

## MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING TOWN OF COVINGTON

Pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Oklahoma Statutes 25, and Sections 301-314 and in accordance with the posted agenda, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Covington held the regular scheduled meeting October 7, 2026, in the Municipal Building, Covington, Oklahoma.

1. Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Prayer was given by Vice Mayor Thayer.
3. The pledge of allegiance was said in unison.
4. Roll call indicated the following trustees present declaring a quorum: Mayor Jack Snyder, Presiding. Vice Mayor, Mistie Thayer. Trustees: Zandy Halcomb, and Zach Chartier. Others present: Krystle Winters, Town Clerk; Mike Schram, Street & Alley; Randy West, Police Chief. Absent: Trustee Neil Kirk; Tiffany Metcalfe, Town Treasurer.
5. Thayer made a motion and seconded by Chartier to approve the September 2, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Thayer, yes; Halcomb, yes; Snyder, yes; Chartier, yes; Kirk, absent.
6. Chartier made a motion to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit, seconded by Thayer. Thayer, yes; Halcomb, yes; Snyder, yes; Chartier, yes; Kirk, absent.
7. Approval of purchase orders for payment
  1. General Fund – Thayer made a motion and seconded by Halcomb to approve the purchase orders in the amount of \$18,680.19. Thayer, yes; Halcomb, yes; Snyder, yes; Chartier, yes; Kirk, absent.
  2. Fire Dept. Donation Fund – N/A
  3. Street & Alley – N/A
  4. Restricted Fund – N/A
  5. Grant Fund – N/A
8. Public Forum- County Commissioner Joey Kegin spoke about needing someone, a resident from Covington, to be appointed as a MAPC board member for our community. He spoke of the open seat that Covington, Drummond, Billings, and Garber all have. He said someone needs to be on the board and asked for help from the City Council to help find someone to represent Covington at that table. He said that it needed to happen sooner rather than later because of all of the development that is currently underway from Enid, moving East. He also said that had Covington had an appointment on the MAPC board, the solar farm just outside of Covington would not be there as it was done illegally. He also spoke in tandem with Street & Alley about possibly using some county resources to help Covington grind up and lay down new road and asphalt on East Adams next summer. Also throwing around the idea of asphaltting East Main Street to the school and adding the paw prints moving towards the school.
9. There was discussion of new information coming to light about \$96,000 that each school district receives from the State of Oklahoma for security purposes. And that the Town should speak to the school about increasing what the school pays for the SRO (school resource officer) as they currently pay \$10,000 of Chief West's salary to the Town, broken down into 2 payments of \$5,000. One in May and one in December. Chief West confirms that he spends a considerable amount of time at the school and his hours worked are based on being available during school hours as the SRO. Thayer made a motion to approve the current contract, seconded by Halcomb. Thayer, yes; Halcomb, yes; Snyder, yes; Chartier, yes; Kirk, absent.
10. Report of Department Heads
  1. **STREET & ALLEY**- Sidewalks are done. They look good. Will be back in 3 weeks to complete the corner of Hwy 74 & W. Main St. Spoke in tandem with the County Commissioner about possibly fixing East Adams next summer.
  2. **FIRE DEPARTMENT**- Report was given to Town Clerk and that report was copied and put into each board members packet. A copy is attached to the Clerk minute packet for August and September 2026.
  3. **POLICE DEPARTMENT**- Report given for the month of September.
11. Other New Business.
12. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members.
13. At 7:43 p.m., Thayer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Halcomb. Thayer, yes; Halcomb, yes; Snyder, yes; Chartier, yes; Kirk, absent.