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Council has special meeting for block grant funds

The Governing Body of the City of Osborne, Kan., met in regular session on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Those present were council members Tracy Holloway, Ron Kaser, Ryan Delaney, Barry Curry and Nate Brown, City Attorney Bruce Berkley, City Superintendent Danny Pfannenstiel, Acting City Clerk Jackie Gourley, Police Chief Matt Pasilas, Librarian Keri Thornton and Economic Development Director Ashley Bedient.

Mayor Andrew Foglesong, council member Eric Stanton and City Clerk Hanna Eilert and Treasurer Kathy Grabast were absent.

1) Council President Curry called the meeting to order and a motion was made by Kaser and seconded by Holloway to adopt the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

The minutes from the regular meeting on July 2, 2025 were approved as written.

2) A motion was made by Curry and seconded by Holloway to approve the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$312,705.46. Motion carried.

3) A motion was made by Delaney and seconded by Holloway to authorize the Osborne County Schools PTO to host a back-to school event at the Osborne City Pool on August 1, 2025, waiving the pool party fee, paying lifeguard wages and to

block off the street on North 4th Street in front of the pool. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Bedient discussed replacing the north shelter house and putting in public restrooms at the Hardman Veterans Memorial Park and funding for the tennis court project. She reported she is also working with the Chamber of Commerce on a sound system project downtown.

4) A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Holloway to allocate \$5,000 of city funds to the tennis court project. Motion carried.

Librarian Thornton presented her stat sheet and reported on summer library programs.

Acting City Clerk reported on a pay request for the water plant and tower project.

5) A motion was made by Curry and seconded by Delaney to approve KDHE Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$6,620. Motion carried.

City Attorney Berkley presented a proposed letter to Kansas Department of Commerce in response to a letter received from them regarding revolving loan funds. Discussion was held.

City Superintendent Pfannenstiel reported on an invoice to KMEA Mid-States, the potential sale of dirt, a proposed memorial bench to be placed in the city park and water rates. He also shared he

will be gone on vacation the first full week in August.

6) A motion was made by Holloway and seconded by Kaser to approve a renewal kennel license for Kara Gannon. Motion carried.

7) A motion was made by Kaser and seconded by Delaney to approve a tree trimmer license for Gemini Heights. Motion carried.

8) A motion was made by Delaney and seconded by Holloway to approve a tree trimmer license for Brown's Land Maintenance. Motion carried.

9) A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Curry to approve a building permit for Doran Schurr. Motion carried.

10) A motion was made by Holloway and seconded by Kaser to approve an animal special use permit for Chase Langston. Motion carried.

11) A motion was made by Curry and seconded by Kaser to approve the airport runway project agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation. Motion carried.

Shirley Thompson and Mona Marler addressed the governing body regarding the city pools closing date. Discussion was held.

12) At 7:03 p.m. with business completed a motion was made by Kaser and seconded by Holloway to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The Governing Body

of the City of Osborne, Kan., met in special session on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 12 p.m. Those present were Council members Barry Curry, Tracy Holloway, Eric Stanton (via phone) and Nate Brown, City Clerk Hanna Eilert, City Attorney Bruce Berkley and Economic Development Director Ashley Bedient.

Council President Curry called the special meeting to order for the object and purpose of holding a public hearing to consider an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

funds under the Community Facilities category.

At 12:01 p.m. Council President Curry opened the public hearing.

Corina Cox with Northwest Kansas Planning & Development shared information about the application.

With no comments from the public, Council President Curry closed the public hearing at 12:09 p.m.

A motion was made by Curry and seconded by Brown to approve Resolution 5-2025. Motion carried.

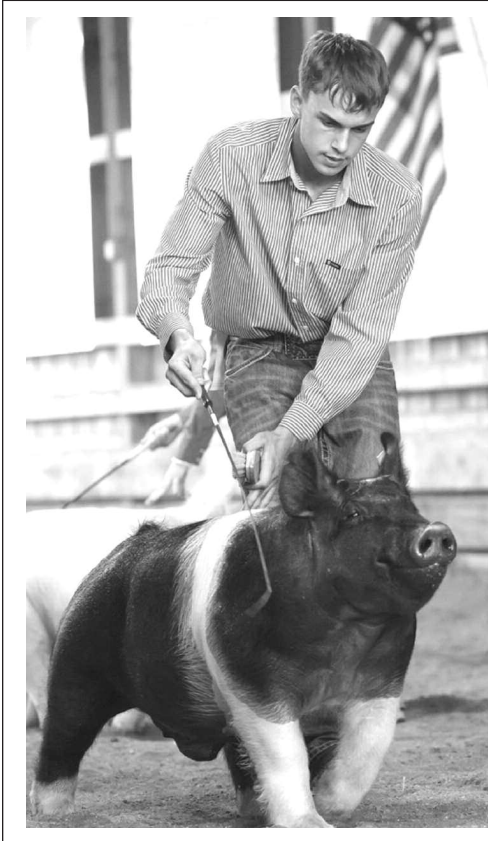
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A motion was made by Holloway and seconded by Curry to approve Resolution 6-2025. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Stanton and seconded by Curry to approve the administration agreement with Northwest Kansas Planning & Development for \$10,000. Motion carried.

At 12:11 p.m. the purpose of the meeting being completed a motion was made by Brown and seconded by Holloway to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



Grand Champ

Landon Baetz, son of Doug & Carrie Baetz, Downs, Kan., competed at the Tri State Royal August 9, 2025 in Goodland, Kan. The Tri State Royal is a livestock show for all County Fair Grand Champions from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska. He earned the title of Grand Champion Overall Showman and his market hog placed 4th overall, a prestigious honor. Landon will be a senior at Lakeside High School and is the Lakeside FFA President, Solomon Valley 4-H President and Vice President of the Osborne County 4-H Council. Pictured is Landon with his Osborne County Grand Champion Market Barrow that placed 4th overall at the Tri State Royal. "Dennis" was bred by Denhart Showpigs, Crawfordsville, Ind., and is sired by the boar, "Damn Near Normal." (courtesy photo)

Hospital Board holds two meetings in June

The Osborne County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees met June 2, 2025. Board Members Present: Greg Mick, John Girard, Janel Burch, Ginger Howell and Craig Beougher.

Others Present: Doris Brown, CEO, Amy Doane, HR/Marketing Director, Michelle Watkins, Cardiac Rehab Director, Stacey Hardy, CAO/Clinic Director, and Ashly Doering, NP.

Mick, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m.

Beougher made a motion to accept the agenda, as presented, Girard seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes from the April 28, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Girard made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Burch seconded. Motion carried.

Beougher presented the Board of Trustees Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2025. Deposits consisted of interest, restricted donations and credit for service charge on months of January, February and March. Burch made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, Girard seconded. Motion carried.

The Hospital Financial Report for the month of April 2025 will be presented at the June 30th board meeting

The minutes from the March 20, 2025 Medical Staff meetings were presented. Burch made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Beougher seconded. Motion carried.

Credentialing and Privileging:

Barbara Brown-Applegate, D.O., Robert Sourk, M.D., Le Yu Chiu, M.D., Kasey Moss, D.O., Richard Rattay, M.D., Ben Levinson, C.R.N.A

Beougher made a motion to approve the Credentialing and Privileging as presented, Burch seconded. Motion carried

Policies and Procedures: The following new and revised policies were presented for approval:

- Use of Nuprep Skin Prep Gel - Radiology - New
- Medication Dispensing for Home Use - Pharmacy - Revised
- Employee Immunizations - Infection Prevention - Revised
- Proficiency Test Handling and Result Submission - Lab - Revised
- Fresh Frozen Plasma Storage and Thawing High Complexity - Lab - Revised
- Platelet Storage and

Transfusion High Complexity - Lab - Revised

- Self-Administration of Medications - Nursing - Revised

Beougher made a motion to approve the new and revised policies as presented, Burch seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports: The Risk Management, Infection Prevention, Antimicrobial Stewardship reports and Quality Assurance reports were presented for April 2025. Girard made a motion to approve the monthly reports as presented, Beougher seconded. Motion carried.

CEO Report: Doris Brown, reported open positions are: Acute RN/LPN and Medical Lab Technician. Dr. Banker was here in May. The "go live" date for the new payroll system is June 12 and employees started using the system May 25. Several activities were held during Hospital Week for staff. The annual financial audit has been completed and the Cost Report is almost completed for FY24. A "Meet and Greet" is scheduled for May 29 for Dr. Metzinger.

Sleep Lab surveys were on site May 27 and OCMH

passed with no deficiencies. The first half of the "Waste Tire Grant" from KDHE has been received. Girard assisted OCMH in filling the raised bed planters for the community garden with dirt donated by the City of Osborne.

NEW BUSINESS

The quote from Laerdal Medical Corporation for Resusci Anne Simulator was discussed. Burch made a motion to table until Monica Mullender, CNO is present to answer questions brought up during the discussion, Howell seconded. Motion carried.

The proposal from Nextech Security Solutions for IP Video Surveillance and Electronic Access Control replacement was reviewed. The current security system is end of life, replacement parts are difficult to find, and there have been continuing issues with various entrances. The Board would like to have other vendors proposals for the replacement equipment. Beougher made the motion to table until other vendors proposals could be reviewed, Girard seconded. Motion carried.

The quote from Cameron Concrete to replace the red

brick areas and certain sidewalk areas that are cracking was discussed. The red brick areas have caused tripping/falling incidents with a few people. Girard made a motion to approve the quote from Cameron Concrete, Howell seconded. Motion carried.

The quote from Game Time c/o Cunningham Recreation for Flex Trail Ultra - waste tire top for the Pathway to Wellness sidewalk was reviewed along with a quote from Innovative Sport Surfacing. Brown stated that the KDHE grant money awarded would cover approximately a third of the cost and the project needs to be completed by May 2026 or the grant money will need to be returned to KDHE. The quote from Game Time was only good through June 3 and the cost would be increasing in the immediate future. Girard stated that the quotes were not for the same thickness and width. Girard made a motion to table until other vendors with comparable quotes could be obtained, Beougher seconded. Motion carried.

Brown stated Cindy Hyde, RN, our current Infection Preventionist, will be retiring at the end of August and Junetta Nopens has accepted the position. It is required that the Board approve the appointment each year. Girard made a motion to appoint Junetta Nopens, RN as Infection Preventionist for OCMH, Howell seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ashly Doering, FNP stated that the Anne simulator is a very good tool to use when training staff.

At 6:34 p.m. Beougher made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contracted personnel with Brown and Stacey Hardy for 30 minutes, Howell seconded. Motion carried. At 7:03 Hardy exited the executive session.

At 7:04 p.m. Howell made a motion to continue executive session for an additional 20 minutes, Burch seconded. Motion carried.

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OCCF seeks applicants for board

Osborne County Community Foundation (OCCF) is now accepting applications to fill a board vacancy representing the Alton area. This appointment will begin Sept. 1 and run through Dec. 31, 2025, with the opportunity to serve two full three-year terms starting in January 2026.

Additionally, beginning August 20, OCCF will begin

accepting applications for three board seats opening in January 2026, representing the Portis, Osborne, and Natoma communities. Applications for these January openings are due no later than November 1, 2025.

OCCF board members play a vital role in strengthening our county by helping guide charitable investments, overseeing grantmaking, and

supporting the Foundation's mission to improve lives across Osborne County.

"We're looking for progressive thinkers, dreamers, and doers," said Mindy Miller, Executive Director of OCCF. "We want individuals who are passionate about giving back, who believe in the potential of our towns, and who are ready to work together to make things happen."

While applicants are sought from specific communities to ensure geographic representation, they must be willing to work toward the betterment of Osborne County as a whole.

Board members meet monthly, and many also serve on committees or help with special initiatives throughout the year. Whether you live in

a small town or a rural area, OCCF invites community-minded individuals to help build a brighter future for everyone in the county.

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Market

August 11, 2025

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| Wheat..... | 4.27 |
| Milo..... | 2.66 |
| Corn..... | 3.26 |
| Soybeans..... | 9.08 |

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