

**MINUTES
TOWN OF SLAUGHTERVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Easom called the meeting of the Town of Slaughterville Board of Trustees to order at 7:01p.m. on March 17, 2026. The meeting was held at the Slaughterville Town Hall at 10701 Highway 77 and was conducted pursuant to the State Open Meeting Law with due and proper provided. Notice of the meeting was given by posting an agenda on March 12, 2026.

2. ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF A QUORUM BEING PRESENT

LEAH GRADY	PRESENT
STEVE EASOM	PRESENT
BRAD LUBY	PRESENT
KATHY SNELLBAKER	PRESENT
HERB ROUSEY	PRESENT

A quorum was established. Also present were Town Administrator Carol Lance, Administrative Assistant Karie Killgore, Town Attorney Bryce Kennedy, Treasurer Chris Edwards, Town Clerk Linda Butts, and Office Assistant Josh Reagan.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Steve Easom led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the invocation was given by Herb Rousey.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Anyone who has an item of business to present to the Slaughterville Board of Trustees is requested to sign in prior to the meeting and will be called upon to speak by the mayor or presiding officer. Those addressing the Trustees are to come to the podium to speak. Presentations are limited to three (3) minutes. Due to Open Meeting Act regulations, remarks should be made to the Board of Trustees as a whole. All comments must directly pertain to an agenda item. If no such item appears on the agenda, it cannot be discussed.

There were no citizen comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are deemed to be non-controversial and routine in nature by the governing body. Items will be approved by one motion of the governing body. Items listed will not be discussed. Any member of the governing body desiring to discuss an item on the Consent Agenda may request it be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed in its proper order on the regular agenda for consideration.

- a) Approval of minutes from February 24th, 2026, Board of Trustees regular meeting.**
- b) Approval of the February 2026 financial reports.**

7. REPORTS

This section is intended for the listed organization(s), staff, and Town Administrator to report and make announcements concerning municipal or community matters.

Report from the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office

- It was reported there were 210 calls in February. The Board members requested more areas of patrol at the racetrack area and all major intersections.

Report from the Fire Department

Josh Reagan presented the report due to Chief Tolson being out on a fire call.

- There were 52 calls
- We received 5 Mutual Aid assists
- 1 mutual aid was given

Report from the Planning and Development Department

- Josh Reagan reported that he has been working with Henry Code Compliance for one month and things are going well.
- Activity for the month: 1 new zoning compliance permit for a manufactured home, 7 zoning compliance permits have been finalized, and 41 permits are still active.

Report from the Town Administrator

Carol Lance reported the following:

- The budget to actuals and the income is on track.
- Insurance costs are increasing.
- *A Firefighter Spotlight* will be featured next month and honor a veteran each quarter.
- A new location for the Slaughterville Fireworks will possibly be needed.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PRESENTATION OF A PETITION REQUESTING THE DEANNEXATION OR DETACHMENT OF CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SLAUGHTERVILLE, OKLAHOMA, NAMELY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF SECTION SEVEN (7), TOWNSHIP SEVEN (7) NORTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN , CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS; THE PETITION HAVING BEEN FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK ON FEBRUARY 6, 2026; NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY AS REQUIRED BY OKLAHOMA LAW; AND PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PETITIONER AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS TO APPEAR AND BE HEARD REGARDING THE REQUESTED DETACHMENT.**

Background: A petition requesting detachment of certain property from the corporate limits of the Town of Slaughterville was filed with the Town Clerk on February 6, 2026. Notice of the filing of the petition was published in accordance with Oklahoma law and the matter has been placed on the agenda for a public hearing before the Board of Trustees.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow the petitioner and any interested members of the public to present comments concerning the requested detachment before the Board takes action on the petition.

Following receipt of public comments, the public hearing will be closed and the Board will proceed to the next agenda item concerning possible action on the petition.

Attachments: Petition, Town Published Notice and Petitioner’s Public Notice

Recommendation: Open the public hearing, allow the petitioner and/or legal representative and other interested persons to address the Board, and upon completion of public comments close the public hearing and proceed to the next agenda item.

- b) **CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING THE PETITION REQUESTING THE DEANNEXATION OR DETACHMENT OF CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SLAUGHTERVILLE, OKLAHOMA WHICH MAY INCLUDE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO.2026-__ PROVIDING FOR DETACHMENT OF THE DETACHMENT OF THE TERRITORY, ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION NO. 2026- __ DENYING THE PETITION, OR DEFERRAL OF THE MATTER TO A FUTURE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

Background: Following the public hearing conducted under the previous agenda item, the Board of Trustees may take such action concerning the petition as it deems appropriate. Under Oklahoma law the governing body may approve the detachment by ordinance, deny the petition by resolution setting forth legislative findings supporting the denial or defer consideration of the matter to a future meeting for additional review.

The Board has received the legal memorandum of the Town Attorney concerning the applicable law and procedure governing detachment of municipal territory, including the authority of the governing body to detach territory by ordinance pursuant to 11 O.S. 21-110.

Possible Actions

The Board may:

- Approve Ordinance No. 2026-____ providing for detachment of the territory:

- c) **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-__ OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SLAUGHTERVILLE, OKLAHOMA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEANNEXATION OR DETACHMENT OF CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SLAUGHTERVILLE, OKLAHOMA; ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF A PETITION REQUESTING DETACHMENT; RECOGNIZING CERTAIN PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE PETITION; MAKING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; EXERCISING THE INDEPENDENT LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY TO DETACH TERRITORY; PROVIDING FOR RECORDING OF THE DETACHMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SAVINGS, AND SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

or

- Adopt Resolution No. 2026-____ denying the petition, as follows:

- d) **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-____ OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SLAUGHTERVILLE, OKLAHOMA, DENYING A PETITION REQUESTING THE DEANNEXATION OR DETACHMENT OF CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SLAUGHTERVILLE, OKLAHOMA; MAKING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; DETERMINING THAT DETACHMENT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY; AND DIRECTING THAT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN REMAIN UNCHANGED.**

Or

- defer the matter to a future meeting.

Recommendation: Discuss and take such action as the Board of Trustees deems appropriate.

- e) **If Ordinance No. 2026-____ is adopted, consider Application of Emergency Clause to Ordinance No. 2026-____.**

Recommendation: Discuss, and if deemed appropriate, approve

The Public Hearing was opened.

Shannon Pearson, attorney for William Johnson, stated he is seeking de-annexation because he is not receiving services.

Bryce Kennedy, attorney for the town, pointed out that the annexation of the property occurred in 1972 and there was no service plan in place. No services are provided for anyone.

William Johnson, property owner, stated that when he purchased the property, he requested an address from the town and was refused. He also did not agree with paying for an emergency 911 marker which is required by the town. Additionally, he received a code violation letter. Mr. Johnson said he had reasons for wanting to de-annex. He assured the board that he was not moving his business to the property.

Robin Jones and William Johnson Sr. stated they were in favor of the de-annexation request.

Mary Watts, Todd Watts, Sheila Kraemer, and Jamie Bugher all voiced their concerns of what his plans for the property were. With the impending turnpike coming through, no one wanted a business next to their residence. If it were to be de-annexed, nothing could be done about it.

The Public Hearing was closed.

9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

- a) **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY ORDINANCE 2026-02 AMENDING PART 13 ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS", PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A NEW SECTION 13-630 ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION AND TRADE WORK"; RECOGNITION OF STATE LAW EXEMPTIONS; PERMIT AND AFFIDAVIT REQUIREMENTS; RECOGNIZING AND ADOPTING STATE LAW EXEMPTIONS TO CONTRACTOR LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION FOR CONSTRUCTION, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND MECHANICAL WORK; REQUIRING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING AFFIDAVIT REQUIREMENTS WHERE WORK IS PERFORMED BY A PROPERTY OWNER, OR WITH RESPECT TO MECHANICAL WORK, AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE; PROVIDING LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SAVINGS, CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.**

Background: This Ordinance provides for a new Section 13-630 of the Slaughterville Municipal Code which formally recognizes and coordinates existing exemptions under Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to construction, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical work, while preserving the City's authority to require permits, inspections, and contractor registration where state law mandates licensure. The ordinance clarifies when property owners may personally perform work on their own residence without engaging a state-licensed contractor, establishes affidavit requirements to document eligibility for statutory exemptions, and confirms that state law controls in all instances where licensure is required. It applies to all persons performing residential construction or trade work within the Town and provides enforcement mechanisms including stop-work orders, permit suspension or revocation, and denial of future permits. The measure is recommended to be adopted as an emergency to immediately align local enforcement practices with state law and to provide clear procedural safeguards for owner-performed work while protecting public health, safety, and code compliance.

Attachment: Ordinance No. 2026-___ and state statutes on the subject

Recommendation: Approval

- b) **Consider Application of Emergency Clause to Ordinance No. 2026-___**

Steve Easom made a motion and Brad Luby seconded to table item 8c

YEA: Grady, Easom, Luby, Snellbaker, Rousey

NAY: None

Motion carried.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **Discussion and/or action to enter executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307 (B)(3) to discuss the sale, purchase, lease, acquisition, or appraisal of real property.**

Steve Easom made a motion and seconded by Kathy Snellbaker to enter executive session.

YEA: Grady, Easom, Luby, Snellbaker, Rousey

NAY: None

Motion carried.

b) Return to open meeting.

Steve Easom made a motion and seconded by Herb Rousey to return to open meeting

YEA: Grady, Easom, Luby, Snellbaker, Rousey

NAY: None

Motion carried.

c) Discussion and/or action following executive session regarding the sale, purchase, lease, acquisition, or appraisal of real property.

Motion was made by Steve Easom and seconded by Herb Rousey to allow a bid of \$16,795.63 be made for the property.

YEA: Grady, Easom, Luby, Snellbaker, Rousey

NAY: None

Motion carried.

11. REMARKS AND INQUIRIES BY TRUSTEES OR TOWN STAFF

- Herb Rousey thanked the town staff for all their hard work.
- Brad Luby stated to "Keep it civil and respectful".
- In response to a staff member's comments from February's board meeting; Kathy Snellbaker explained why she sent an email to the staff member's realtor.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Easom adjourned the meeting at 9:42pm

Approved on the 21st day of April 2026.





Mayor Steve Easom

ATTEST:



Linda Butts, Town Clerk