.

DISTRICT #2 RESERVE: 264874, 2545, **\$636.00**, Unifirst Corporation, supplies.

DISTRICT #3: 271221, 413, **\$50.00**, Bar H Pest Control, services; 271223, 414, **\$309.69**, PTCI, services; 271260, 415, **\$609.31**, Quadient Leasing, lease payment; 271222, 412, **\$1,324.47**, TCEC, utilities.

FAIR BOARD: 271232, 11, **\$2,499.00**, SPC Office Products, supplies.

PUBLIC HEALTH: 270823, 58, **\$532.84**, Megan Furnish, travel; 271045, 59, **\$110.00**, Guymon Hotel & Suites, travel room; 270954, 60, **\$415.79**, Mayfield Paper Co, supplies; 271179, 61, **\$9,560.08**, McKesson Medical-Surgical, services; 270765, 62, **\$205.35**, Standley System, charges; 271255, 63, **\$4.54**, Walmart FBO Trevipay, supplies.

SHERIFF COMMISSARY: 270899, 1, **\$968.37**, Tiger Commissary Services, commissary.

SHERIFF SERVICE FEE: 271253, 34, **\$756.90**, AT&T Mobility, services; 271252, 35, **\$32.18**, City of Guymon, utilities; 271288, 36, **\$92.48**, Ks Industrial Solutions, services; 271206, 37, **\$3,843.00**, Prodigy Solutions, phone; 271249, 38, **\$79.99**, PTCI, services; 271250, 39, **\$383.43**, PTCI, services.

40% USE TAX: 270872, 2, **\$11,277.13**, BKL Engineers/Architects, services.

60% JAIL SALES TAX: 271267, 137, **\$120.00**, Airpro Heating & Cooling, maintenance; 271269, 138, **\$445.50**, Airpro Heating & Cooling, services; 271225, 139, **\$291.20**, Auto Chlor System, services; 270818, 140, **\$1,167.23**, US Foodservice, groceries; 270372, 141, **\$300.00**, VIP Electrical & Security, services; 270236, 142, **\$80.86**, Walmart FBO Trevipay, services.

LATCF: 271192, 1, **\$234.97**, Amazon, supplies.

Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

Motion by Sledge, second by Bickford, to approve blanket purchase orders for usage.

DISTRICT #2: 271327, J&R Constructors Group, \$100,000.00.

DISTRICT #3: 271326, Circuit Engineering Dist #8, \$50,000.00.

Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

Motion by Bickford, second by Sledge, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

Motion by Sledge, second by Bickford to approve the Monthly Appropriations for the month of September. Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

There were no Transfers of Appropriations to be approved.

Christian reported that she will be at the NW EM Workshop this week in Woodward. The Safety Preparedness event went very well this year with over 300 people showing up and County Safety Meetings will be the last week of the month.

Motion by Bickford, second by Sledge, to approve the following officers' reports and cash book summary for the month of August subject to audit: Health Department - \$607.98, M. Renee Ellis, Court Clerk - \$700,725.80. Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

Motion by Sledge, second by Bickford to approve the Court Clerk Records Management and Preservation Monthly Report for \$30,882.43. Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

Certificate and Order to County Clerk and County Treasurer was found so no action was needed.

Motion by Sledge, second by Bickford, to approve the Publication Sheet – Texas County, Oklahoma Financial Statement of the Various Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, and Estimate of Needs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027, of the Governing Board of Texas

County, Oklahoma, and to be published in the Guymon Daily Herald. Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

Motion by Bickford, second by Sledge to approve **Resolution #39-26-27.**

A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County, Oklahoma, Approving an Amendment to the Texas County Safety Policy Handbook Regarding Driver's License Requirements.

WHEREAS, Texas County, Oklahoma, maintains a Safety Policy Handbook to establish guidelines and safety standards for all county employees; and

WHEREAS, the current text of the Texas County Safety Policy Handbook specifies an "Oklahoma Driver's License" for certain position requirements and equipment operation guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the need for flexibility in hiring and operational practices, acknowledging that valid driver's licenses issued by other jurisdictions are legally recognized and sufficient for the county operations where applicable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to amend the Safety Policy Handbook to remove the word "Oklahoma" prior to "Driver's License" throughout the handbook to ensure broad, non-restrictive language.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County, Oklahoma, as follows:

1. **AMENDMENT:** The Texas County Safety Policy Handbook is hereby amended to delete the word "Oklahoma" where it immediately precedes the phrase "Driver's License".
2. **REVISED TEXAS:** All relevant sections of the Texas County Safety Policy Handbook requiring a valid license shall now state "Valid Driver's License" rather than "Valid Oklahoma Driver's License."
3. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.
4. **ADMINISTRATION:** The County Clerk is hereby directed to update the digital and printed copies of the Texas County Policy Handbook accordingly.

Adopted this 14th day of September 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TEXAS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

s/Darrell Edwards Chairman

s/Levi Bickford Member

s/Dolan Sledge Member

ATTEST: (SEAL)

s/Wendy Johnson County Clerk

Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

Motion by Sledge, second by Bickford, to approve the estimate from Nelson's Plumbing to install the dehumidifiers at the storage building for \$900.00 for all 5 rooms and the hallway. Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

Sledge said that there is no letter for Remedy Health because they are going to be here on September 21st to explain things to everyone.

Motion by Edwards, second by Bickford, to approve **Resolution #40-26-27** for a Utility Permit with PTCI for a Telephone Line in the SW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 24-T2N-R17ECM to the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 23-T2N-R17ECM. All requirements of the permit must be met, and it shall be bored. Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

Motion by Sledge, second by Bickford, to approve **Resolution #41-26-27** for a Utility Permit with Mike Ray for a Gas Line in the NE/4 of the NE/4 of Section 31-T4N-R15ECM to the SE/4 of the NE/4 of Section 30-T4N-R15ECM and **Resolution #42-26-27** for a Utility Permit with Mike Ray for a Water Line in the SW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 22-T4N-R15ECM to the NE/4 of the NE/4 of Section 21-T4N-R15ECM. All requirements of the permit must be met, and it shall be bored. Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

Wadley reported that he spoke to the other fire chiefs in the county and they would like to keep the burn ban in place.

Motion by Bickford, second by Sledge, to approve **Resolution #43-26-27**.

RENEWAL OF TEXAS COUNTY BURN BAN

Whereas; The Texas County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by Section 16-26. B of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, do hereby proclaim that extreme fire danger exists in Texas County. This situation (as defined in Section 16-26. B1.a-d, Title 2, O.S.) has been verified by a documented concurrence of the majority of the County's municipal and rural fire chiefs, or their designees.

Whereas; By virtue of this resolution, it is unlawful for any person to set fire to any forest, grass, range, crop or other wildlands, or to build a campfire or bonfire, or to burn trash or other material that may cause a forest, grass, range, crop, or other wildland fire. All outdoor burning in progress at the time of the passage of this resolution are ordered to be fully extinguished immediately by the property owner or his/her designate. Controlled burns or other activities stated herein which have occurred prior to the passage of this resolution and are ongoing at the time of this resolution shall not be a defense for violation of this resolution.

Whereas; Any law enforcement officer of the State of Oklahoma may carry out the enforcement of this resolution. Any person convicted of violating this resolution shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), to imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Whereas; Certain exceptions may be attached to this resolution by Texas County.

EXCEPTIONS: Exceptions may be authorized as checked below:

☐ NO EXCEPTIONS ARE GRANTED TO THIS BURN BAN

☒ FOR EQUIPMENT RELATED TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Equipment which uses propane or other controlled type burners is generally regarded as safe, however it will be required to have a water pumper on standby any time this equipment is used near a grassy right-of-way. Such requirement is the responsibility of the company or organization conducting the construction, and is not the responsibility of the fire department within the jurisdiction in which the construction activities are taking place.

☒ WELDING/CUTTING TORCH/GRINDING ACTIVITIES

When, conducted over a non-combustible surface of at least 10 feet by 10 feet and When welding blankets or screens are used to cover flammable vegetation, and;

- 1) Wind speeds are less than 20 m.p.h., and;
- 2) A fire watch, other than the welder, is posted at the welding/cutting torch site with pressurized water or a fire extinguisher.

☒ CAMPERS AND OUTDOOR COOKING

Outdoor campfires or bonfires are prohibited. LPG and charcoal-fired cooking outside in a grilling receptacle are permitted, provided that the activity is conducted over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Texas County Board of Commissioners made this COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days from the date of passage by the Board of County Commissioners. If extreme fire danger conditions persist, subsequent resolutions may be passed. This Burn Ban may be removed at any time during the fourteen-day period by the same method by which it was approved, and may be overridden at any time by a lawfully declared Burn Ban by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2026 by the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County, **replacing Resolution #37-26-27**, for a period not to exceed 14 days from this date.

s/Darrell Edwards

Chairman

s/Levi Bickford
Vice-Chairman

s/Dolan Sledge
Member

ATTEST: (SEAL)

s/Wendy Johnson
County Clerk

Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

There was nobody there from the Hospital.

Public Comment: Erica Maddox mentioned some things going on around town this week.

There was no New Business.

Buddy Leach, District Attorney, was not present.

There was no need for Executive Session.

Motion by Bickford, second by Sledge, to adjourn. Aye: Sledge, Bickford, Edwards. Nay: none.

I, Wendy Johnson, the duly elected and qualified County Clerk in and for Texas County, Oklahoma, do certify the above is a true and complete statement of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners held in this office on September 14, 2026.

Wendy Johnson
Wendy Johnson, County Clerk

Darrell Edwards
Darrell Edwards, Chairman

Levi Bickford
Levi Bickford, Member

Dolan Sledge
Dolan Sledge, Member