

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING

May 18, 2026
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The Alfalfa County Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Office at 9:00 AM for this special meeting with Chairman Ross calling the meeting to order with members Johnson and Roach, and County Clerk Laneta Schwerdtfeger. Visitors: Lacey Elliott, Heather Gilley, Roberta Jamison, Jessica Green, Rob Phillips Jennifer Roach, Connie Truax, Ashley Jackson, Lee McDowell, Hayli Watkins, Trent Spade, Kyle Spade, Krystal Doyal, Caroly Mathis, Orla Wilber, Melissa Leslie, Sarah Wagner, Heather McNeil, Toby Highfill, Jennifer Hensley, Karen Fox, Skylee Fox, Wendy Veech, Tammi Miller, Rebecca Johnson, Blake Oldham, Clint Ream, Megan Ream, Kelsi Claflin, Donna Irvin, Diana Williamson, Jerry Gumarn, Kevin Smith, Thomas Wessels, Cindy Jones, Jon Nichols, Jim Dykes, Dan Muldoon, Taten Walker, Ethan Stocking, Gary Mast, Keith Claflin, and several others I could not read the writing (Sorry if I missed your name)

As required by Oklahoma State Statutes 1991, Title 25, Section 311, Notice was given of this regularly scheduled meeting by posting the Agenda in the North Entrance and in the County Clerk's office at 3:25 PM on May 11, 2026.

Chairman Ross called the meeting to order all present

Johnson moved to recess and reconvene in the Alfalfa County Courtroom due to large number of people present and Roach seconded. Johnson voted aye, Roach voted aye, and Ross voted aye.

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Public Discussion on Any Item on This Agenda and Only On This Agenda was asked to wait until the presentation of the Woods County 911

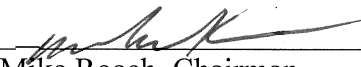
Woods County 911 Presentation for the possible merger for dispatch – presenters Ashley Woodall, 911 Supervisor and Damien Starks, Woods County Dist #1 Commissioner. Woodall started with her history with 911; went over 7 seat Advisory Board (Grant County, Harper, & Woods all have one commissioner and one first responder) and herself. She went over the Funding and Cost Sharing for each county; Call Volume for Alfalfa County and for Woods County; Non-Dispatch Tasks performed; and the Work Force for Woods County. Woodall stated that currently there are two employees that used to work for Alfalfa County and two employees that used to live in Cherokee, so they are familiar with landmarks. They also train with part of Alfalfa County maps in boarding areas. She explained the possible cost sharing with their entities paying into their 911 system. She discussed the way their 911 system worked, the systems they use, and part of their training in Woods County. Woodall said with any change there would be building trust for all entities involved. Woodall thanked everyone for showing up for the presentation and discussion.

Johnson read an email from Steve Stinson, Grant County Dist #3 Commissioner – Stinson stated that Gran County has partnered with Woods and Harper Counties for several years; this regional approach was adopted because of the regulatory requirements and associated costs of maintaining independent operations were no longer sustainable for a county with their population and tax revenue base. Stinson stated Grant County was satisfied with their arrangement.

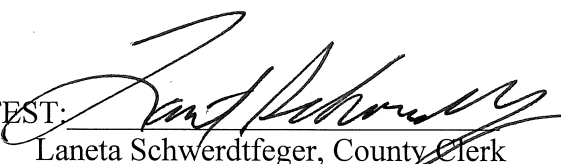
Ross asked if there were any questions for Woodall at this time: there were questions fees, on delay in calls, if there would be additional towers, enough staffing to handle Alfalfa County, if they would keep Alfalfa County completely in later years, cost of ongoing maintenance, if this would change the ISO rating. Lots of good discussion on this subject and lots of questions answered well from Woods County. The question was asked if Woods County plans a head if the updates aren't funded by grants, she replied County General budges 10% of the update in Capital Outlay incase the grants aren't there to help with funding

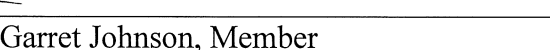
Discuss short-fall from Estimate of Needs for FY 26-27 – Ross started out by discussing where the money has gone with County General stating the cost of everything going up, valuation fluctuation and sales tax going down. J. Roach did a graph for the past ten years on valuation, she discussed upcoming legislation, and heavy farming land not valued as high as commercial land. Schwerdtfeger gave information for the past nine years of sales tax showing the trend (other than year huge sales tax increase due to oil field sale affecting sales tax), stating this is affecting lots of area not just 911. Claflin stated that Highway Cash is a different budget. Ross stated he has looked at other things to help cut costs in the County General Budget. He also stated possible funding from the cities and EMS, he said Mast and himself a couple of years ago went to several entities. Ross asked if there were any more questions and thanked Woodall and everyone for coming.

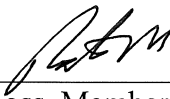
Johnson moved to Adjourn and Roach seconded. Johnson voted aye, Roach voted aye, and Ross voted aye.


Mike Roach, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laneta Schwerdtfeger, County Clerk


Garret Johnson, Member


Nate Ross, Member