TOWN OF HOCHATOWN
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 15th, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
Hocha Town Hall - 101 Rock Oak Lane - Hochatown, OK 74728

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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The governing body may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, amend, strike, or continue any agenda item. When more information is needed to act on an item, the governing body may refer the matter to staff, attorney or to the recommending Board, Commission or Committee.

1. **Pledge to the Flag.**

   Led by Trustee Howard Haggard.

2. **Opening Prayer.**

   Led by Trustee Howard Haggard.

3. **Call to Order.**

   Who ordered: Mayor Chad Sargent
   Time: 1:01 p.m.

4. **Roll Call of Board of Trustees.**

Trustee Name	Present	Absent
Howard Haggard	Y	
Dian Jordan	Y	
Todd McDaniel	Y	
Chad Sargent	Y	
Brenda Walters	Y	

   A quorum was present.

5. **Recognition of Guests.**

   Mayor Chad Sargent recognized the guests and thanked them for their attendance.

6. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to approve the Fire Station Facilities Agreement between the Town of Hochatown and the McCurtain County Board of County Commissioners regarding the Town's occupancy, operation, maintenance, security, and use of the Hochatown Fire Station located at 9446 N. U.S. Highway 259, Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.**

   Town Attorney Liz George advised the Board that the McCurtain County Board of County Commissioners had approved the agreement and that the Town had received the signed copy for countersignature. She explained that the Town previously had an agreement regarding the fire vehicles, but not the facility itself. Because no active fire department board existed to insure the building, the agreement would allow the Town to occupy, operate, maintain, and insure the facility, protecting both the building and the community assets housed within it.

   Motion: To approve the Fire Station Facilities Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

   By: Howard Haggard

   Second: Todd McDaniel

   Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

   The motion carried.

7. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) regarding approval of the GPS Insight Fleet Essentials vehicle monitoring agreement for the purchase, installation, and activation of GPS fleet tracking equipment for fourteen (14) Town vehicles, including a one-time equipment cost of $700.00, annual fleet monitoring services in the amount of $3,687.60, shipping costs of $93.60.**

   Town Attorney Liz George presented an amendment to the agenda item, explaining that staff negotiated a one-year agreement rather than a three-year agreement. The revised one-time equipment and installation cost was $6,160.00, annual monitoring services remained $3,687.60, and the total first-year cost would be $9,847.60. She further explained that this agreement replaced a previously approved vendor due to poor customer service prior to implementation. Discussion followed regarding annual per-vehicle costs and future additions to the fleet.

   Motion: To approve the GPS Insight Fleet Essentials Agreement as amended, with a one-time equipment cost of $6,160.00, annual monitoring services of $3,687.60, shipping costs as presented, for a total first-year cost of $9,847.60.

   By: Brenda Walters

   Second: Chad Sargent

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

At this time Mayor Chad Sargent moved to agenda item 9.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to authorize the Hochatown Finance Committee and Town Treasurer to open a savings account with Raymond James and transfer up to Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000.00) into the account, with interest earned to be deposited monthly into the Town of Hochatown First Bank checking account.**

Motion: To authorize the Hochatown Finance Committee and Town Treasurer to open a savings account with Raymond James and transfer up to $3,000,000.00 into the account, with monthly interest to be deposited into the Town's First Bank checking account.

By: Dian Jordan

Second: Brenda Walters

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

9. **Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to convene into Executive Session as follows:**
   a. **Pursuant to Title 25 of Oklahoma Statute, § 307(B)(1), discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, demotion, promotion, disciplining, or resignation of Julie Arrieta, Kristopher Bearden, Blake Bennett, Karstin Boles, Garett Byrd, Douglas Copeland, Brady Fox, Lindsy Gammon, Gavin Garrett, Cody Gilbert, Ryan Gillham, Misty Green, Clay Hattabaugh, Nathen Koonce, Jason Ledet, Alexander Lindly, Aaron Marsh, Shiloh Martin, Justin Nethercott, Michael Olvera, Ryan Richardson, Zebulin Sims, Tayden Taylor, Adam Vossen, Austin Wheat, Joshua White, and Christopher Williamson.**
   b. **Pursuant to Title 25 of Oklahoma Statute, § 307(B)(3), for the purpose of discussing the sale, purchase, lease, acquisition, or appraisal of real property for the Town of Hochatown.**

Motion: To convene into Executive Session.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Todd McDaniel

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Time: 1:10 p.m.

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to approve the Town of Hochatown's Budget Amendment No. 27-1 transferring Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($600,000.00) from the General Government Capital Outlay account to the Hochatown Development Authority account.**

Motion: To approve Budget Amendment No. 27-1.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Brenda Walters

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to approve Budget Amendment No. 27-2 establishing a supplemental budget for the Hochatown Development Authority Fund in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($600,000.00) for capital outlay in anticipation of a capital asset purchase.**

Motion: To approve Budget Amendment No. 27-2.

By: Dian Jordan

Second: Chad Sargent

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

At this time Mayor Chad Sargent returned to agenda item 8.

12. Discussion and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) to reconvene in open session.

Motion: To reconvene in open session.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Brenda Walters

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	Vote
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Time: 3:19 p.m.

13. Statement of executive session minutes.

The Mayor Chad Sargent announced that the Board met in Executive Session for the purposes to:

a. Pursuant to Title 25 of Oklahoma Statute, § 307(B)(1), discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, demotion, promotion, disciplining, or resignation of Julie Arrieta, Kristopher Bearden, Blake Bennett, Karstin Boles, Garett Byrd, Douglas Copeland, Brady Fox, Lindsy Gammon, Gavin Garrett, Cody Gilbert, Ryan Gillham, Misty Green, Clay Hattabaugh, Nathen Koonce, Jason Ledet, Alexander Lindly, Aaron Marsh, Shiloh Martin, Justin Nethercott, Michael Olvera, Ryan Richardson, Zebulin Sims, Tayden Taylor, Adam Vossen, Austin Wheat, Joshua White, and Christopher Williamson.

b. Pursuant to Title 25 of Oklahoma Statute, § 307(B)(3), for the purpose of discussing the sale, purchase, lease, acquisition, or appraisal of real property for the Town of Hochatown.

No action was taken.

14. Discussion, consideration and possible action (approval, rejection, amendment, and/or postponement) on any discussion from Executive Session.

Motion: To adjust the hourly rate of Aaron Marsh to reflect his current position at $21.60 per hour.

By: Brenda Walters

Second: Howard Haggard

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	**Vote**
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

15. Discussion, consideration and possible action to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn.

By: Howard Haggard

Second: Chad Sargent

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Name	**Vote**
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y
Brenda Walters	Y

The motion carried.

Time: 3:24p.m.

Howard Haggard, Trustee

Dian Jordan, Trustee

Todd McDaniel, Trustee

Chad Sargent, Mayor

Brenda Walters

Brenda Walters, Trustee

Attest:

Julie Arrieta

Julie Arrieta, Town Clerk

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