

TOWN OF MEEKER
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

A regular meeting of the Meeker Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Meeker City Hall, 510 W. Carl Hubbell Blvd, Meeker, OK.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Answering roll call were Donna Weber, Aaron Head, Lanny Thompson, Kenneth Massey

Not present: Mike Orman

Town Administrator: Jeff Wilbourn

Town Clerk: Kimberly Haynes

Aaron Head led the flag salute

Kenneth Massey led the council in prayer

Citizens' Participation

Citizens' participation began with a presentation by Generation Citizen students proposing a traffic light at a four-way crossing due to safety concerns, citing 243 cars daily and 44% of high schoolers off-campus during lunch. The council discussed the feasibility, with ODOT's potential survey and traffic records. Trustee Aaron Head praised the students' efforts and suggested further engagement. Mayor Weber also encouraged and complimented the youth.

Anthony Early identified himself as a Meeker teacher, coach, and bus driver. Mr. Early expressed concern over the recent bond vote, stating he believes its rejection extends beyond athletic facilities and reflects broader issues of long-term investment in students and the school. He cited concerns about misinformation and negative discourse surrounding the bond proposal, particularly on social media, and stated that the proposed cost was reasonable in his view. Mr. Early emphasized the importance of community responsibility in supporting schools, student opportunities, and future growth, and shared his perspective that continued lack of investment may contribute to student disengagement and families leaving the district. He concluded by stating that students deserve community support regardless of competitive success and encouraged the community to reflect on the message being sent to current and future generations.

Veronica Tessier addressed the Board and stated that her vote against the recent school bond was not due to a lack of support for students or Meeker Public Schools, but rather due to insufficient information being available prior to the election. She stated that she attempted to obtain additional information but did not receive timely responses.

Ms. Tessier expressed concern over messaging suggesting that individuals who voted against the bond do not support the school or its students, stating that such characterizations misrepresent her views and are inappropriate when conveyed to students.

Ms. Tessier stated that she values and supports the Meeker community and is open to alternative approaches to improving school facilities, including civic collaboration, fundraising, sponsorships, and exploring partnerships or land options near the school. She expressed willingness to seek private or corporate sponsorships through her professional connections.

Ms. Tessier stated that while a property tax increase could be part of a solution, she believes broader economic development and expansion of the tax base may be a more sustainable approach. She suggested increased community involvement efforts, including exploring opportunities for greater student engagement and community involvement with the Chamber of Commerce, with local business and civic organizations.

Town Administrator Jeff Wilbourn addressed the Board and stated that, in his opinion, no individual voted for or against the school bond out of a lack of support for students or the community. He emphasized that the bond election was a school matter and not within the City's authority, noting that the City had no role in the voting or promotion of the bond.

Mr. Wilbourn stated that citizens are entitled to vote as they choose, whether in favor of, against, or not at all, and that no one should be pressured, criticized, or judged for their vote. He expressed appreciation for public comments and emphasized the importance of respecting differing viewpoints.

Johnny Butler -

Mr. Johnny Butler, a Meeker alumnus and former resident, addressed the Board and expressed appreciation for the high level of public attendance. He emphasized the importance of inclusivity and alumni engagement as key factors in Meeker's growth and stated that increased involvement from former students can strengthen the community.

Mr. Butler commented that earlier communication regarding the school bond may have improved awareness and participation. He expressed support for student involvement and stated that projects such as the proposed track represented unity and opportunity for the town.

Mr. Butler concluded by encouraging continued alumni participation and civic engagement as a means to support Meeker's long-term growth.

Omni-Warn Siren 80/20 Grant

Administrator Wilbourn updated the Board on the siren project, stating that the installation company requires payment in full prior completing the work. He noted that the Board has already approved and accepted the terms of the grant. While the original approval reflected payment of the Town's 20% match, the Town will issue payment for the full project cost and will be reimbursed for the grant-funded portion upon completion

- Weber made a motion to approve the amount of the cost of the siren and installation, seconded by Massey
 - Yea: Thompson, Massey, Head, Weber. Motion carried.

OMAG Insurance Review

Administrator Wilbourn updated the Board regarding a recent insurance review meeting with OMAG, which he and Town Clerk Kimberly Haynes attended. He stated that this annual review is conducted to ensure all Town vehicles, buildings, and sites are accurately listed and properly insured.

Administrator Wilbourn reported that questions raised at the previous meeting were addressed, including coverage for both water towers. He confirmed that the old water tower, though currently out of service, is covered for liability purposes in accordance with state law, with a liability limit of \$75,000. He noted that this coverage cannot be increased, that the cost to maintain liability coverage is minimal, and that coverage would apply in the event of damage or removal. He further stated that the structure could potentially be restored to service in the future, subject to inspection and rehabilitation.

Administrator Wilbourn also reported that discrepancies were identified in the reported square footage and valuations of certain buildings, including the police department and library. He stated that he will remeasure these facilities and submit corrected square footage to OMAG for reevaluation. He further noted that OMAG policies include a 30% margin clause, allowing coverage up to 130% of the insured value, providing flexibility in property valuation.

Vehicle Surplus Declaration

Administrator Wilbourn presented the Board with a handwritten list of surplus vehicles, noting that copies were provided at each Board member's placement. Wilbourn explained that several vehicles on the list had previously been approved for surplus but had not yet been disposed of, and he requested that they be surplus again so all vehicles could be addressed collectively and removed.

Administrator Wilbourn reviewed the vehicles, including an inoperable fire engine located at Fire Station No. 2 with a failed transfer case and PTO, a Ford Explorer Sport Trac previously used for fire department training and now only suitable for scrap, a Chevrolet Impala formerly used by staff, a Chevrolet Kodiak truck with the tanker removed, a Dodge Dakota, and two older Chevrolet pickup trucks. He stated that VIN numbers are available for all vehicles except the fire engine, which he can obtain if required prior to surplus. He recommended that these vehicles be surplus and sold or disposed of through appropriate means.

Administrator Wilbourn also discussed a one-ton Dodge truck that remains operable and could still be used for hauling equipment and trailers. He recommended delaying surplus of this vehicle to allow time for minor repairs and continued use. He requested guidance from the Board on an appropriate timeframe, after which the vehicle could be surplus if repairs are not completed.

- Thompson made a motion, seconded by Massey, to surplus the first seven but the Dodge, 3500 we do not.
 - Yea: Thompson, Massey, Head, Weber. Motion carried.

3. Court and Jail Fines

Administrator Wilbourn addressed the Board regarding potential updates to court costs and jail fees and provided background information for discussion and possible action. He clarified that the item relates to court costs and jail fees, not traffic citations or ticket fines.

Administrator Wilbourn stated that under the current ordinance, the Town charges \$33.25 per day for inmate housing, while Lincoln County charges \$44.58 per day, resulting in a loss of \$11.33 per day per inmate. He reported that after consulting with the municipal judge, a jail fee of \$50.00 per day was recommended to ensure the Town remains covered in the event of future increases by the County.

Administrator Wilbourn also explained that the administrative court cost is built into tickets and is not a separate fine. He stated that the Town currently averages approximately \$59.00 per ticket, while comparable municipalities charge approximately \$85.00.

Administrator Wilbourn noted that specific dollar amounts were not included in the agenda in order to allow Board discussion and flexibility before determining whether changes should be made. He further stated that Court Clerk Jody provided supporting data and recommendations for the Board's consideration.

Administrator Wilbourn clarified that the administrative court cost is already built into each ticket and that any adjustment would increase the total amount assessed per citation. He

explained that under the proposed change, the average total court cost would increase from approximately \$159.00 to \$185.00 per ticket.

Administrator Wilbourn further explained that a portion of each ticket—approximately \$45.00—is remitted to the State of Oklahoma for mandated assessments, including OSBI, CLEET, forensic services, and other required fees. He stated that the intent of the proposed adjustment is not to generate profit, but to ensure the Town does not incur losses while administering court operations.

Board discussion followed regarding the purpose and impact of the proposed fee adjustments. A motion was then initiated to consider increasing court costs and associated fees.

- Massey made the motion to raise the court fines to \$85, and the jail fees would go to \$50. Seconded by Webber.
 - Yea: Thompson, Massey, Head, Weber. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda (A-C)

- (A) Approval of regular meeting minutes for January 21, 2025
- (B) Review of General PO # 26-01-through 01-41 through \$86,193.16
- (C) Approval of Treasurer’s Report provided by Treasurer, Kimberly Haynes

- **Weber made a motion, seconded by Head to accept items A through C**
 - Yea: Thompson, Massey, Head, Weber. Motion carried.

House Bill 1095 Update and Discussion Only

Administrator Wilbourn provided an informational update regarding HB 1095 and related research provided by Town Attorney Hodges. He stated that the material was presented for discussion only and that no action could be taken, as the item was not posted for a vote. He recommended placing the item on a future agenda, potentially in March, to allow time for additional review, research, and any necessary corrections.

Administrator Wilbourn summarized key provisions, noting that elected officials may carry a firearm without a concealed carry license within municipal buildings, but such authority does not extend to non-municipal facilities, including schools or federal buildings. He further explained that firearms are not permitted in the courtroom while court is in session. He stated that judges may carry in accordance with applicable licensing requirements.

Regarding municipal employees, Administrator Wilbourn noted that the statute requires City Council approval for any employee authorized to carry, upon recommendation of the Town Administrator. He stated that further review is needed regarding the appropriate process and that such matters may require discussion in executive session to ensure confidentiality.

This will be back on the agenda for the March Board meeting.

Department Reports

Library

Mayor Weber expressed appreciation to the community for the strong turnout and support of the Meeker Library’s 25th Anniversary celebration held on February 14. She noted that the event was well attended and highlighted the library’s 25 years of service to the community.

Fire Department

A report was presented reflecting a total of 54 calls for the reporting period. The calls were categorized by district and zone. The breakdown between fire and medical calls was not specified.

Police Department

The Police Department reported 89 calls for service during the reporting period. A total of 17 reports were taken, and 13 citations were issued. The department also reported a monetary seizure related to a 2019 case, with proceeds distributed among the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office, and the Meeker Police Department.

Parks / Cemetery / Lake / Streets / Museum

No additional reports were presented.

Administrator's Update

Administrator Wilbourn informed the Board of the passing of Mr. Mike McCormick, who had long served the community through the local newspaper, and expressed appreciation for his years of service to Meeker.

Administrator Wilbourn also reported the passing of Mr. Terry Moseley, a representative of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA), who had regularly coordinated motorcycle group activities at the lake. He stated that members of the organization met with him to confirm continued access to the lake, and that arrangements remain in place.

Administrator Wilbourn noted that the Board had already been updated on the TSET Community Garden project.

Administrator Wilbourn further advised the Board of upcoming legislative breakfasts, which will be held on Fridays at various locations, including Stroud, Davenport, Prague, and Wellston. He stated that there are approximately seven to eight events scheduled this year and that he will provide a list of dates and locations to Board members who are interested in attending.

No New Business

- Weber made a motion to adjourn at 7:06, seconded by Head
 - Yea: Thompson, Massey, Head, Weber. Motion carried.

MEEKER PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:07

Answering roll call were Donna Weber, Aaron Head, Lanny Thompson, Kenneth Massey

Not present: Mike Orman

OMAG Property Insurance

Administrator Wilbourn updated the Board regarding OMAG property insurance coverage for the Public Works Authority, stating that the coverage mirrors the Town's property insurance through 2027. He noted that the same information previously discussed for the Town also applies to PWA assets, including the PWA building and the sewer plant.

Public Works Authority Deposit Rates

The Board discussed the current utility deposit rates and whether adjustments should be made. PWA Clerk Jody Vaughn and Town Administrator Jeff Wilbourn explained the existing deposit structure and the reasoning for reviewing the current amounts.

Current deposit amounts were identified as follows:

- Owner deposit: \$75
- Renter deposit: \$150
- Business deposit: \$100

It was noted that the minimum monthly water bill is currently \$77.50. With the addition of a \$20 late fee, a delinquent account could total \$97.50, which exceeds the current \$75 owner deposit if a customer leaves without paying. The Board discussed increasing the deposit to better cover at least one month of service in the event of nonpayment.

A proposed increase to the owner residential deposit from \$75 to \$100 was discussed. Board members also discussed business deposits and expressed concern about increasing upfront costs for new businesses, noting that commercial water usage can vary significantly and may exceed any reasonable deposit amount.

- Motion: Weber made a motion, seconded by Massey, to approve increasing the owner residential deposit from \$75 to \$100.
 - Yea: Thompson, Massey, Head, WeberMotion carried.

During discussion, some confusion arose regarding the use of the terms “residential” and “owner” when referring to deposit categories. Mayor Weber requested that only the residential deposit increase be placed on the March agenda; however, for clarity, staff indicated that all deposit categories would be placed on the March agenda for further consideration, along with an emergency clause if applicable.

Consent Agenda (A-C)

- A) Approval of regular meeting minutes for January 20, 2026.
- B) Approval of PWA PO # 26-01-01 through 26-01-31 totaling \$45,690.04
- C) Approval of Treasurers Report information provided by Town Treasurer, Kimberly Haynes.
- Weber made a motion, seconded by Thompson to approve consent items A through C
 - Yea: Thompson, Massey, Head, Weber. Motion carried.

Adjourn

- Weber made a motion, seconded by Head to adjourn the meeting at 7:30
 - Yea: Thompson, Massey, Head, Weber. Motion carried.

Kimberly Haynes
Town Clerk

Donna Weber
Mayor