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December 22, 2025
Perry, Oklahoma
REGULAR MEETING
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLE COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, met this day in the office of the Noble County Commissioners. Present were Chairman, Jason Kienholz, County Commissioner District #1; Member, Nick Hughes, County Commissioner District #3; and Secretary, Connie Smith, County Clerk.
Also present were: Chris Landes, Asst. District Attorney; Jim Smith, Emergency Manager; Matt McGuire, Sheriff; April Leslie, District 2 Assistant; Chad Webb, OSU-CED; and Brenda Landes, Election Board Secretary.
Commissioner Kienholz called the meeting order.
Roll call.
Moment of Silence.
Pledge of Allegiance.
The minutes of the December 15, 2025 Regular meeting were approved as read. The motion carried. Kienholz aye; Hughes, aye.
Announcements and reports from County Commissioners about work in their districts.
District #1: Hauled 118 tons of sand and 625 tons of rock. Hauled the sand to CR100 south of Valley. Hauled the rock to CR100 north of Ranch, Yearling east and west of HWY177. Mulched trees on CR50 south of X Road. Patched a hole in a bridge and cleaned out the ditches on CR100 south of Valley. Hauled bridge beams to the new bridge site on Old John Deer west of CR20. Hauled overburden off at the shale pit. Bladed roads across the district. Pushed shale at the shale pit. Attended ACCO meeting in OKC.
District #3: Hauled 1,008 tons of rock and 504 tons of shale. Hauled the rock to CR20 north of Knob Hill and Lariat east of CR120. Hauled the shale to CR210 south of Maverick. Repaired 3 grader tires, 1 tire on the backhoe, and 1 tire on the boom mower tractor. Replaced 1 grader tire and the blades on 2 mower graders. Yellowhouse performed warranty work on 2 graders with 1 grader taken to their shop in Enid. Bladed roads throughout the district. Mowed right of ways throughout the district. Entered work orders on the inventory system.
Motion Kienholz to approve Resolutions directing Deposit of Monies. Kienholz, aye; Hughes, aye.
Motion Hughes to approve Transfer of Funds for the Assessor. Kienholz, aye; Hughes, aye.
Motion Hughes to approve NODA REAP Affidavit of Completion for Pawnee Rural Water District #7. Kienholz, aye; Hughes, aye.
Motion Kienholz to table the award of Bid #3-2025-2026 (Commonly Used Items) for Noble County. Kienholz, aye; Hughes, aye.
Motion Kienholz to approve letter of request for retired Deputy Sheriff Jed Kenaston to be able to retain his county issued fire arm as per O.S. 19§553A. Kienholz, aye; Hughes, aye.
Motion Hughes to approve national purchasing cooperative interlocal participation agreement by and between Noble County and BuyBoard. Kienholz, aye; Hughes, aye.
Discussion of updated forms and processes from the County Clerk. County Clerk will provide updated forms for Transfer of Funds.
Motion Kienholz to approve Maintenance & Operations claims for Noble County. Kienholz, aye; Hughes, aye.
2025-2026 Amb Svc Dist-ST 28, City of Perry, 17306.08, REIMBURSEMENT 29, City of Perry, 17761.97, REIMBURSEMENT 30, City of Ponca City, 1900.10, REIMBURSEMENT 31, Bound Tree Medical, 17058.55, Supplies 32, City of Tonkawa, 1812.36, REIMBURSEMENT; General 630, Reuters-West, Thomson, 1500.00, Monies In Account 631, MID-WEST PRINTING CO INC, 348.72, Office Supplies 632, CODA, 125.00, Registration 633, May, Gary, 212.66, Travel 634, Francotyp-Postalia Inc, 326.68,

Maureen Wolfe retires from FB&T

A warm and sunny day set the tone for a joyful retirement celebration honoring Maureen Wolfe and her remarkable 42 year career with First Bank and Trust Company. Friends, coworkers and family gathered to mark the occasion, filling the space with conversation, laughter and a steady hum of delight as memories were shared and well wishes exchanged.
Guests enjoyed food and refreshments while visiting with Maureen and one another, reflecting on the many years she dedicated to FB and T and the relationships she built along the way. The atmosphere felt relaxed and grateful, with smiles and heartfelt conversations happening in every corner of the room.
Maureen was joined by members of her family, who stood proudly beside her throughout the cel-

ebration. Their presence added a deeply personal touch to the day and underscored the importance of family support throughout her long and successful career.
During the gathering, Maureen was presented with a special gift along with a crystal vase in recognition of her service, commitment and the lasting impact she made on her colleagues and the community. The presentation was met with warm applause and sincere appreciation.
The retirement reception served not only as a farewell to Maureen’s professional chapter but also as a celebration of a legacy built on dedication, kindness and trust. Those in attendance left grateful for the opportunity to honor her and wishing her happiness in the years ahead.



Obituary
James Aaron Russell
1983 - 2025

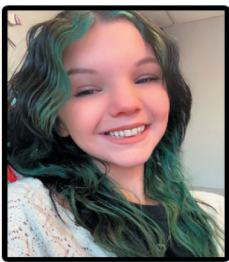
James Aaron Russell, 42, was born August 9, 1983, in Perry, Oklahoma, the son of James Donald Russell and Linda Jo Cyphers Bussard. He went to be with the Lord December 27, 2025, at his home in Perry.
He grew up in Mulhall-Orlando graduating from M-O High School in 2001. He was employed as a general laborer and handy man.
Aaron had many hobbies in life but those most important to him were reading his Bible, poetry, video games and making jokes and being “goofy” with his son. Aaron would tell you his greatest accomplishment came in life on April 10, 2013 when his son James Gabriel Russell was born. Aaron cherished being a dad to his little genius who he lovingly called “Bubby Boy”.
His Celebration of Life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 2, 2025, at Perry Assembly of God Church. Rev. Brett Nation, pastor, will officiate. Pallbearers will be Jacob Russell, Wes Yost, Rodney Cyphers, Michael Brown, David



James Aaron Russell

Brown, Jarrod Harrell and David Harrell. Honorary Pallbearers are Louis Rojas, Samuel Rojas, Kaleb Hermann, and Isaiah Russell.
Aaron is the father of one son, James Gabriel Russell, Perry, Oklahoma. Other survivors include his mother, Linda Bussard; sister, Jennifer Rojas and her husband Louis, Perry, Oklahoma, and brother Jacob Russell and his wife Amber, Macksville, Kansas; grandmother, Ellizabeth Cyphers, Perry, Oklahoma; nieces and nephews: Samuel Rojas, Zoey Russell, Isaiah Russell, and MarleeMae Russell; and numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends
He was preceded in death by father; paternal grandparents: Charles Russell and Carolyn (Graef) Weeks and maternal grandfather, Leeroy Cyphers.
The family would like to ask donations in his memory be made to the Mental Health Association Oklahoma in care of Dighton-Marler Funeral Home.

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