

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
June 30, 2026

The Alfalfa County Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Office at 6:30 PM for this special meeting with Chairman Ross calling the meeting to order with members Johnson and Roach, and County Clerk Laneta Schwerdtfeger. Visitors: There were 33 patrons from the county from EMS, fire departments, other elected Officials, City/Town representatives, business patrons, and county patrons

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 3:50 PM on June 17, 2026.

Chairman Ross called the meeting to order all present

Invocation was given by Laneta Schwerdtfeger

Flag Salute was given by Nate Ross

Call to order all present

Public Discussion on Any Item on This Agenda and Only On This Agenda

Discussion with Commissioners, Cities/Towns, Fire Chiefs, and EMS about 911 - Ross started by thanking everyone in attendance. He stated he would round numbers just for easier presentation- he presented the total revenue for 911 phone tariff as \$170,000.00; 911 Sales Tax \$156,000.00; equaling \$326,000.00; expenses for full-time salaries \$252,500.00, part-time salaries \$6,000.00; M&O expenses \$59,000.00; total expenses \$317,500.00; plus the amount from County General as the employee benefits and taxes of \$102,100.00; for a grand total of \$419,600.00. Part of this is coming out of County General. Financially County General is struggling; the fire departments have very little coming in, but they have built a small nest, so he is recommending not asking the fire departments for any money.


Ross stated he did not think it was unreasonable to ask the City of Helena and the City of Cherokee to help out with 911. There was a lot of discussion about the issue of monetary help for this with the patrons present. There was question from patrons on moving money, which was explained that this was not a possibility. Ross stated everyone has cut and cut and cut, the Sheriff's office has cut so much he is worried about them making it. He discussed legislation changes that the county still doesn't know how it will affect us.


M. Roach spoke up that this is why he went to the fire departments and cities with a larger amount so it would stop the bleeding now. Just helping with the \$150 - \$200 thousand shortfall will not help the next year. He stated he did not want to get into the Emergency Reserve, he wanted to get a head of the game, so he approached everyone with the larger amount. Chad Roach said got to have a starting point, what can you do, what are you able to do, and not criticize anyone's ability or willingness. There was a discussion on amounts that entities could do, there was a discussion on Major County not being happy with their 911, there was a discussion on grants and applying for grants.


Roger Unruh with EMS asked why right during budget time, the county starts this talk but nothing ever happens. He stated there needs to be a 911 Board that needs to have meetings, to be a board not a group of people that meet, and get things done. Several fire chiefs spoke up and discussed their needs and how they appreciate having the 911 locally and would help if they financially could.

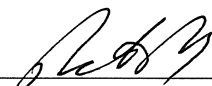
There was more very good discussions on the financial need, structure needs, and means of how many calls of 911. Everyone was in agreement that Alfalfa County 911 does a good job and most were willing to help. Ross said with Helena and Cherokee willing to help, get a functioning 911 board, have the entities present the numbers to their boards, and approach Major County; hopefully find a way to accomplish the best for Alfalfa County.

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