



TOWN OF WASHINGTON
204 N. MAIN ST.
WASHINGTON, OK. 73093
JOINT EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

Type: Emergency Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Place: Washington Town Hall

204 N. Main Street

Washington, OK. 73093

1. Call to Order Time: 11:31am

2. Roll Call:

Mayor & Trustee Joel Siria: Here Trustee James Andrews: Here Trustee Tony Brennan: Here

3. Action Items 7 Public Hearings

- A. Consideration and possible approval, denial, postponement, or other action regarding an Emergency Joint Resolution Authorizing the Town Administrator to Apply for a Loan and Appropriate Funding for the purchase of a fire truck.
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Town Administrator Lunt provided a summary of the circumstances surrounding the Washington Volunteer Fire Department's (WVFD) purchase of a new fire truck from Deep South Fire, the associated DEQ grant, and proposed financing through First United Bank. He noted that WVFD entered into a contract with Deep South in August and that he had reviewed Town and PWA budgets to determine whether the purchase could be funded if necessary from existing resources. He also reported that DEQ has issued a purchase order and is expected to reimburse the Town approximately 45 days after the required documentation is submitted and approved. Trustees discussed potential contract penalties for delay, the terms of the proposed bridge loan (including interest, fees, and estimated additional costs), and the risk of losing the truck if the Town does not proceed. Board members expressed concerns about the lack of communication from WVFD leadership regarding the procurement process, compliance with competitive bidding requirements, ownership and decommissioning of the existing truck, the Town's overall financial priorities (including water infrastructure needs), and whether the grant application was submitted without a formal authorizing resolution by the Board. Trustees also discussed possible use of county funding to cover certain costs, the WVFD's ability to contribute toward penalties or fees, and the timing of payment, decommissioning of the current truck, and grant reimbursement, including the risk of WVFD being without a truck for any period. Several Trustees stated that they did not feel they had sufficient information



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but recognized that a decision would be required that day due to time constraints and the potential loss of the truck.

Motion to approve the resolution as written with the additional condition that the existing fire truck be decommissioned within 30 days. made by Tony Brennan.

Second: James Andrews

Votes: Joel Siria: Aye James Andrews: Aye Tony Brennan: Aye

Motion carried.

4. Adjournment Time: 12:27pm

Trustee, Joel Siria

Clerk, Kasey Leshner