



ACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair

David Bennett
The Village Councilmember

Vice-Chair

Lacey Dawson
Canadian County Commissioner

Secretary/Treasurer

Matt Hinkle
Oklahoma City Councilmember

Executive Director

Mark W. Sweeney, AICP

AGENDA: THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
1:45 P.M.

Association of Central Oklahoma Governments

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THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS (ACOG BOD) WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, AT ACOG IN THE OKLAHOMA BOARD ROOM, 4205 N. LINCOLN BLVD., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

Please notify ACOG at 405.234.2264 (TDD/TTY Call 711 Statewide or email title.vi@acogok.org) by 5 p.m. Monday, September 21, if you require accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** ([ATTACHMENT 1](#))
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 27, 2026, MINUTES** ([ATTACHMENT 2](#)) *Action requested.*
3. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - A. Chair's Report
 - B. Executive Director's Report
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS OR DELEGATIONS**

BEGINNING OF CONSENT DOCKET

5. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT DOCKET:**

INFORMATION: Requires a motion to approve, with a second, that all items under the Consent Docket be considered in one vote.

CONSENT DOCKET ITEMS:

- A. Finance Report – August 2026 Claims: Deborah Cook, CPA, Finance Director ([ATTACHMENT 5-A](#)) *Action requested.*
- B. Regional Clearinghouse Review and Comment Report: Ben Matsumura, Water Resources Manager ([ATTACHMENT 5-B](#)) *Action requested.*
- C. ACOG Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee (MPO PC) Report: John Sharp, Deputy Director ([ATTACHMENT 5-C](#)) *Action requested.*

END OF CONSENT DOCKET

6. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS THAT MAY REQUIRE ACOG BOD ACTION:**

- A. Selection of Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee Secretary/Treasurer: Chair David Bennett, The Village Councilmember ([ATTACHMENT 6-A](#)) *Action requested.*
- B. Consideration of Annual Compensation Adjustment for the Executive Director as Recommended by the ACOG Executive Committee
or
Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Confidential Information Related to the Requested Action as Authorized by 25 O.S. SECTION 307 (B)(1) (OSCN 2026): Chair David Bennett, The Village Councilmember ([ATTACHMENT 6-B](#)) *Action requested.*
- C. Renewal of the Watch for Me OK Services Agreement with Anglin PR: Jennifer Sebesta, Transportation Planning Services (TPS) Senior Division Manager ([ATTACHMENT 6-C](#)) *Action requested.*
- D. Authorization for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Contract Modification with Stantec: John Sharp, Deputy Director ([ATTACHMENT 6-D](#)) *Action requested.*
- E. Presentation: Surface Transportation Block Grant–Urbanized Area (STBG–UZA) Program: Jennifer Sebesta, TPS Senior Division Manager ([ATTACHMENT 6-E](#)) *For information only.*

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 1:45 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 1

ACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CITY/ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
BETHANY (9)	Hon. Amanda Sandoval Mayor	Hon. Brian Magirowsky Councilmember
		Hon. Ken Smart Councilmember
CALUMET (1)	Hon. Laurie Morris Mayor	Hon. Terry Brungardt Trustee
CEDAR VALLEY (1)	Hon. Dan House Mayor	Vacant
CHOCTAW (5)	Hon. Cody Brewer Councilmember	Hon. Chad Allcox Mayor
CRESCENT (1)	Hon. Greg Cummings Mayor	Vacant
DEL CITY (9)	Hon. Claudia Browne Councilmember	Hon. Greg Childers Mayor
		Hon. Pam Finch Vice-Mayor
EDMOND (34)	Hon. Maggie Murdock Nichols Councilmember	Hon. Mark A. Nash Mayor
EL RENO (9)	Hon. Amy Neathery Councilmember	Hon. J. Steven Jensen Mayor
		Hon. David Black Vice-Mayor
FOREST PARK (1)	Hon. William Jones Trustee	Hon. George Smith Mayor
		Hon. Stephen Miller Trustee
GEARY (1)	Hon. Sandra Cleveland Councilmember	Hon. Lois Hicks Mayor
		Hon. Darla Golden Councilmember
GOLDSBY (2)	Hon. Kari Madden Vice-Mayor	Hon. David White Trustee
GUTHRIE (5)	Hon. Grant Aguirre Councilmember	Hon. Jeff Taylor Councilmember
HARRAH (3)	Hon. Jennifer Glenn Councilmember	Hon. Bill Lisby Vice-Mayor
		Hon. John Cochran Councilmember
JONES CITY (2)	Hon. Casey Burwell Trustee	Hon. Dan Wells Mayor
		Hon. Scott Meyer Trustee
LAKE ALUMA (1)	Hon. Roger Spring Mayor	Hon. John Kenney Trustee
		Hon. Tom Steiner Trustee
LANGSTON CITY (1)	No Designee	Hon. Magnus Scott Trustee
		Hon. Misty B. Mayes Mayor

ACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Cont.)

CITY/ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
LEXINGTON (1)	Hon. Mike Donovan Mayor	Hon. TaRena Furr Vice-Mayor
		Hon. Sarah Callen Councilmember
LUTHER (1)	Hon. William T. Arps Mayor	Hon. Carla Caruthers Vice-Mayor
		Hon. Cindy Harris Baker Trustee
MERIDIAN (1)	Hon. Ronald Dumas Mayor	Hon. Joyce Swanson Vice Mayor
MIDWEST CITY (24)	Hon. Raymond Melton Councilmember	Hon. Pat Byrne Vice-Mayor
		Hon. Rick Favors Councilmember
MOORE (26)	Hon. Kathy Griffith Councilmember	Any Moore Councilmember
MUSTANG (10)	Hon. Nathan Sholund Vice-Mayor	Hon. James Wald Councilmember
NEWCASTLE (6)	Hon. Karl Nail Mayor	Hon. Mike Fullerton Councilmember
NICHOLS HILLS (2)	Hon. Sody Clements Mayor	Hon. Colin M. FitzSimons Vice-Mayor
NICOMA PARK (1)	Hon. Mark Cochell Mayor	Hon. Mike Czerczyk Councilmember
NOBLE (4)	Hon. Phil Freeman Mayor	Hon. George Schmerer Councilmember
		Hon. Chad Terrill Councilmember
NORMAN (39)	Hon. Stephen Holman Mayor	Hon. Scott Dixon Councilmember
OKARCHE (1)	Hon. Jeff Brueggen Trustee	Hon. Judd Kroener Trustee
OKLAHOMA CITY (122)	Hon. Matt Hinkle Councilmember	Any Oklahoma City Councilmember
PIEDMONT (4)	Hon. Byron Schlomach Councilmember	Hon. Matt Myers Councilmember
		Hon. Rob Jones Councilmember
SLAUGHTERVILLE (2)	Hon. Kathy Snellbaker Trustee	Hon. Leah Grady Trustee

ACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Cont.)

CITY/ORGANIZATION	MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
SPENCER (2)	Hon. Earnest Ware Councilmember	Hon. Carrie Smith Vice-Mayor
THE VILLAGE (4)	Hon. David Bennett Councilmember	Hon. Braxton Banks Mayor
TUTTLE (4)	Hon. Larry Watson Councilmember	Hon. Sara Hites Councilmember
UNION CITY (1)	Hon. James Smith Trustee	Hon. Chad Fischer Trustee
WARR ACRES (5)	Hon. Vickie Douglas Mayor	Hon. Judy Myers Councilmember
YUKON (11)	Hon. Rick Cacini Councilmember	Hon. Jordan Westfall Councilmember
CANADIAN COUNTY (2)	Hon. Lacey Dawson Commissioner	Hon. Tracey Rider Commissioner
		Hon. Tomas Manske Commissioner
CLEVELAND COUNTY (2)	Hon. Rod Cleveland Commissioner	Hon. Rusty Grissom Commissioner
LOGAN COUNTY (2)	Hon. Mark Sharpton Commissioner	Hon. Monty Piearcy Commissioner
		Hon. Floyd Coffman Commissioner
OKLAHOMA COUNTY (2)	Paul Foster Interim Commissioner	Hon. Jason Lowe Commissioner
		Hon. Brian Maughan Commissioner
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE (Associate Member)	Stephanie Wilson Base Civil Engineer	Vacant

SUBJECT:

MINUTES OF THE ACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE:

AUGUST 27, 2026

A regular meeting of the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Board of Directors was convened at 2:35 p.m. Thursday, August 27, 2026, at Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) in the Oklahoma Board Room, 4205 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held, as indicated, by advance notice filed with the Oklahoma County Clerk and by notice posted at the ACOG offices at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

PRESIDING CHAIR

Hon. David Bennett, Councilmember

ENTITY

The Village

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Amanda Sandoval, Mayor
 Hon. Claudia Browne, Councilmember
 Hon. Mark A. Nash, Mayor
 Hon. William Jones, Trustee
 Hon. Kari Madden, Vice-Mayor
 Hon. Grant Aguirre, Councilmember
 Hon. Bill Lisby, Councilmember
 Hon. Misty B. Mayes, Trustee
 Hon. William T. Arps, Mayor
 Hon. Raymond Melton, Councilmember
 Hon. Kathy Griffith, Councilmember
 Hon. Colin M. FitzSimons, Vice-Mayor
 Hon. Phil Freeman, Mayor
 Hon. Stephen Holman, Mayor
 Hon. Matt Hinkle, Councilmember
 Hon. Byron Schlomach, Councilmember
 Hon. Kathy Snellbaker, Trustee
 Hon. Earnest Ware, Councilmember
 Hon. Braxton Banks, Mayor
 Hon. Vickie Douglas, Mayor
 Hon. Judy Myers, Councilmember
 Hon. Rick Cacini, Councilmember
 Hon. Mark Sharpton, Commissioner
 Paul Foster, Interim Commissioner

Bethany
 Del City
 Edmond
 Forest Park
 Goldsby
 Guthrie
 Harrah
 Langston City
 Luther
 Midwest City
 Moore
 Nichols Hills
 Noble
 Norman
 Oklahoma City
 Piedmont
 Slaughterville
 Spencer
 The Village
 Warr Acres
 Warr Acres
 Yukon
 Logan County
 Oklahoma County

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Hon. Laurie Morris, Mayor
 Hon. Dan House, Mayor
 Hon. Cody Brewer, Councilmember
 Hon. Greg Cummings, Mayor
 Hon. Amy Neathery, Councilmember
 Hon. Sandra Cleveland, Councilmember
 Hon. Casey Burwell, Trustee
 Hon. Roger Spring, Mayor

Calumet
 Cedar Valley
 Choctaw
 Crescent
 El Reno
 Geary
 Jones City
 Lake Aluma

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT (Cont.)

Hon. Mike Donovan, Mayor
 Hon. Ronald Dumas, Mayor
 Hon. Nathan Sholund, Vice-Mayor
 Hon. Karl Nail, Mayor
 Hon. Mark Cochell, Mayor
 Hon. Jeff Brueggen, Trustee
 Hon. Larry Watson, Councilmember
 Hon. James Smith, Trustee
 Hon. Lacey Dawson, Commissioner
 Hon. Rod Cleveland, Commissioner

ENTITY

Lexington
 Meridian
 Mustang
 Newcastle
 Nicoma Park
 Okarche
 Tuttle
 Union City
 Canadian County
 Cleveland County

ASSOCIATE MEMBER ABSENT

Stephanie Wilson, Base Civil Engineer

Tinker Air Force Base

GUESTS PRESENT

Pete White, Attorney
 Steve Griffith, Citizen
 Hon. Marci White, Councilmember
 Michael Taylor, Asst. City Manager
 Jane Abraham, Mgr., Community and Govt. Affairs

ACOG Legal Counsel
 Moore
 Newcastle
 Nichols Hills
 Oklahoma City

ACOG STAFF

Mark W. Sweeney
 John Sharp
 Debbie Cook
 Rachel Meinke
 Sharon Astrin
 Jennifer Sebesta
 Chantal Swing
 Jimmy Smith
 Madison Martin
 Beverly Garner

POSITION

Executive Director
 Deputy Director
 Finance Director
 Public Information Director
 Community & Economic Development Director
 Transp. Planning Services (TPS) Sr. Div. Mgr.
 Digital Media Specialist I
 IT Operations Specialist II
 TPS/CED Planner I
 Executive Assistant

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Chair David Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 25, 2026, MINUTES

Director Mark Sharpton moved to approve the June 25, 2026, minutes of the ACOG Board of Directors meeting. Director Misty Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Chair's Report – None
- B. Executive Director's Report – Mark W. Sweeney, AICP

i. Anita Kroth

The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments is mourning the loss of a beloved former colleague and friend, Anita Kroth, who passed away August 26.

For nearly 36 years, Anita was a familiar and welcoming presence at ACOG. She joined the organization on September 18, 1989, and remained a dedicated member of the ACOG staff until her retirement on May 29, 2025.

During her career, Anita served as the Administrative Assistant for 911 ACOG and Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee while also serving as the organization's front desk receptionist. In those roles, she became much more than a colleague to generations of ACOG employees, Board members, and regional partners.

For many people, Anita was the first person they saw when they walked through ACOG's doors and the familiar voice they heard when they called. She knew our Board members, our communities, our staff and their families.

Her contributions over 36 years are too numerous to count. She supported countless meetings, programs, projects and people as ACOG and Central Oklahoma changed and grew around her.

When Anita retired last year, ACOG celebrated an extraordinary 36-year career and thanked her for everything she had given to the organization. We could not have known then how soon we would be saying goodbye.

Today, we remember Anita not only for her extraordinary service to ACOG, but for the person who provided that service for nearly four decades: our colleague, friend, and part of the fabric of ACOG.

We extend our deepest condolences to Anita's family, friends, and all those who had the privilege of knowing her. She was 78 years old. On behalf of ACOG, a plant was sent to the family.

ii. Senator James Lankford Speaks at OARC Board Meeting

On August 18 we had the privilege of having Senator James Lankford speak at the Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils (OARC) Board of Directors meeting here at ACOG. The Senator came to provide an update on the OMB proposed Uniform Guidance Rule. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has proposed a sweeping rewrite of the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200), the rulebook governing nearly every federal grant that COGs administer, including funding from EDA, EPA, DOE, and USDA. The proposal would give federal agencies broader discretion to determine whether a recipient is failing to meet relevant standards, along with expanded authority to suspend, terminate, or recover grant funds on that basis. The Senator did a very good job explaining where we are at, saying he is pushing back on that proposal and with his assistance and the assistance of several other organizational groups, we feel we will be able to defeat those changes. Mr. Lankford also fielded questions about other Federal issues and programs.

We greatly appreciate the Senator and his staff for taking the time to address these important topics in person with OARC.

iii. State Legislative Priorities Open House - Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Please make plans to drop by the ACOG office during our State Legislative Priorities Open House on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This open house is an opportunity for you to inform ACOG staff about issues your community is facing that you believe could require legislative action or funding and enables ACOG to build a baseline of regional topics in preparation for the upcoming 2027 Legislative Session. An RSVP email (to get a headcount to order refreshments) will be emailed on September 9. Your Voice Matters: Save the Date and See You at This Come and Go Event on Tuesday, October 6.

iv. ACOG 101: Board Education Series (BES)

Starting with today's meeting, ACOG staff is going to provide Board members with brief, timely educational sessions about specific ACOG programs, services, initiatives, resources, and responsibilities - reinforcing the new director's orientation handbook throughout the year rather than relying on one-time reading and retention. We refer to this new endeavor as "ACOG 101: Board Education Series (BES)." Using the monthly

Board meeting schedule, staff will select practical 15-minute topical presentations with one clear learning objective. Board members should better understand what ACOG does, how their communities can use ACOG, and what they are responsible for as an elected official.

The educational topic for today is Agenda Item 6G - Central Oklahoma Regional Solid Waste Management Assessment - Phase I.

v. Greater OKC Chamber -Tinker Air Force Base Task Force

As ACOG Executive Director, I have the privilege of being asked by the Greater OKC Chamber to serve as a member of the Oklahoma City Region Tinker Task Force. This will be a focused group of civic, business, education, workforce, government, and community leaders who will help shape a more coordinated and durable regional strategy in support of Tinker Air Force Base and the broader defense and aerospace ecosystem.

The purpose of this task force is to help identify how the Oklahoma City region can better organize itself to support Tinker's mission, strengthen the surrounding defense ecosystem, and position the region for future growth and investment. The goal is not simply to complete a one-time planning project, but to begin building a sustainable and durable process for regional coordination, advocacy, and action in support of Tinker over the long term.

The task force will be active for approximately nine to 12 months. Meetings will be held monthly and will include one full-day planning session on September 2. Participation in that session will be especially important, as it will allow the group to move more deeply into the regional framework, benchmark examples, major opportunity areas, and the structure needed to sustain this work beyond the initial planning period.

At the conclusion of the task force process, we expect to recommend a long-term structure or organization to carry this work forward. The task force's role is to help shape that recommendation and ensure it is grounded in the needs, assets, and opportunities of the region.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS OR DELEGATIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT DOCKET

INFORMATION: Requires a motion to approve, with a second, that all items under the Consent Docket be considered in one vote.

CONSENT DOCKET ITEMS:

- A. Finance Report – June and July 2026 Claims: Deborah Cook, CPA, Finance Director *Action requested.*
- B. Regional Clearinghouse Review and Comment Report: Ben Matsumura, Water Resources Manager *Action requested.*
- C. Renewal Agreement with Arledge & Associates, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, for Professional Auditing Services: Deborah Cook, CPA, Finance Director *Action requested.*

Director Grant Aguirre moved to have the items under the Consent Docket approved in one vote. Director Kathy Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS THAT MAY REQUIRE ACOG BOD ACTION:

- A. Extension of Consultant Services Contract for the Implementation of the Congestion Management Process (CMP) for Central Oklahoma

John Sharp highlighted the information as detailed in the agenda memorandum.

Director Grant Aguirre moved to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract extension for services with Olsson as the selected consultant for the Congestion Management Process (CMP) at an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for an anticipated 12-month time frame. Director Matt Hinkle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. 2027 Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant Announcement, Dates, and Provisions

Sharon Astrin, CED Director, announced that the 2027 REAP grant application process opens September 1 and closes October 2, 2026. She provided further information as detailed in the agenda memorandum. This item was for information only.

- C. Consider Allocating Use of Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Deobligated Funds to 2027 REAP Projects

Sharon Astrin said ACOG staff recommends that the deobligated funds of \$261,038.72 from previous REAP projects be allocated to create additional funding for 2027 REAP projects.

Director Terry Arps moved to approve the use of deobligated funds of \$261,038.72 from previous REAP projects for additional funding of 2027 REAP projects. Director Kathy Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) 2027 Policies & Procedures Revisions

Sharon Astrin highlighted the information as detailed in the agenda memorandum. She then provided a brief overview of the proposed major changes to the Policies and Procedures, which can be viewed here: <https://www.acogok.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/REAP-PP-Slide-BOD.pdf>

Director Mark Sharpton moved to approve the REAP 2027 Policies & Procedures Revisions. Director Misty Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. 2026-2027 Community Economic Resiliency Initiative (CERI) Planning Demonstration Sites Selection

Sharon Astrin shared information about the two planning demonstration sites that the CERI Review Committee recommended to be approved, which can be viewed here:

<https://www.acogok.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/2027-CERI-Announcement.pdf>.

Both demonstration sites are in the City of Bethany:

Director David Bennett moved to approve the CERI Review Committee recommendations on the selection of the 2026-27 planning demonstration sites. Director Misty Mayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- F. Interlocal Agreement with the Institute for Quality Communities, University of Oklahoma – 2026-2027 CERI Program Consultant Services

Mark W. Sweeney highlighted the information as detailed in the agenda memorandum.

Director Grant Aguirre moved to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with the University of Oklahoma IQC in an amount not to exceed \$52,500 for providing consulting services for two (2) planning demonstration sites located in the City of Bethany. Director Mark Sharpton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Central Oklahoma Regional Solid Waste Management Assessment – Phase 1

Sharon Astrin, CED Director, and Madison Martin, TPS/CED Planner I, gave the following presentation: https://www.acogok.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/August-27-BOD-Deck_SWM-Assessment-FINAL.pdf

Mark Sweeney stated that no one in Oklahoma has done an assessment or regional plan before. DEQ is looking to ACOG as the model for the entire state, so we feel confident that we will receive funding for this next phase. This will be a great opportunity for ACOG. Maybe in time we will be successful in convincing the state legislature to provide funding for Solid Waste Management. It is needed, necessary, and is great for ACOG to take the lead on this. He appreciated the hard work of Sharon Astrin and Madison Martin – doing this for the first time and not having a model to work from. It could be a significant cost-savings for local governments, and could make a difference for everyone.

This item was for information only.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Bennett asked if there was any new business to be presented. No new business was presented.

8. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Bennett adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

CHAIR

SECRETARY/TREASURER

CONSENT DOCKET



SUBJECT:

FINANCE REPORT – AUGUST 2026 CLAIMS

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

FROM:

DEBORAH COOK, CPA

Finance Director

INFORMATION:

In accordance with the ACOG claims list process, August claims were paid biweekly during the month. A copy of the [August claims](#) for payment is included for ratification. The August cash status report is also included for information.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to ratify payment of claims paid during the month of August 2026.

In accordance with the revised claims process, this list of claims paid in August 2026 is offered for the Board of Directors to ratify.

Anglin Public Relations <i>(Advertising - 2 months)</i>	38,041.72
Arshad, Sana <i>(Mileage)</i>	52.78
Astrin, Sharon <i>(Travel)</i>	15.67
AT&T Mobility <i>(Telephone)</i>	83.46
Chase Card Services <i>(Supplies, Development)</i>	14,375.57
Choate, Jeff <i>(Mileage 911)</i>	151.53
COTPA <i>(FTA 5303 Grant)</i>	190,000.00
Ecointeractive, Inc. <i>(Software)</i>	8,595.33
Electradigital <i>(Internet - 2 months- 911 \$18.00)</i>	3,121.78
ESRI <i>(Maintenance - Software)</i>	23,015.00
First Choice Coffee Service <i>(Supplies - 2 months)</i>	695.26
Frick, David <i>(Mileage)</i>	57.86

August 2026 Claims (Cont.)

Go-Hosted <i>(Telephone- 2 months)</i>	748.22
HRdirect <i>(Supplies)</i>	98.95
Insurica <i>(Insurance)</i>	11,819.00
Kimley-Horn and Associates <i>(Subcontract)</i>	48,800.00
Kugler-Fakhimi, Nick <i>(Milegage 911)</i>	255.29
Management and Enterprise Services <i>(Internet)</i>	294.00
Martin, Madison <i>(Mileage)</i>	15.20
Merrifield (fka Bill Warren) <i>(Office supplies)</i>	182.00
Mitchell, Kyndal <i>(Mileage)</i>	12.62
Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils <i>(Professional Dues)</i>	5,500.00
Oklahoma City Chamber <i>(Development)</i>	400.00

August 2026 Claims (Cont.)

Oklahoma City, City of <i>(UPWP)</i>	7,969.39
Oklahoma County Public Building Authority <i>(Office Rent - 2 months)</i>	23,195.25
Peak Uptime <i>(Repairs & Maintenance - 3 months)</i>	5,233.47
Pollard, Eric <i>(Mileage)</i>	41.91
R.K. Black <i>(Shredding)</i>	150.00
ROK Global Applications Group, LLC <i>(Hosting - 911 - 2 months)</i>	7,616.00
The Sanborn Map Co, Inc <i>(Supplies - Aerial Photos 911)</i>	18,651.88
SCAUG <i>(Development)</i>	95.00
Sebesta, Jennifer <i>(Mileage)</i>	32.77
Skillsets <i>(Training Software - 4 years)</i>	6,995.00
Smedlund, Julie <i>(Mileage)</i>	31.92
Southwestern Stationery, Inc. <i>(Printing)</i>	204.00

August 2026 Claims (Cont.)

Standley Systems <i>(Copiers)</i>	1,434.96
Stantec <i>(Consultant - 2 months)</i>	35,781.70
Total Compliance Connection, LLC <i>(HR Consultant)</i>	850.00
Uline <i>(Supplies)</i>	5,516.17
University of Oklahoma <i>(CERI Consulting Services)</i>	25,000.00
USA Today Media Corp <i>(Public Notices)</i>	88.96
Verizon Wireless <i>(Telephone, Internet)</i>	160.08
TOTAL AUGUST 2026 CLAIMS	485,379.70

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

CHAIR

SECRETARY/TREASURER

ACOG CASH STATUS REPORT

FOR THE MONTH ENDED AUGUST 31, 2026

	CHASE OPERATING	CHASE SAVINGS	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	TOTAL
Beginning Balance				
<i>August 1, 2026</i>				
Cash	\$ (838,185.55)	\$71,401.04	\$ 606,626.35	\$ (160,158.16)
Petty Cash	31.74	-	-	31.74
Total Beginning Balance	<u>\$ (838,153.81)</u>	<u>\$71,401.04</u>	<u>\$ 606,626.35</u>	<u>\$ (160,126.42)</u>
Cash Receipts				
Grants & Contracts	\$ 1,998,193.09	\$ -	\$ -	1,998,193.09
Memberships	345,363.00	-	-	345,363.00
Transfers of Funds-	-	-	-	-
Interest/Dividend Earned	-	1.20	-	1.20
Miscellaneous	500.00	-	-	500.00
Miscellaneous - Voided Check	-	-	-	-
Petty Cash - Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Receipts	<u>\$ 2,344,056.09</u>	<u>\$ 1.20</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,344,057.29</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Personnel Cost	\$ 283,814.20	\$ -	\$ -	283,814.20
(detail next page)	-	-	-	-
Bank Service Charges	-	-	-	-
Investment Sweep Fee	-	-	-	-
Transfer of Funds	-	-	-	-
Claims Expenditures:	485,379.70	-	-	485,379.70
(detail next page)	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>\$ 769,193.90</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 769,193.90</u>
<i>August 31, 2026</i>				
Cash	\$ 736,676.64	\$71,402.24	\$ 606,626.35	1,414,705.23
Petty Cash	31.74	-	-	31.74
Total Ending Balance	<u><u>\$ 736,708.38</u></u>	<u><u>\$71,402.24</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 606,626.35</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,414,736.97</u></u>

SCHEDULE OF GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

FOR THE MONTH ENDED AUGUST 31, 2026

Personnel Cost:

Salaries	158,740.39
Payroll Taxes	68,279.99
Payroll Processing Fees	1,009.55
Group Health & Life Insurance	28,122.04
Sect 125 Plan Administration Fees	76.14
Pension Contribution & Expense	25,651.81
EBC Flex Plan Contributions	<u>1,934.28</u>

Total Operating Personnel Expenditures

283,814.20

Claims Expenditures:

Accounting and Auditing	-
Contract Personnel	-
Copiers	1,434.96
Credit Card	14,375.57
Development and Recruitment	7,490.00
Equipment & Furniture	3,330.42
Equipment Rental	-
Insurance	11,819.00
Internet Service	11,151.81
Interest Expense	-
Legal	-
Maintenance & Repair - Equipment	-
Maintenance & Repair - Software	23,015.00
Mileage	651.88
Miscellaneous	-
Office Cleaning	-
Office Rent	23,195.25
Office Leasehold Improvements	-
Penalties	-
Postage	-
Printing	204.00
Professional Dues	5,500.00
Projects - 911	-
Projects - CMAQ	-
Projects - UPWP	197,969.39
Projects - NonAttainment Studies Cost	-
Projects - REAP	-
Projects - Traffic Counts	-
Projects - 60th Anniversary	-
Public Education -	-
Public Notice/Advertising	88.96
Publications & Subscriptions	-
Subcontracts/Consultants	148,473.42
Supplies	25,294.26
Supplies - Software	8,595.33
Telephone	2,774.78
Temporary Labor	-
Travel	15.67
Vehicle Expense	<u>-</u>

Total Claims Expenditures:

\$ 485,379.70



ATTACHMENT 5-B

SUBJECT:

REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW AND COMMENT REPORT

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

FROM:

BENJAMIN MATSUMURA

Water Resources Manager

INFORMATION:

The following project has been reviewed through the Clearinghouse Review Process by staff during the past month. A final comment letter has been submitted to the applicant and can be viewed on the following page.

Agency Applicant:	Oklahoma Corporation Commission
Project Location:	STATEWIDE
Date Reviewed:	September 9, 2026
Project Review Request:	ID#I082601 - OCC Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to concur with staff assessment of the submitted project.

September 09, 2026

Madeline Dillner
Senior Project Manager
Oil and Gas Conservation Division
Oklahoma Corporation Commission
Will Rogers Building
P.O. Box 171, Oklahoma City, OK 73101

**RE: ID#1082601 - OCC Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant
STATEWIDE**

Dear Ms. Dillner:

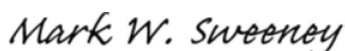
The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments has completed its Intergovernmental Review of the above-referenced grant application. The OCC's Brownfield Assessment Program is consistent with ACOG's area-wide goals, and we extend this letter of support for you and your team.

Please notify this office of any subsequent modifications, supplements, or amendments to this grant or program if such occurs. We will conduct any additional reviews of the modifications and supporting documents as necessary.

Please be advised that this letter only intends to assist in the process of this application. No commitment of funds for this project from any funding source is intended or implied.

Please include the ID number listed above for any future communication regarding this project. We appreciate this opportunity to review and comment.

Sincerely,



Mark W. Sweeney, AICP
Executive Director



ATTACHMENT 5-C

SUBJECT:

**ACOG METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE
(MPO PC) REPORT**

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

FROM:

JOHN SHARP
Deputy Director

INFORMATION:

Requesting endorsement of the following regular agenda action item that is included in the [ACOG MPO PC](#) agenda as Item 4-A, if approved by the ACOG MPO PC:

4-A Amendments to the FFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program: Jennifer Sebesta, Transportation Planning Services (TPS) Senior Division Manager *Action requested.*

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to endorse ACOG MPO Policy Committee (PC) approval of action item 4-A, which is included in the September 24, 2026, ACOG MPO PC agenda and anticipated to be approved by the Committee.

**REGULAR AGENDA
ITEMS THAT MAY REQUIRE
ACOG BOD ACTION**



SUBJECT:

**SELECTION OF GARBER-WELLINGTON ASSOCIATION POLICY COMMITTEE
SECRETARY/TREASURER**

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

FROM:

HON. DAVID BENNETT
Councilmember, The Village
ACOG Board Chair

INFORMATION:

In June 2026, Tim Rudek of Harrah resigned his position as Chair of the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee (GWAPC); thus, the Vice-Chair Vickie Douglas, automatically succeeded to Chair, and the Secretary/Treasurer Mark Sharpton, became the Vice-Chair. Since GWAPC now has a vacancy in the Secretary/Treasurer officer position, per the ACOG Board Bylaws, the Board may fill any remaining vacancy by majority vote per the presiding Chair's nomination of a Board Director for the open position. Therefore, I would like to nominate Mayor Sody Clements of Nichols Hills to fulfill that position.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to approve the nomination recommendation of the Chair and/or any additional recommendations made by the Board in the meeting, and to elect the nominee as Secretary/Treasurer to the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee for the remainder of FY 2027 (September 24, 2026, through June 30, 2027).



SUBJECT:

CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ACOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OR

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE REQUESTED ACTION AS AUTHORIZED BY 25 O.S. SECTION 307 (B)(1) (OSCN 2026)

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

FROM:

CHAIR DAVID BENNETT
The Village Councilmember

INFORMATION:

On August 25, 2026, the ACOG Executive Committee, which is comprised of the officers of the ACOG BOD, 911 ACOG BOD, ACOG MPO Policy Committee, and the Garber-Wellington Association Policy Committee, met to conduct an annual performance evaluation of Mark W. Sweeney, ACOG Executive Director (ED). The evaluation tool that was utilized by the Committee included an assessment of the following job factors: Relationship with the Boards; Management Skills and Abilities; Services to ACOG Cities, Towns and Counties; Fiscal Management; Personal and Professional Attributes; Community and Public Relations; and Effective Leadership of Organization. The Committee was provided a list of [2025-2026 ACOG Projects Completed or Initiated](#) during the past 12 months. The review also included an in-depth discussion of [2026-2027 ACOG Goals and Objectives](#). (Refer to information on the following pages.)

Based on the performance evaluation results, the Executive Committee recommends that Mr. Sweeney's employment agreement be amended to include a 3 percent merit increase in his current base salary, and that his current automobile allowance be adjusted per month by a \$50 increase. This recommended compensation adjustment is within the parameters of the adopted FY 2027 ACOG Budget. Likewise, Mr. Sweeney is also receiving the budgeted 2 percent COLA.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to approve the Executive Director's compensation package retroactive to September 1, 2026, and the resulting employment agreement changes as recommended by the Executive Committee.

OR

Enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential information related to the requested action as authorized by 25 O.S. Section 307 (B)(1) (OSCN 2026).

2025 - 2026 ACOG PROJECTS COMPLETED OR INITIATED (8/31/25 – 8/31/26)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- Continued the strategic implementation of the 2022 Board Retreat Regional Visioning Statements and Goals for the ACOG service area. This blueprint directs policy decisions and initiatives for the ACOG organization that addresses the following key regional issues:
 - Environmental and Resource Stewardship
 - Sustainable Growth, Quality Places, and Effective Services
 - Efficient Mobility Options
 - ACOG – Servant Leadership Model
- The ACOG Return on Investment (ROI) Flyer designed and distributed by staff each year provides an opportunity to educate local officials about ACOG services delivered and grant projects funded for each community. Distribution of customized flyers to our local governments occurs during the month of August. The flyer highlights the return on investment that each community receives from their annual membership dues.
- ACOG continues to serve as the sole Oklahoma agent of the My Government Online (MGO) suite of software applications representing the South Central Planning & Development Commission (SCPDC) of Louisiana. MGO software provides digital solutions to local governments with the most cost-effective approach to permitting, licensing, and plan review. Three cities (El Reno, Goldsby, and Newcastle) are actively using MGO and two cities (The Village and Crescent) are in the process of being implemented. ACOG plans to expand MGO services across Oklahoma. An amended contract was signed in 2025 by ACOG and SCPDC that establishes a greater share of revenue for ACOG going forward.
- ACOG provides complimentary services to member governments, such as Letters of Support for grant projects and technical assistance in applying for grants. ACOG also provides the following professional services to local governments and other organizations within the ACOG region through a contractual fee-based agreement:
 - Grant research, preparation, writing, and technical assistance to communities and other organizations for federal and state grant opportunities (e.g., EDA, CDBG, USDA, FEMA) through the Community & Economic Development (CED) Department
 - Administrative management services and reporting through the CED Department for organizations that have been awarded grants
 - Graphic design services through the Public Information Department to member governments to increase community visibility and public engagement

SPECIAL FORUMS AND EVENTS

- ACOG conducted a Data Center Forum on February 27, 2026. This panel discussion of local and regional experts was designed to help cities, towns, and counties better understand what data centers are, how they operate, and what local officials should consider when evaluating potential projects. The forum was targeted to elected officials, planners, city managers, county staff, economic development professionals, public works, utilities, and other local government representatives.
- ACOG 60th Anniversary Celebration – This come-and-go reception took place on June 5, 2026, at the Fordson Hotel in Oklahoma City. Since 1966, ACOG has united local leaders, regional

partners, and private sector leaders to tackle the challenges that no single community can solve alone: transportation, public safety, infrastructure, and quality of life issues that define Central Oklahoma. This special event was attended by current and former ACOG staff, Board members, city managers, elected officials, planners, engineers, and regional collaborators. The cost of the celebration was primarily covered by corporate sponsorships from several consultants and vendors that provide services to ACOG.

- Central Oklahoma Clean Cities 30th Anniversary and Awards Reception, which was coordinated by ACOG staff, was held on August 6, 2026, at Andretti Indoor Karting & Games in Oklahoma City.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND APPROPRIATION INITIATIVES

- Coordinated and shared state legislative topics and issues with partner organizations - OML, ACCO, OARC, the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber.
- Conducted an Open House Event in October 2025 for the ACOG Board of Directors to discuss their legislative agenda and appropriations requests. Follow-up survey of Board members at the regular scheduled meeting in November 2025 to prioritize legislative and appropriation initiatives for the 2026 Legislative Session.
- Organized and conducted the Annual Legislative Power Brunch (LPB) and Presentation in January 2026.
- Proactively lobbied state legislators on behalf of ACOG to pursue the Board's Legislative Priorities. (Executive Director, Deputy Director, and Public Information Director are registered as official Lobbyists with the Oklahoma Ethics Commission.)
- The Board was updated monthly on legislative bills and activities, which resulted in a Final Legislative Report in May 2026.
- Successful Outcomes from the 2026 Legislative Session:
 - Maintained REAP Funding
 - Sustained the Rural Fire Defense Program Funding
 - Maintained Substate Planning District Program Funding
 - Successfully opposed legislation (SB 647) that would have limited a municipality's zoning and land use authority
 - Prevented 911 Legislation (HB 2710) that would have undermined the authority and autonomy of 911 ACOG
 - Successfully supported the passage of legislation (HB 2992) that created the Data Center Customer Ratepayer Protection Act of 2026

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AND APPROPRIATION INITIATIVES

- ACOG staff strategically developed Federal Legislative Priorities for Central Oklahoma in coordination with regional partners and stakeholders. Presented proposed agenda to the Board at their February 2026 meeting.
- Also, during this timeframe, ACOG staff assembled Community Project Funding Requests (Earmarks) from the ACOG membership that chose to participate as an addendum to the Federal Legislative Priorities Report.
- ACOG staff, along with two ACOG Officers, delivered the Federal Legislative Priorities and Community Project Funding Requests to the Central Oklahoma Congressional Delegation at scheduled in-person meetings in Washington DC in March 2026.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Continued implementation of Encompass 2045, the multimodal, long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the ACOG MPO area, in compliance with the requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and any subsequent federal guidance. Began development of Encompass 2050, the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan in coordination with consultant Kimley-Horn.
- Promoted the “Watch for Me OK” public awareness campaign for bicyclists and pedestrians funded by the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office (OHSO) Grant.
- Assisted local governments in obligating up to \$40 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant - Urbanized Area (STBG-UZA) funds, and any additional August 2026 Redistribution funds made available to the ACOG MPO.
- Adopted the Central Oklahoma Long-Range Transit Plan in November 2025, in coordination with area transit providers, which resulted in the establishment of the Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC) for Plan implementation.
- Approval of the FHWA funded ACOG MPO Congestion Management Process (CMP) in April 2026, which will lead to the development of a Regional Operations Plan in FY 2027.
- Updated the Regional Snow Routes Map with local entities. The Regional Snow Routes Map is shared on social media and provided to media outlets for distribution to the public.
- Acquired a digital community engagement platform, Public Input, to deepen engagement with our communities, enhance public feedback, and to better inform them of initiatives and funding opportunities. Community members can express their opinions on a variety of topics, using email, social media, text surveys, and voice mail – all available in four languages (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Mandarin).

AIR QUALITY & CLEAN CITIES INITIATIVES

- Continued implementation of the adopted Central Oklahoma Regional Air Quality Plan, which sets goals and strategies for new and expanded emissions reductions efforts to keep the region in attainment of EPA air quality standards.
- Adopted the Red Dirt Resiliency Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) in November 2025, the second deliverable of the four-year Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program.
- Administered ACOG Clean Air Grants for Public Sector Fleets – an alternative fuel vehicle replacement and infrastructure grant program.
- ACOG staff continued working on the five-year Carbon Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) that was awarded in FY 2022 by EPA.
- Coordinated the Ozone Alert Day outreach program - TEXT “OZONE” to 41372 to receive text alerts on how to protect public health and reduce emissions.

911 AND PUBLIC SAFETY

- Mission Critical Partners (MCP) Consultant Contract Deliverables – Continuing oversight of Next Generation 911 (NG911) Implementation Strategy for 911 ACOG.

Major Progress and Changes on the Implementation of Next Generation 911 (NG911):

- **First Phase** – Executed Comtech Guardian i3 Compliant Call Handling Equipment into all 22 911 ACOG Service Area ECCs, as a Customer Owned and Operated Solution. First Phase completed July 30, 2024.

- On October 30, 2025, based on the recommendation of ACOG 911 staff and MCP, the NGA ESInet & Next Gen Core Services 911 Call Routing Contract was not extended by the 911 ACOG Board beyond December 31, 2025, the end date of the service agreement.
- Second Phase - On January 22, 2026, based on the recommendation of the ACOG 911 staff and MCP, the 911 ACOG Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Allerium (NxGenCo) to provide ESInet & Next Gen Core Services 911 Call Routing into the existing 911 ACOG IP Network as a Service Provider Solution scheduled to begin January 2027. Completion is anticipated by January/February 2028.
- Continuation of scheduled training of ECCs in preparation for official cut-over to NG911.
- 911 Institute hosting of US Secret Service Course: MASS ATTACKS IN PUBLIC PLACES.
- 911 ACOG Grant Program - On May 30, 2024, the 911 ACOG Board approved the future distribution of an additional 0.34 cents (approximate) from the \$1.02 received by 911 ACOG from Wireless, VoIP, and Prepaid Wireless 911 Service Fees to be split between direct ECC (PSAP) Refunds (29%), **a 911 ACOG Grant Program pool (39%)**, and 911 ACOG (32%), distributed monthly beginning July 1, 2024.

As a follow-up to this new funding allocation, the Board-approved 911 ACOG Grant Program was developed by staff with the assistance of MCP and was officially opened for receipt of applications in December 2025. Based on the recommendations of the ACOG 911 staff, the 911 ACOG Board awarded grants in March 2026 to Bethany, Blanchard, Edmond, El Reno, and Newcastle ECCs. 911 ACOG is expecting and preparing for greater participation in FY 2027 with the release of the next Request for Applications (RFA) in November/December 2026.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Projects undertaken at the end of the previous EDA Planning Grant (01/01/23 - 12/31/25) and the first year of the new three-year EDA Planning Grant (01/01/26 - 12/31/28) awarded to ACOG's Capital Area Economic Development District (CAPEDD) of Oklahoma:
 - Implementation of the 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update for the four-county CAPEDD in coordination with the CEDS Advisory Committee. The Updated CEDS was adopted by the ACOG Board in December 2024.
 - Participated in and supported the OU REBUILD Hub (Resilient Building & Infrastructure Development Hub) application for the EDA Disaster Supplemental Grant Program, consistent with the CEDS emphasis on resilience.
 - Utilized advanced research and data analytics tools, including Power BI, NERDE (National Economic Resilience Data Explorer), and Claude.
 - Addressed previously overlooked economic development themes, including MAPS (Metropolitan Area Projects) and tribal economic investments.
 - Continued distribution of *SPARK*, ACOG's Community & Economic Development monthly newsletter, to more effectively communicate funding opportunities and information to member communities.
 - Assisted local governments and higher education institutes in preparing and submitting EDA grant applications through the CAPEDD, which includes letters of support, research, and submission.

- Community Economic Resiliency Initiative (CERI) Program

The 2025-2026 CERI Program, which represents the fifth round of project funding through the EDA Planning Grant, was successfully concluded in June 2026. The selected municipalities, with the assistance of the University of Oklahoma Institute for Quality Communities (IQC), developed the following demonstration site plans:

- **The City of Moore’s Cleveland Heights Small Area Plan – A New Neighborhood Vision** reimagines the 160-acre Cleveland Heights area as a walkable, green, and socially vibrant place with diverse housing options, neighborhood-serving retail, stormwater amenities, trails, gardens, public gathering spaces, and a strong sense of identity – in other words, a complete mixed-use neighborhood.
- **The City of Del City’s Rediscovering Rose Lane – A Placemaking Action Plan** provided the city leadership with the opportunity to develop a comprehensive, community-driven placemaking strategy to transform the intersection of Rose Lane and Epperly Drive, the city’s original “Main Street,” into a vibrant destination for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

In June 2026 ACOG initiated the sixth round of the CERI Program for 2026-27. Funding once again is being provided through the EDA Planning Grant and financial contributions from the selected cities. ACOG will enter an interlocal agreement with the University of Oklahoma Institute for Quality Communities (IQC) for planning consultant services to each city.

The CERI Call for Applications opened on June 29 and concluded on July 31, 2026. The CERI Review Committee, which is comprised of ACOG staff and public/private sector planning professionals, will meet on August 19 to review the applications and recommend two municipalities for selection. These recommendations will be presented to the ACOG Board of Directors for approval on August 27. The projects will commence in September 2026 and conclude in June 2027.

- Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Program Activities:

The CED Department administers CDBG/REAP funding awarded by ODOC, through which rural communities under 7,000 in population apply to ACOG as subrecipients for infrastructure and community development projects.

- In 2026, 18 communities were awarded \$2.9M across the region. The application process migrated to a digital platform in 2024, decreasing application and processing times. Last year, the application was improved to better evaluate different project types. The CED Department continues to incrementally improve the REAP process for the participating entities.
- As a personnel cost saving measure, implemented REAP Grant Program Projects administrative and management outsourcing to an independent contractor in August 2026.
- Completed USDA/NIFA grant funded project that measurably increased landfill diversion of organic materials through community composting and food waste reduction at sites located in Oklahoma and Cleveland Counties.
- Conducted a Regional Solid Waste Management (SWM) Assessment of the eight-county Oklahoma City MSA funded by a DEQ Grant, which was completed in June 2026. This represented a foundational step toward the development of the first Regional SWM Plan for the metro area that fulfills a key objective from ACOG’s 2022 Regional Visioning.
- With the assistance of a consultant, Stantec, staff is developing a Community Strategic Energy Plan (CSEP) for Cleveland County. Funded through an Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) from the Department of Energy (DOE) through ODOC, this project will be completed by January 31, 2027. Other cities and counties in the region will be able to use CSEP to create their own energy plans, driving building facility efficiency.

WATER RESOURCES

- Hired a Water Resources Manager, Ben Matsumura, in January 2026, after the retirement of Water Resources Director, John Harrington, in June 2025.
- Since late January, the Water Resources Department has worked with the City of Newcastle to establish water permitting needs and create a wasteload allocation model. This involved coordinating discussion between Newcastle leadership, Oklahoma's Department of Environmental Quality, and ACOG's Water and Transportation Planning teams. Using the stipulatory population projections and water discharge limits from these dialogues, the Water Resources Department modeled Walnut Creek from the proposed wastewater treatment plant site to its confluence with the North Canadian River.

This work is ongoing, as the required margins of safety for uncalibrated models produced intensive treatment limits. To prevent significant cost hike, additional facility requirements, and increase to operations & maintenance expenses, the Water Resources Department is generating a calibrated model in cooperation with Newcastle's engineering teams. The sampling work for this model is planned for August and September of 2026, catching the ideal sampling season and preventing a year-long delay to construction. The final, calibrated model will establish less stringent treatment limits and allow Newcastle to build within their original project scope.

- Additional member-city work has primarily focused on regional watershed planning, in line with ACOG's recently adopted Red Dirt Resiliency Plan. The Water Resources Department, with support from TPS and consultant, Stantec, assembled key stakeholders from two local organizations, three ACOG counties, four state agencies, and seven member cities to establish regional watershed planning goals. This project will continue into FY 2027.

OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS AND NEW STRATEGIES

- Revised the ACOG and 911 ACOG Claims Process by not requiring the signature of a Board Officer on issued checks, but instead just their approval of the accounting claims report via email in order to speed up the claims process while making things easier for both the Board Officers and the ACOG Finance Department and keeping the Board Officers in the approval loop. Adopted by both Boards on April 30, 2026.
- Updated the ACOG Personnel Policies as outlined in the Employee Handbook, which was approved by the ACOG Board in May 2026 and became effective on July 1, 2026.
- Complete Migration to Cloud Phone System – replacing current ACOG phone system in August 2026.
- Maintained Contract with Price Edwards & Company for Real Property Acquisition Services for Relocation of ACOG Office and 911 ACOG Operations:
 - In May 2025, both the ACOG and 911 ACOG Boards, based on the recommendation of the Building Review Committee (BRC), selected Price Edwards & Company to assist ACOG/911 ACOG in identifying, evaluating, and acquiring permanent office and operations space while providing an effective financing strategy. The required scope of work included strategic planning, financial feasibility analysis, market analysis, site selection, due diligence, negotiation support, and regulatory compliance.
 - Both Boards also authorized the Executive Director to negotiate a contract for real property acquisition services with the firm of Price Edwards & Company that commenced on July 11, 2025.
 - Over the past year since the execution of the agreement, Price Edwards has worked effectively with ACOG staff and the BRC to review and evaluate numerous potential properties. To date, none of the funds budgeted for FY 2026, which were for services above and beyond the realtor's commission, have been expended.

- To continue the process, the allocation of the cost of these real property acquisition services was included in the approved **FY 2027 Annual Budget and Work Plan**.
- Initiated personnel capacity and cost saving strategy in July/August 2026 with cross utilization of staff between Divisions and Departments (TPS Division and CED Department), and outsourcing services to consultants and independent contractors, where feasible (Management of REAP Program Projects, Targeted Public Relations Activities, and Financial Services addressing backlog of accounting requirements and deadlines).

2026 - 2027

ACOG GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

ACOG LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

- Coordinate a preliminary legislative agenda with OML, ACCO, Greater OKC Chamber, OARC, and other key regional partners and stakeholders
- Conduct a State Legislative Priorities Open House at ACOG in October 2026
 - Follow-up survey of ACOG Board Members at the regularly scheduled meeting in November 2026
 - Present Finalized State Legislative Agenda at the December 2026 Board meeting
- Coordinate and conduct the Annual State Legislative Event (Power Brunch) – Friday, January 29, 2027
- Initiate a coordinated lobbying effort between ACOG staff and Board Members to contact and visit key Legislators about our legislative and funding priorities in February 2027
- Throughout the legislative session, proactively lobby state legislators on behalf of ACOG membership to pursue the Board's legislative priorities
- Monitor state legislative and appropriations activities and provide monthly reports to the ACOG Board (Feb. 2027 – May 2027)
- Prepare Federal Legislative and Funding Priorities for Central Oklahoma Report with input from member governments and regional partners
 - Present Federal Priorities Report to the ACOG Board in February 2027
 - Assemble Community Project Funding Requests (Earmarks) from ACOG membership as an addendum to the Federal Legislative Priorities (January/February 2027)
 - Coordinate and attend in-person meetings with our Congressional Delegation in Washington D.C. in March 2027 with ACOG Board Officers to present Federal Priorities Report

NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911) PROGRAM

- Continue Implementation of Next Generation 911 (NG911) with the assistance of Mission Critical Partners (MCP) Consultant Services:
 - **First Phase** - Executed Comtech Guardian i3 Compliant Call Handling Equipment into all 22 911 ACOG Service Area ECCs, as a Customer Owned and Operated Solution. *First Phase completed July 30, 2024.*
 - **Second Phase** - Employ Allerium ESInet & Next Gen Core Services 911 Call Routing into existing 911 ACOG IP Network as a Service Provider Solution scheduled to begin January 2027. *Completion is anticipated by January/February 2028.*
- Complete scheduled training for ECCs in preparation for official cut-over to NG911
- Maintain 911 address additions and changes to the Comtech Guardian Mapping System
- Update and Maintain Location Data Base (LDB) for the 911 ACOG Service Area

- Add new Divisions and Developments to the 911 Comtech Guardian Mapping System
- Improve 911 ACOG GIS Database based upon the Oklahoma GIS Standard
- Evaluate and/or optimize systems, data, policy, procedures, and organizational structure to adequately support future needs of operating Next Gen Core Services within Allerium ESInet & NGCS, and technical support of Allerium Guardian owned and operated 911 Call Handling Equipment
- Develop a Strategic Transition from a regional agency providing funding and operational support of legacy 911 solutions to a region operating and supporting the Next Generation 911 Call Routing and Call Handling Solutions
- Explore the acquisition of video functionality and other technical enhancements to the NG911 System

OTHER 911 INITIATIVES

- On May 30, 2024, the 911 ACOG Board approved the future distribution of an additional 0.34 cents (approximate) from the \$1.02 received by 911 ACOG from Wireless, VoIP, and Prepaid Wireless 911 Service Fees to be split between direct ECC (PSAP) Refunds (29%), a 911 ACOG Grant Program pool (39%), and 911 ACOG (32%), distributed monthly beginning July 1, 2024.

The 911 ACOG Grant Program, as mentioned above, was designed with the assistance of MCP, to strategically target funding for ECC improvements that enhance delivery, reliability, interoperability, and sustainability of 911 services.

In April 2026, the 911 ACOG Board awarded grants to Bethany, Blanchard, Edmond, El Reno, and Newcastle ECCs. ACOG 911 staff are expecting and preparing for greater participation in FY 2027 with the release of the next Request for Applications (RFA) in November/December 2026. Selection of grant recipients by the Board will occur in February 2027.

- Actively attend and participate in all Oklahoma 911 Management Authority Board and Committee meetings
- Continue to promote the ACOG 911 Institute as the premier organization for emergency telecommunicator training in Oklahoma
- With the support of MCP, create a 911 ACOG Vision and Strategic Plan
- With the assistance of MCP, engage ECC Directors, Elected Officials, and 911 ACOG Board Members to develop a Regionalization Plan that will explore ECC consolidation regarding economic and operational efficiencies within the 911 ACOG Service Area

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & AIR QUALITY/CLEAN CITIES

- Ensure the transportation planning process is conducted in compliance with federal laws and guidance established by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), state laws, and local statutes. Adapt necessary policies and procedures to conform with any surface transportation legislation passed in FY 2027
- Finalize the development (November 2026) and begin implementing Encompass 2050, the multimodal, long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the ACOG MPO area, in compliance with the requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and any subsequent federal guidance
- Assist local governments in obligating up to \$40 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant - Urbanized Area (STBG-UZA) funds and any additional August Redistribution funds made available to the ACOG MPO in FY 2027

- Monitor the region's STBG-UZA, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) projects and associated funds, and host quarterly coordination meetings with project sponsors to ensure timely completion of federally funded projects
- Update the FFY 2026-2029 ACOG MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amend as necessary
- Finalize the Regional Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets Policy updates
- Develop a Regional Operations Plan, a priority identified in the Congestion Management Process (CMP) which was approved in FY 2026
- Implement planning studies and activities outlined annually in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Enhance regional modeling tools to accurately estimate and forecast land use and travel patterns
- Launch a new tree planting grant program using regional CMAQ funds
- Implement the recently adopted Central Oklahoma Long-Range Transit Plan, in coordination with area transit providers through the Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC)
- Continue to promote Watch for Me OK, the regional bicycle and pedestrian safety campaign
- Coordinate regional public involvement activities and participate in outreach events (e.g., Bike Month, Bike to Work, BikeFest, etc.)
- Evaluate the public involvement activities from Encompass 2050 and the ACOG transportation planning process and research additional public involvement strategies for future plans and programs
- Update annually the Regional Snow Routes Map with local entities. The Regional Snow Routes Map is shared on social media and provided to media outlets for distribution to the public
- Implement the recently adopted Central Oklahoma Regional Air Quality Plan for the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area, which set goals and strategies for new and expanded emissions reductions efforts to keep the region in attainment of EPA air quality standards, and to improve public health
- Implement the Red Dirt Resiliency Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), the second deliverable of the four-year Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program
- Continue to partner with those in the community seeking to address air quality improvement efforts such as urban heat island reduction, urban tree canopy reforestation/afforestation, and distributed energy generation/storage deployment
- Provide technical assistance to the general public, public agencies, and private businesses regarding alternative fuels and vehicle technologies, federal and state laws and incentives, grant opportunities, and market developments
- Administer ACOG Clean Air Grants for Public Sector Fleets – an alternative fuel vehicle replacement and infrastructure grant program
- Organize workshops, training, media events, and networking events, for the Central Oklahoma Clean Cities Coalition, with an emphasis on the National Drive Electric Week
- Conduct outreach for the Drive Electric USA 2 Grant and the Plug In America "PlugStar" Consumer EV Education Campaign Grant

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Continue to implement the approved 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update for the four-county Capital Area Economic Development District (CAPEDD) in coordination with the CEDS Advisory Committee.
- Execute the 2026-2027 Community Economic Resiliency Initiative (CERI) Program for the two selected planning demonstration sites as recommended by the CERI Review Committee and approved by the ACOG Board in August. Up to two municipalities will receive planning consultant services through an interlocal agreement from the University of Oklahoma's Institute for Quality Communities (IQC).
- With an allocation of \$3 million in REAP funding from ODOC for 2027, continue to pursue further improvements in the ACOG policies & procedures, application forms, and scoring rubric to ensure reliability and validity, along with a streamlined and shortened review process.
- Complete migration of the REAP grant process to a digital SaaS (Software as a Service) platform (Foundant Technologies, Inc.), resulting in faster and easier experience for applicants and grantees, and enabling staff to allocate more time to additional projects. Migrate additional grant processes in addition to REAP.
- Finalize development of a Community Strategic Energy Plan (CSEP) for Cleveland County utilizing Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) funding from the Department of Energy (DOE) through ODOC. Other cities and counties in the region will be able to use CSEP to create their own energy plans, driving building facility efficiency
- Regional Materials Management Planning, via anticipated DEQ/EPA Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) funds for the development of a Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for Central Oklahoma, starting in October 2026
- Continue implementation of REAP Grant Program administration outsourcing to independent contractor
- Actively participate in and support the OU REBUILD Hub (Resilient Building & Infrastructure Development Hub) application for the EDA Disaster Supplemental Grant Program, consistent with the CEDS emphasis on resilience
- Provide grant research, preparation, writing, technical, and management assistance to communities and other organizations for federal grant funding opportunities (e.g., EDA, CDBG, USDA, FEMA)
- Increase marketing promotion of the My Government Online (MGO) automated suite of software applications for municipalities throughout the State of Oklahoma.
- Expand ACOG's community development portfolio by researching new initiatives (e.g., Affordable Housing, Cooperative Purchasing, and Opioid Abatement)

PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICES

- Develop and distribute a customized Return on Investment (ROI) flyers for each ACOG member, highlighting the value and benefits received from ACOG services in comparison to their annual dues, to support transparency and member engagement
- Expand utilization of SpeakUpCentralOklahoma.org as ACOG's primary public engagement platform across transportation, environmental, community development, and public safety initiatives

- Develop and implement a public engagement and communications strategy for Encompass 2050, the region's Metropolitan Long-Range Transportation Plan, in coordination with Transportation Planning Services and project consultants
- Begin developing a comprehensive communications strategy supporting the completion and operational launch of Next Generation 911
- Continue the modernization and rebranding of ACOG's Clean Air public outreach program to increase public awareness and participation

WATER RESOURCES

- Complete work and submit final reports for all FY 2022 and 2023 grants – utilizing tools from water modeling trainings scheduled for September 2026
- Continue working with the Cottonwood Creek Watershed Planning group to generate a regional watershed quality template for future projects and funding opportunities across Central Oklahoma
- Collaborate with ACOG communities and state agencies to establish a regional wastewater expansion strategy and identify discharge options outside of the Canadian River and associated tributaries
- Co-develop Geographic Information System (GIS) resources to increase accessibility to water planning information, identify regional infrastructure needs, and highlight unused system capacities, all in support of improved economic development planning and data transparency
- Identify and access new sources of funding to increase department capabilities for local and regional projects outside of current grant work
- Complete professional development and training courses to better serve communities with hydrologic sampling and modeling, well drilling and testing, water quality sampling, and floodplain management

ACOG OPERATIONAL, FINANCIAL, PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURAL REVISIONS

- Update ACOG Credit Card Policy.
- Revise ACOG Cell Phone Policy.
- Develop an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy.
- Finalize Migration to Cloud Phone System – replacing current desk phone system.

CONTINUE ACOG OFFICE AND 911 ACOG OPERATIONS RELOCATION PROCESS

- The Executive Director, with authorization from both the ACOG Board and 911 ACOG Board, formally entered into an agreement for real property acquisition services with Price Edwards & Company in July 2025.
- The required contract scope of work includes strategic planning, financial feasibility analysis, market analysis, site selection, due diligence, negotiation support, and regulatory compliance. The contract for these services extends into FY 2027 as the search and selection process continues.
- The estimated timeframe once a property is officially selected will be between 12 to 18 weeks and will also entail property closing, and design of a building improvements plan. This will also involve a complete full assessment report of the facility by our 911 consultant, MCP, with

recommendations to improve the site to align with national standards and best practices for a hardened facility that will house 911 mission critical technologies and infrastructure.

Reconstruction of the selected building will add on an estimated 10 to 19 months to the overall timeframe up to occupancy of the facility by ACOG staff.

- Each phase of this process will be reviewed by the Building Review Committee (BRC) and ACOG staff. All decisions for site selection, financial and legal commitments will be presented to both the ACOG Board and the 911 ACOG Board for their final consideration.

CONDUCT MONTHLY “ACOG 101: BOARD EDUCATIONAL SERIES” UTILIZING DIVISION/DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS



SUBJECT:

RENEWAL OF THE WATCH FOR ME OK SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ANGLIN PR

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

FROM:

JENNIFER SEBESTA

Transportation Planning Services (TPS) Senior Division Manager

INFORMATION:

Watch for Me OK is a public awareness campaign from ACOG that seeks to educate the public on the rules of the road and aims to keep Central Oklahomans safe while traveling. ACOG had received funding for this campaign through a grant from Oklahoma Highway Safety Office (OHSO) since 2020. In May 2026, ACOG was informed that OHSO would be resending funding for the FFY 2027 program year since statewide nonmotorized crashes did not meet the minimum threshold under the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's program (the source of OHSO's grant funding). Due to the vital nature of the campaign, ACOG included Planning (PL) funding in the FY 2027 Budget to allow staff to continue administering the Watch for Me OK initiative.

Anglin PR was hired in January 2021, after the initial grant from OHSO, to provide branding and marketing services for the campaign. Staff is requesting to renew the service agreement with Anglin PR to continue supporting the Watch for Me OK safety campaign. This will include branding, video production, marketing, web design, and other services to be agreed upon for a 9-month period (through June 30, 2027).

The total cost of the renewal of the services agreement will not exceed \$100,000.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a renewal of the agreement with Anglin PR to provide services and continue support for the ACOG Watch for Me OK safety campaign, at a total cost not to exceed \$100,000 for 9 months.



SUBJECT:

**AUTHORIZATION FOR CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT (CPRG)
CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH STANTEC**

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

FROM:

JOHN SHARP

Deputy Director

INFORMATION:

ACOG was awarded a \$1 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2023. This funding award did not require match funds and was provided to develop two plans, the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), locally known as the Red Dirt Resiliency Plan. Both plans were part of an initiative to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as a supportive effort to remain in compliance with air quality standards in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Stantec was chosen as the consultant and has completed both reports. Based on plan recommendations and existing capacity, additional planning efforts can take place to maximize awarded funding and respond to partner needs in advance of the expiration of the grant on August 31, 2027. The existing planning effort moves the plan recommendation for watershed planning forward in partnership with ACOG staff, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, and various municipal and academic stakeholders. The watershed planning is focused on Cottonwood Creek with portions of the project area in Canadian, Kingfisher, Logan, and Oklahoma Counties.

It is anticipated that additional planning efforts would move recommendations forward in the following areas:

- Local Government Energy Efficiency
- Energy and Utilities Coordination and Education
- Complete Streets and Green Infrastructure

Resources for the identified additional planning efforts would be supported through a budget line item shift. This shift does not modify the total project cost, does not put undue financial or capacity constraints on ACOG staff, and has been approved by the EPA. The contract modification is a request to increase the value of the existing contract from \$539,592 to \$764,385 through August 31, 2027.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to modify the agreement with Stantec to complete additional tasks under the CPRG, not to exceed \$764,385 within the four-year time frame of the grant, which ends August 31, 2027.



SUBJECT:

PRESENTATION: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT-URBANIZED AREA (STBG-UZA) PROGRAM

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

FROM:

JENNIFER SEBESTA

Transportation Planning Services (TPS) Senior Division Manager

INFORMATION:

On September 1, 2026, ACOG opened the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program for the Urbanized Area (STBG-UZA) Call for Projects. This call for projects is issued annually to ensure that Central Oklahoma's STBG-UZA funds continue to reflect our regional priorities and meet federal requirements for authorization.

Cities, counties, and transportation agencies located within the ACOG MPO area are invited to submit projects for FFY 2030 funding consideration. **The application deadline is 4 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2026.**

A brief overview of the STBG-UZA Grant Program will be provided at the September ACOG BOD Meeting. This represents another component of the ACOG 101: Board Education Series (BES).

Additional information about the STBG-UZA Program, including the STBG-UZA Application Guidebook, STBG Program Procedures, Project Rating Worksheet, ODOT Project Scoping Form, scoring criteria maps, and other project submission process resources can be found on the STBG-UZA Project Scoring Criteria Dashboard at: [STBG-UZA Project Scoring Criteria Dashboard](#).

ACTION REQUESTED:

For information only.