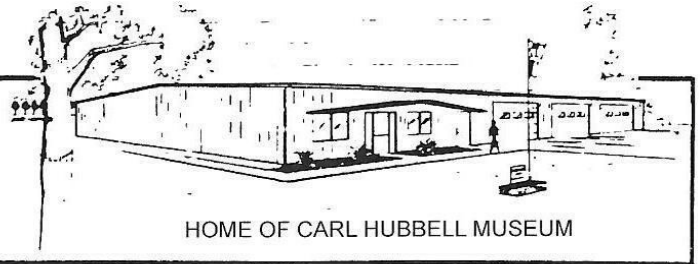


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## **Minutes for REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 20, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Meeker Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2026, at Meeker City Hall, 510 W. Carl Hubbell Blvd, Meeker, OK. The following items were taken up at that time:

### **Meeting was called to order at 6:00**

**Answering roll call were: Donna Weber, Aaron Head, Kenneth Massey**

**Absent: Mike Orman, Lanny Thompson.**

### **Also present:**

**Town Administrator:** Jeff Wilbourn

**Town Clerk:** Kimberly Haynes

**Attorney:** Jim Hodgins

Aaron Head led Flag Salute

Kenneth Massey led the Invocation

### **Citizen's Participation**

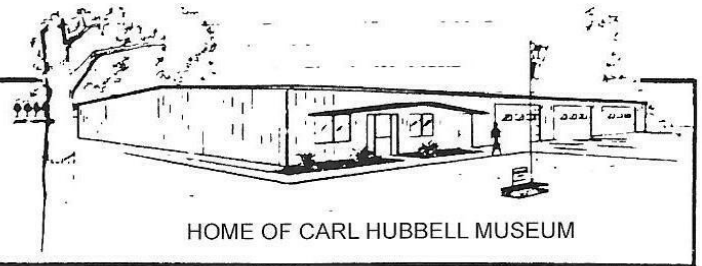
#### **Student Presentation – Traffic Safety Concern at Highway 62 & 18 Intersection**

Students Hannah Mason, Lucee Rhodes, Wyatt Katitz, and Garrett Cornstock, representing Meeker High School and the Generation Citizen Project, addressed the Board regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Highway 62 and Highway 18.

The students presented traffic data, survey results, and community feedback indicating frequent pedestrian crossings, multiple near-miss incidents, and concerns with drivers failing to obey stop signs. Survey data reflected that approximately 44.4% of students cross the intersection, with 38% reporting near accidents and 61.5% reporting close calls with vehicles. Students also noted increased foot traffic due to nearby businesses and the absence of pedestrian safety features.

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The group reported communication with State Representative Jim Shaw and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and requested Board support in pursuing a traffic signal, including assistance with contacting state officials, securing grant funding, and potentially establishing a dedicated fund.

Town Attorney Mr. Hodgens advised that the estimated cost of \$200,000 to \$500,000 would be difficult for the Town to fund independently and would likely require significant time to accumulate through budgeting. He recommended requesting an official traffic count from ODOT as the necessary first step, noting that installation of a traffic signal is contingent upon meeting state criteria. He further explained that grant programs, such as REAP, are typically limited in funding and awarded one at a time, making them unlikely to fully fund the project.

Mr. Hodgens stated the students are proceeding appropriately and emphasized that pursuing an ODOT traffic study would be the most effective course of action. The Board may consider establishing a fund for future contributions toward the project.

## **Consent Agenda**

Approval of regular meeting minutes for March 16, 2026

- Weber made a motion to approve, Head seconds, Massey abstains. Motion passed.

Approval of special meeting minutes for March 25, 2026

- Weber made a motion to approve, Massey seconds, Head yes. Motion passed.

Review of Purchase Order list totaling \$68,151.01

- Weber makes motion to approve, Massey seconds, Head yes. Motion passed.

Review and acceptance of financial report provided by treasurer, Kimberly Haynes.

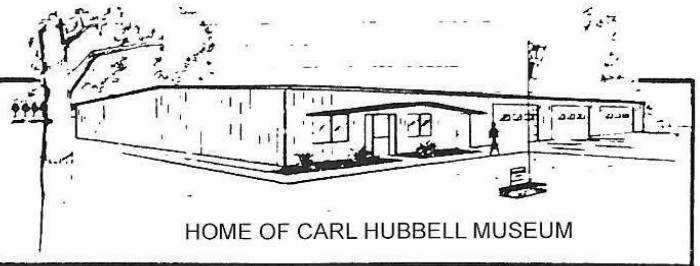
- Weber makes motion to approve seconded by Head. Weber, Head, Massey - yes motion passed.

## **Ordinance 26-005 For Animal Waste Removal Ordinance**

- Weber made a motion to adopt ordinance 26-005, seconded by Massey
- Yes: Weber, Massey, Head, motion passed.

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- Weber made a motion to adopt the emergency clause to enact ordinance immediately. Massey seconds motion.
  - Yes: Weber, Massey, Head, motion passed.

## **Ordinance number 25-26-008 Jail Fees to be equal with Lincoln County Jail**

- Massey made a motion for jail fees to be equal to Lincoln County Jail, seconded by Weber. Head – Yes. Motion carried.
- Weber made a motion to enact the emergency clause to ordinance 26-008 on jail fees. Head seconds. Massey – Yes. Motion carries.

## **Ordinance 26-006 Backflow Prevention Devices – Sewer System Ordinance** **Backflow Prevention Sewer Ordinance**

- **Backflow Prevention Sewer Ordinance**

Discussion was held regarding a proposed ordinance requiring backflow prevention devices in connection with the municipal sewer system, incorporating Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards, establishing installation requirements, and providing for inspection and maintenance.

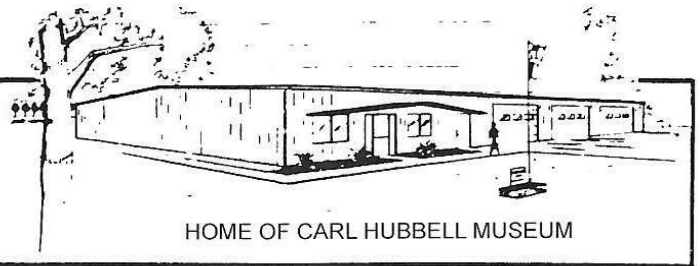
Trustee Head inquired about applicability to existing structures, specifically how the Town would determine where backflow risk exists and whether current properties would be required to comply. Discussion followed regarding whether existing structures should be grandfathered in, required to comply upon future improvements, or given a set timeframe for compliance.

Town Administrator Wilbourn stated the Board would need to determine whether to require upgrades only when work is performed on a property connected to the municipal sewer system or to establish a compliance deadline.

Dan Clay noted that sewer permits are issued for line replacements or improvements and recommended that any new construction, repairs, or replacements include installation of backflow prevention devices at that time. He further stated that requiring retroactive installation for all existing residences may not be practical.

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Consensus of the discussion indicated support for requiring backflow prevention devices for new construction and future sewer improvements, rather than mandating immediate compliance for all existing structures.

- Head makes motion to adopt ordinance 26-006, seconded by Weber. Massey – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Weber moves to enact the emergency clause for ordinance 25-26-006 Heads seconds, Massey – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Deposit Rates Clarification for Water, Sewer, Trash Ordinance**

This line item has already been taken up, for clarification purposes and introduction of the ordinance this was placed back on the agenda. Residential/Landlord deposit rate increased from \$75 to \$100 all others remain the same.

- Weber made a motion to **Adopt Ordinance 25-26-007**, seconded by Massey. Head – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Weber made a motion, seconded by Massey to enact the emergency clause for water, sewer and trash ordinance. Head - Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Department Reports**

Parks, Cemetery, Lake, Street and Museum- None

Fire Department – None

### **Department Reports – Police Department**

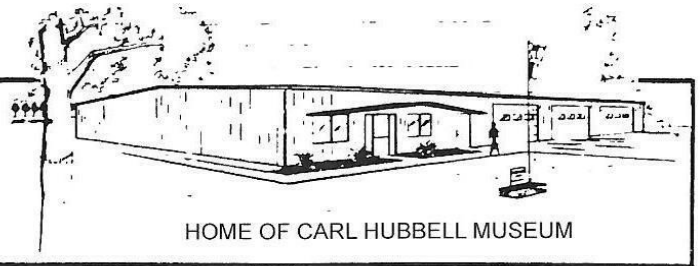
Mayor Weber provided remarks regarding recent observations of traffic safety concerns, citing multiple incidents in March and April involving drivers failing to yield, disregarding stop signs, and near accidents, including an instance where she was nearly struck while in a crosswalk. She emphasized increased unsafe driving behaviors, particularly at the four-way intersection.

Trustee Aaron Head echoed concerns regarding pedestrian safety, noting confusion at intersections and stating that vehicles are required to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Town Administrator Wilbourn addressed Chief Norton regarding traffic enforcement activity, referencing reports indicating a low number of citations issued and questioning whether the figures reflected the full reporting period. He noted that prior reports also showed consistently

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low citation numbers and emphasized the importance of ensuring traffic safety through adequate monitoring.

Chief Norton responded that he patrols the town frequently and observes relatively few violations during daytime hours, noting that most issues occur at night, including stop sign violations and DUI-related incidents.

Wilbourn acknowledged the Chief's observations but reiterated concerns about visible daytime violations, particularly during high-traffic periods such as before school, lunchtime, and after school. He emphasized that increased officer presence during these times may improve compliance and visibility, noting that drivers are less likely to violate traffic laws when officers are present.

Discussion followed regarding enforcement levels and visibility.

## **Grant Administrator Update**

The Grant Administrator reported that the Municipal Road Drilling Activity Fund (MRDAF) grant program has reopened. The Board was asked to provide direction on whether to proceed with an application for roadway repairs related to oil and gas activity. Additionally, guidance was requested on whether to approach the Lincoln County Commissioners regarding the potential contribution of the required 25% match. It was noted that a previous application for several intersections and roadways was not approved.

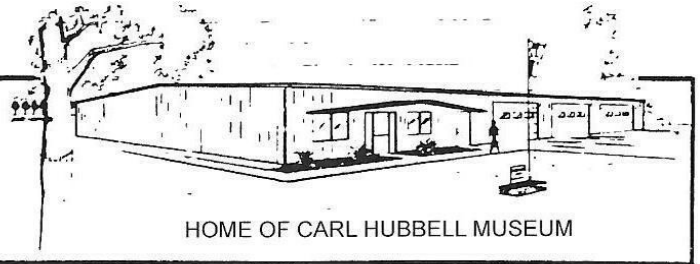
An update was also provided regarding TSET (TSET). The TSET Executive Director has resigned after long-term service, and interim leadership is currently in place. Pending state legislation was discussed that could impact TSET funding by reallocating a portion of its endowment to support higher education programs, which may ultimately be subject to a public vote.

It was further reported that TSET recently tabled decisions on Built Environment Grant awards, none of which had included small rural communities. The Grant Administrator plans to attend upcoming meetings to monitor developments and gather additional information. No new TSET grant opportunities have been released at this time, and future opportunities may be delayed due to anticipated organizational and legislative changes.

## **Town Administrator**

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The Town Administrator reported that mowing season has begun, and staff will be issuing notices for properties requiring maintenance. Additional staffing may be needed to assist with mowing and related duties.

Upcoming community events include the Fire Department barbecue and the citywide garage sales scheduled for Mother's Day weekend. Proceeds from the barbecue support the Fire Department Auxiliary.

The Citywide Cleanup event was successful, with dumpsters reaching approximately 90% capacity before closing early due to staffing limitations. Plans are to hold another cleanup event in November.

The Administrator reported that fire department skid units have not yet been returned but are expected soon.

- Head makes motion to Adjourn at 6:47, Weber seconds.
- **Vote:** Massey, Head, Weber – Yes. Motion passed unanimously

## MEEKER PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

**Immediately following Board of Trustees regular meeting**

**April 20, 2026**

**Meeting called to order at 6:48**

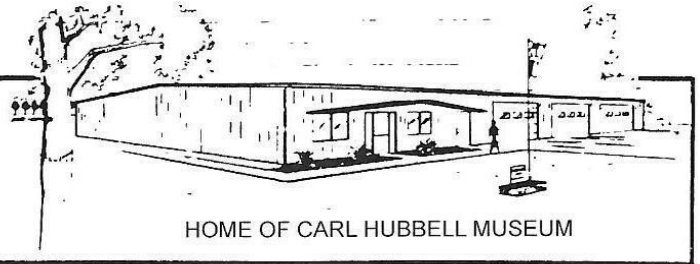
**Answering roll call;** Donna Weber, Aaron Head and Kenneth Massey.

**Absent:** Mike Orman, and Lanny Thompson

**Trash Service – Consideration of Eastside Waste**

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Discussion was held regarding transitioning trash service from the current provider (Central Disposal/GFL) to Eastside Waste. The Town Administrator reported ongoing communication issues with the current provider, including difficulty resolving service concerns and inconsistent direction to customers.

The proposed agreement with Eastside Waste was reviewed, including pricing, contract terms, and service details. Rates were noted to be generally comparable or lower than current pricing, with some services showing cost savings. Contract provisions discussed included a 12-month term with automatic renewal and a 90-day notice of non-renewal. The Town Attorney, Mr. Hodgens, confirmed that liability insurance requirements were appropriate and advised that the Town may have grounds to terminate the current contract due to potential breach.

Additional discussion included:

- Concerns regarding street wear from large trash trucks
  - Methods for improving tracking and accountability of residential trash containers
  - Confirmation that Eastside Waste can service the sewer plant roll-off dumpster
  - Availability of additional services for residents (e.g., limited-use dumping)
  - Inclusion of a non-assignable clause in the contract
- **Following lengthy discussion, Trustee Head made a motion to terminate service with GFL and approve Eastside Waste as the Town's new trash service provider. Trustee Massey seconded the motion.**

**Vote:** Massey, Head, Weber – Yes. Motion carried.

It is uncertain of a timeline when this change will be implemented.

## **Consent Agenda**

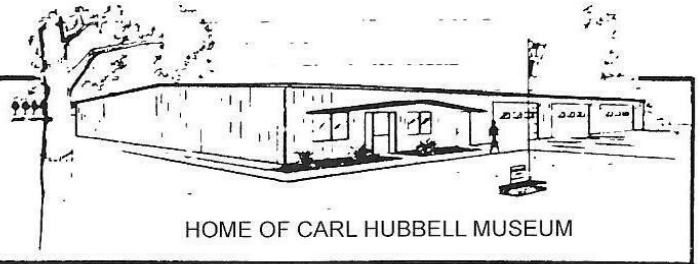
- Weber makes a motion, seconded by Head to approve of regular meeting minutes for March 16, 2026.

**Yes:** Weber, Head

**Abstains:** Massey. Motion carried.

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- Weber makes motion to approve special meeting minutes from March 25, 2026, seconded by Massey.

**Yes:** Weber, Head, Massey. Motion carried.

- Weber makes motion to receive open PWA PO's #03-01 through 03-25 totaling \$56,624.65 Massey seconds.

**Yes:** Weber, Head, Massey. Motion carried.

- Weber makes a motion for approval of Treasurer's Report information provided by Kimberly Haynes, Town Treasurer, seconded by Massey.

**Yes:** Weber, Head, Massey. Motion carried.

## **Executive Session**

- Weber made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:15, Head seconds.

**Yes:** Weber, Head, Massey. Motion carried.

- Weber made a motion at 7:42 to return to open session – Head seconds.

**Yes:** Weber, Head, Massey. Motion carried.

- Aaron Head made a motion to hire Dan Clay as a PWA water operator. Weber seconded the motion.

**Yes:** Weber, Head, Massey. Motion carried.

**Weber made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Massey.**

**Yes: Weber, Head, Massey. Meeting adjourned at 7:45**

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Kimberly Haynes, Town Clerk

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Donna Weber, Mayor