

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 403

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to county purchasing; amending 19  
8 O.S. 2021, Sections 1501, as amended by Section 1,  
Chapter 94, O.S.L. 2022, and 1505, as amended by  
9 Section 3, Chapter 94, O.S.L. 2022 (19 O.S. Supp.  
10 2024, Sections 1501 and 1505), which relate to county  
11 purchasing agents and procedures; modifying duties of  
12 county purchasing agent related to bidders;  
establishing exceptions to certain requisition or  
purchase requirements; updating statutory language;  
updating statutory references; and providing an  
effective date.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 1501, as  
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 94, O.S.L. 2022 (19 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
17 Section 1501), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1501. A. The county purchasing agent:

19 1. Shall, within the amount of the unencumbered balance, make  
20 all purchases that are paid from county funds for the various  
21 institutions, departments, officers, and employees of the county,  
22 except at public auctions and as otherwise provided for by law;

1       2. May make purchases for political subdivisions of this state  
2 within the county if authorized by appropriate action of the  
3 governing board or body of the political subdivision affected;

4       3. Shall make purchases and rental or lease-purchase agreements  
5 only after following the bidding procedures as provided for by law,  
6 except:

7           a. when the purchase does not exceed Twenty-five Thousand  
8 Dollars (\$25,000.00) by department. All purchases  
9 made pursuant to this subparagraph shall be by a  
10 single purchase order. Splitting purchase orders  
11 which would result in paying an amount in excess of  
12 the limitations specified in this subparagraph is  
13 expressly prohibited. Any person convicted of  
14 violating the provisions of this subparagraph shall be  
15 guilty of a misdemeanor and such person shall forfeit  
16 the person's position or office,

17           b. when the total payments of a rental or lease-purchase  
18 agreement do not exceed the current bid limit as  
19 established in subparagraph a of this paragraph,

20           c. when articles and items are covered by single-source  
21 contracts,

22           d. service or maintenance contracts on equipment or  
23 machinery which are entered into at the time of the  
24 purchase of the equipment or machinery,

- 1           e. purchases made pursuant to a blanket purchase order as  
2           provided for in Section 310.8 of Title 62 of the  
3           Oklahoma Statutes,
- 4           f. when materials for road or bridge improvements do not  
5           exceed Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per yard or per ton,
- 6           g. purchases of fuel if the county purchasing agent  
7           obtains quotes from at least three vendors prior to  
8           the purchase and the lowest and best quote is  
9           selected. Documentation of these quotes shall be  
10          recorded in the permanent records of the clerk,
- 11          h. purchases of tools, apparatus, machinery, or equipment  
12          from a state agency or a political subdivision of the  
13          state as provided for in subsection C of Section 421.1  
14          of this title,
- 15          i. purchases of food for prisoners incarcerated in the  
16          county jail; provided, in counties having a population  
17          in excess of one hundred thousand (100,000) persons,  
18          the county purchasing agent shall follow bidding  
19          procedures as provided by law unless the county  
20          purchasing agent obtains quotes pursuant to the whole  
21          total of food items requisitioned prior to the  
22          purchase and the lowest and best quote is selected.  
23          Documentation of these quotes shall be recorded in the  
24          permanent records of the county clerk,

- j. when a county solicits bids for the purchase of processed native materials for road and bridge improvements, the county may accept all bids received, with the lowest and best bid from those accepted to be selected at the time of opening of any construction project. The selection of the bid shall be based upon availability, bid price, plus and transportation costs,
  - k. when a vendor has been selected as the lowest and best bidder to furnish a particular item or items to the county during a specified time period and in the event the vendor is unable to perform, the purchasing agent may ~~solicit telephone quotes for the item or items needed~~ select the next lowest and best bidder from the list of qualified bidders and provide for the purchase of the items at the lowest and best quote available.  
All vendors submitting bids for the specific product or service will be considered at or below the amount they bid,
  - l. when considering the purchase of an item or items from the state bid list as provided by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services or the General Services Administration, if the same exact item is available from a local vendor at or below the price

1                   listed on the state bid list or the General Services  
2                   Administration list, the item may be obtained from the  
3                   vendor,

- 4                   m. any item or items bid by the Office of Management and  
5                   Enterprise Services which may be purchased by the  
6                   county, provided the vendor is willing to supply the  
7                   item or items to the county at the bid price,  
8                   n. when a county obtains proceeds from the sale of its  
9                   property at a public auction, that county may use  
10                  those proceeds to acquire items previously identified  
11                  as needed by the county at the same public auction  
12                  pursuant to subsection D of Section 1505 of this  
13                  title,  
14                  o. when an item or items have been competitively bid by a  
15                  county, or on behalf of a group of counties, provided:  
16                   (1) the notice to bidders shall list each county  
17                   which may participate in the purchase of the item  
18                   or items being bid,  
19                   (2) the notice of bid is advertised, as provided by  
20                   law, in each of the counties which may  
21                   participate in the purchase of the item or items,  
22                   (3) all vendors on the list of qualified bidders of  
23                   each participating county who offer the item or

1                   items for sale received notice of the bid  
2                   request, and

3                 (4) the vendor awarded the bid is willing and able to  
4                   provide the item or items at the bid price,

5                 p. counties may participate in a nationwide purchasing  
6                   program sponsored by the national association  
7                   representing counties and local cooperative  
8                   procurement agreements entered into by the counties  
9                   and other local jurisdictions or any other  
10                  competitively bid nationwide purchasing program, or

11                q. when the Governor declares an emergency in a county,  
12                  the district attorney of that county shall have the  
13                  authority to temporarily waive competitive bidding  
14                  procedures for purchases that may expedite a response  
15                  to the emergency situation. This temporary waiver  
16                  shall be in addition to any powers exercised pursuant  
17                  to Section 683.11 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma  
18                  Statutes.

19               The purchases shall be paid by attaching properly itemized  
20               invoices, as described in Section 1505 of this title, to a purchase  
21               order which has been prepared by the county purchasing agent and  
22               submitting both to the county clerk for filing, encumbering, and  
23               consideration for payment by the board of county commissioners;

1       4. Shall not furnish any supplies, materials, equipment, or  
2 other articles, except upon receipt of a requisition signed by a  
3 county officer. Written requisitions will not be required for  
4 blanket purchase orders as provided for in Section 310.8 of Title 62  
5 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Each county officer may designate not  
6 more than two employees who also shall be authorized to sign  
7 requisitions in the absence of the county officer. A written  
8 designation of the employees shall be filed with the county clerk  
9 and shall be entered in the minutes of the board of county  
10 commissioners. The county may designate two individuals who are not  
11 county employees for each of the following entities within the  
12 county to act as receiving and requisitioning officers:

- 13           a. fire protection districts organized and operated  
14                   pursuant to the provisions of Sections 901.1 through  
15                   901.29 of this title,  
16           b. fire protection services established pursuant to the  
17                   provisions of Section 351 of this title,  
18           c. volunteer or full-time fire departments established  
19                   pursuant to Section 592 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma  
20                   Statutes, and  
21           d. municipal fire departments organized and operated  
22                   pursuant to the provisions of Sections 29-101 through  
23                   ~~29-108 and Sections 29-201 through 29-204~~ 29-115 of  
24                   Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1       A written designation of these individuals shall be filed with  
2 the county clerk and shall be entered in the minutes of the board of  
3 county commissioners meeting in which the designations are made.  
4 Further, entities described in subparagraphs a, b, c,l and d of this  
5 paragraph, choosing to have any nonemployee of the county designated  
6 as a receiving and requisitioning officer shall provide evidence of  
7 blanket bond coverage or employee dishonesty liability insurance for  
8 each such designee;

9       5. Shall make lease or lease-purchase agreements for road  
10 machinery and equipment if the county has adequate funds  
11 appropriated during any fiscal year for such purpose and only after  
12 following the bidding procedures as provided for in Section 1505 of  
13 this title. The term of any lease or lease-purchase agreement  
14 authorized pursuant to this paragraph may be for any period up to  
15 one (1) year; provided, the term shall not extend beyond the end of  
16 any fiscal year, with an option to renew such agreement subject to  
17 the requirement that adequate funds are appropriated during the  
18 fiscal year by the county for such purpose. The Office of the State  
19 Auditor and Inspector's Office Inspector shall be notified by the  
20 county of the terms and conditions of a lease or lease-purchase  
21 agreement authorized pursuant to this paragraph before any such  
22 agreement is made by the county purchasing agent; and  
23       6. Shall perform such other duties as may be delegated by the  
24 appointing authority or as may be provided for by law.

1       B. Each department of county government needing repairs to  
2 equipment, machinery, or vehicles shall make estimates and  
3 requisition a purchase order from the county purchasing agent for  
4 repairs not in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Repairs  
5 in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be submitted on  
6 a blanket purchase order as provided in Section 310.8 of Title 62 of  
7 the Oklahoma Statutes.

8       C. Each department of county government needing repairs to  
9 heavy equipment, meaning equipment in excess of ten thousand  
10 (10,000) pounds, shall make estimates and requisition a purchase  
11 order from the county purchasing agent for repairs not in excess of  
12 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). Repairs in excess of Thirty  
13 Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) shall be submitted on a blanket  
14 purchase order as provided in Section 310.8 of Title 62 of the  
15 Oklahoma Statutes.

16                   SECTION 2.       AMENDATORY       19 O.S. 2021, Section 1505, as  
17 amended by Section 3, Chapter 94, O.S.L. 2022 (19 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
18 Section 1505), is amended to read as follows:

19                   Section 1505. The following procedures shall be used by  
20 counties for the requisition, purchase, lease-purchase, rental, and  
21 receipt of supplies, materials, road and bridge construction  
22 services, equipment and information technology and telecommunication  
23 goods, and other services, except for professional services as  
24 defined in Section 803 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for the

1 maintenance, operation, and capital expenditures of county  
2 government unless otherwise provided for by law.

3       A. The procedure for requisitioning items for county offices  
4 shall be as follows:

5           1. The requesting department shall prepare a requisition form  
6 in triplicate. The requisition shall contain any specifications for  
7 an item as deemed necessary by the requesting department. The form  
8 shall be prescribed by the State Auditor and Inspector;

9           2. The requesting department shall retain a copy of the  
10 requisition and forward the original requisition and a copy to the  
11 county purchasing agent; and

12           3. Upon receipt of the requisition, the county purchasing  
13 agent, within two (2) working days, shall begin the bidding and  
14 purchasing process as provided for in this section. Nothing in this  
15 section shall prohibit the transfer of supplies, materials, or  
16 equipment between county departments upon a written agreement  
17 between county officers.

18       B. The bid procedure for selecting a vendor for the purchase,  
19 lease-purchase, or rental of supplies, materials, equipment, and  
20 ~~information technology and telecommunication goods and services used~~  
21 by a county shall be as follows:

22           1. The county purchasing agent shall request written  
23 recommendations from all county officers pertaining to needed or  
24 commonly used supplies, materials, road and bridge construction

1 services, equipment, and information technology and  
2 telecommunication goods and services. From such recommendations and  
3 available requisition, purchase, or inventory records, the county  
4 purchasing agent shall prepare a list of items needed or commonly  
5 used by county officers. The county purchasing agent shall request  
6 from the Purchasing Division or from the Information Services  
7 Division in the case of information technology and telecommunication  
8 goods and services of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
9 Services all contracts quoting the price the state is paying for the  
10 items. The county purchasing agent shall either request the  
11 Purchasing Division or the Information Services Division of the  
12 Office of Management and Enterprise Services, as applicable, to make  
13 the purchase for the county or the county purchasing agent shall  
14 solicit bids for unit prices on the items for periods of not to  
15 exceed twelve (12) months in the manner described in paragraph 2 of  
16 this subsection. If the county purchasing agent receives a  
17 requisition for an item for which the county purchasing agent does  
18 not have a current bid, the county purchasing agent shall request  
19 from the Purchasing Division or the Information Services Division of  
20 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, as applicable, all  
21 contracts quoting the price the state is paying for the item. The  
22 county purchasing agent shall either request the Purchasing Division  
23 or the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and  
24 Enterprise Services, as applicable, to make the purchase for the

1 county or the county purchasing agent shall solicit bids in the  
2 manner described in paragraph 2 of this subsection. Nothing in this  
3 paragraph shall prohibit bids from being taken on an item currently  
4 on a twelve-month bid list, at any time deemed necessary by the  
5 county purchasing agent. Whenever the county purchasing agent deems  
6 it necessary to take a bid on an item currently on a twelve-month  
7 bid list, the reason for the bid shall be entered into the minutes  
8 of the board of county commissioners;

9       2. Bids shall be solicited by mailing or emailing a notice to  
10 all persons or firms who have made a written request of the county  
11 purchasing agent that they be notified of such bid solicitation and  
12 to all other persons or firms who might reasonably be expected to  
13 submit bids. Notice of solicitation of bids shall also be published  
14 one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.  
15 Notices shall be mailed and published at least ten (10) days prior  
16 to the date on which the bids are opened. Proof of the mailing or  
17 emailing shall be made by the affidavit of the person mailing or  
18 emailing the request for bids and shall be made a part of the  
19 official records of the county purchasing agent. The notice shall  
20 specify whether the county will consider written bids, electronic  
21 bids, or both; the decision to exclusively consider either written  
22 bids or electronic bids shall be determined pursuant to an  
23 affirmative vote of the board of county commissioners. Whenever any  
24 prospective supplier or vendor dealing in or listing for sale any

1 particular item or article required to be purchased or acquired by  
2 sealed bids fails to enter or offer a sealed bid for three  
3 successive bid solicitations, the name of the supplier or vendor may  
4 be dropped from the mailing lists of the board of county  
5 commissioners;

6       3. The sealed bids received from vendors and the state contract  
7 price received from the applicable Division division of the Office  
8 of Management and Enterprise Services shall be given to the county  
9 clerk by the county purchasing agent. The county clerk shall  
10 forward the sealed bids and state contract price, if any, to the  
11 board of county commissioners;

12      4. The board of county commissioners, in an open meeting, shall  
13 open the sealed bids and compare them to the state contract price.  
14 The board of county commissioners shall select the lowest and best  
15 bid based upon, if applicable, the availability of material and  
16 transportation cost to the job site within thirty (30) days of the  
17 meeting. For any special item not included on the list of needed or  
18 commonly used items, the requisitioning official shall review the  
19 bids and submit a written recommendation to the board before final  
20 approval. The board of county commissioners shall keep a written  
21 record of the meeting as required by law, and any time the lowest  
22 bid was not considered to be the lowest and best bid, the reason for  
23 such conclusion shall be recorded. Whenever the board of county  
24 commissioners rejects the written recommendation of the

1 requisitioning official pertaining to a special item, the reasons  
2 for the rejection shall be entered in their minutes and stated in a  
3 letter to the requisitioning official and county purchasing agent;

4       5. The county purchasing agent shall notify the successful  
5 bidders and shall maintain a copy of the notification. The county  
6 purchasing agent shall prepare and maintain a vendors list  
7 specifying the successful bidders and shall notify each county  
8 officer of the list. The county purchasing agent may remove any  
9 vendor from such list who refuses to provide goods or services as  
10 provided by contract if the removal is authorized by the board of  
11 county commissioners. The county purchasing agent may make  
12 purchases from the ~~successful~~ remaining bidders for a price at or  
13 below the bid price. ~~If a vendor who is the low bidder cannot or~~  
~~will not sell goods or services as required by a county bid~~  
~~contract, the county purchasing agent may make a one-time purchase~~  
~~from the next lowest or best quote or take quotations as provided in~~  
~~paragraph 6 of this subsection; provided, however, such purchase~~  
~~does not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) as the~~  
~~amount specified in subparagraph a of paragraph 3 of subsection A of~~  
~~Section 1501 of this title; and~~

21       6. When bids have been solicited as provided for by law and no  
22 bids have been received, the procedure shall be as follows:

- 23           a. the county purchasing agent shall determine if  
24                   potential vendors are willing to commit to a firm

1                   price for a reduced period of time, and, if such is  
2                   the case, the bid procedure described in this  
3                   subsection shall be followed,

- 4                 b. if vendors are not willing to commit to a firm price  
5                   for a reduced period, the purchasing agent shall  
6                   solicit and record at least three quotes of current  
7                   prices available to the county and authorize the  
8                   purchase of goods or services based on the lowest and  
9                   best quote as it becomes necessary to acquire such  
10                  goods or services. The quotes shall be recorded on a  
11                  form prescribed by the State Auditor and Inspector and  
12                  shall be attached to the purchase order and filed with  
13                  the county clerk's copy of the purchase order. Any  
14                  time the lowest quote was not considered to be the  
15                  lowest and best quote, the reason for this conclusion  
16                  shall be recorded by the county purchasing agent and  
17                  transmitted to the county clerk, or

- 18                 c. if three quotes are not available, a memorandum to the  
19                  county clerk from the county purchasing agent shall  
20                  describe the basis upon which a purchase is  
21                  authorized. The memorandum shall state the reasons  
22                  why the price for such a purchase is the lowest and  
23                  best under the circumstances. The county clerk shall  
24                  then attach the memorandum to the county clerk's copy

of the purchase order and file both in the office of  
the county clerk.

C. After selection of a vendor, the procedure for the purchase, lease-purchase, or rental of supplies, materials, road and bridge construction services, equipment, and ~~information technology~~ and ~~telecommunication~~ goods and services used by a county shall be as follows:

1. The county purchasing agent shall prepare a purchase order in quadruplicate and submit it with a copy of the requisition to the county clerk;

2. The county clerk shall then encumber the amount stated on the purchase order and assign a sequential number to the purchase order;

3. If there is an unencumbered balance in the appropriation made for that purpose by the county excise board, the county clerk shall so certify in the following form:

"I hereby certify that the amount of this encumbrance has been entered against the designated appropriation accounts and that this encumbrance is within the authorized available balance of the appropriation.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

### County Clerk/Deputy

of County.".

1 In instances where it is impossible to ascertain the exact amount of  
2 the indebtedness sought to be incurred at the time of recording the  
3 encumbrance, an estimated amount may be used. No purchase order  
4 shall be valid unless signed by the county purchasing agent and  
5 certified by the county clerk; and

6       4. The county clerk shall file the original purchase order and  
7 return three copies to the county purchasing agent who shall file a  
8 copy, retain a copy for the county road and bridge inventory officer  
9 if the purchase order is for the purchase of equipment, supplies, or  
10 materials for the construction or maintenance of roads and bridges,  
11 and submit the other copy to the receiving officer of the requesting  
12 department.

13       D. 1. The procedure for the purchase of supplies, materials,  
14 equipment, and ~~information technology and telecommunication goods~~  
15 and services at public auction or by sealed bid to be used by a  
16 county shall be as follows:

- 17           a. the county purchasing agent shall prepare a purchase  
18              order in quadruplicate and submit it with a copy of  
19              the requisition to the county clerk,
- 20           b. the county clerk shall then encumber the amount stated  
21              on the purchase order and assign a sequential number  
22              to the purchase order,
- 23           c. if there is an unencumbered balance in the  
24              appropriation made for that purpose by the county

excise board, the county clerk shall so certify in the following form:

"I hereby certify that the amount of this encumbrance has been entered against the designated appropriation accounts and that this encumbrance is within the authorized available balance of the appropriation.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

### County Clerk/Deputy

of \_\_\_\_\_ County. ".

In instances where it is impossible to ascertain the exact amount of the indebtedness sought to be incurred at the time of recording the encumbrance, an estimated amount may be used. No purchase order shall be valid unless signed by the county purchasing agent and certified by the county clerk, and

- d. the county clerk shall file the original purchase order and return three copies to the county purchasing agent who shall file a copy, retain a copy for the county road and bridge inventory officer if the purchase order is for the purchase of equipment, supplies, or materials for the construction or maintenance of roads and bridges, and submit the other

1                   copy to the receiving officer of the requesting  
2                   department.

3       2. The procedure for the purchase of supplies, materials, and  
4                   equipment at a public auction when the purchase will be made with  
5                   the proceeds from the sale of county property at the same public  
6                   auction ~~are~~ is as follows:

- 7                   a. the purchasing agent shall cause such items being sold  
8                   to be appraised in the manner determined in Section  
9                   421.1 of this title,
- 10                  b. the county purchasing agent shall prepare a purchase  
11                   order in quadruplicate and submit it with a copy of  
12                   the requisition to the county clerk,
- 13                  c. the county clerk shall then encumber the amount of the  
14                   appraised value and any additional funds obligated by  
15                   the county on the purchase order and assign a  
16                   sequential number to the purchase order,
- 17                  d. the county clerk shall certify that the amount of the  
18                   encumbrance is equal to the appraised value of the  
19                   item being sold plus any additional funds obligated by  
20                   the county. In effect, the recording of the  
21                   encumbrance is an estimate that is authorized by law.  
22                   No purchase order shall be valid unless signed by the  
23                   county purchasing agent and certified by the county  
24                   clerk,

1                   e. the county clerk shall file the original purchase  
2                   order and return three copies to the county purchasing  
3                   agent who shall file a copy, retain a copy for the  
4                   county road and bridge inventory officer if the  
5                   purchase order is for the purchase of equipment,  
6                   supplies, or materials for the construction or  
7                   maintenance of roads and bridges, and submit the other  
8                   copy to the receiving officer of the requesting  
9                   department, and

10                  f. a purchase shall not be bid until such time that the  
11                  appraised item or items are sold. Any item or items  
12                  purchased shall not exceed the appraised value plus  
13                  any additional funds obligated by the county or the  
14                  actual selling price of the item or items, whichever  
15                  is the lesser amount.

16                  E. The procedure for the receipt of items shall be as follows:

17                  1. A receiving officer for the requesting department shall be  
18                  responsible for receiving all items delivered to that department;

19                  2. Upon the delivery of an item, the receiving officer shall  
20                  determine if a purchase order exists for the item being delivered;

21                  3. If no such purchase order has been provided, the receiving  
22                  officer shall refuse delivery of the item;

23                  4. If a purchase order is on file, the receiving officer shall  
24                  obtain a delivery ticket, bill of lading, or other delivery document

1 and compare it with the purchase order. If any item is back-  
2 ordered, the back order and estimated date of delivery shall be  
3 noted in the receiving report;

4       5. The receiving officer shall complete a receiving report in  
5 quadruplicate which shall state the quantity and quality of goods  
6 delivered. The receiving report form shall be prescribed by the  
7 State Auditor and Inspector. The person delivering the goods shall  
8 acknowledge the delivery by signature, noting the date and time;

9       6. The receiving officer shall file the original receiving  
10 report and submit:

- 11           a. a copy of the purchase order and a copy of the  
12                   receiving report to the county purchasing agent, and
- 13           b. a copy of the receiving report with the delivery  
14                   documentation to the county clerk;

15       7. The county purchasing agent shall file a copy of the  
16 purchase order and a copy of the receiving report;

17       8. Upon receipt of the original receiving report and the  
18 delivery documentation, the county clerk shall maintain a file until  
19 such time as an invoice is received from the vendor;

20       9. The invoice shall state the name and address of the vendor  
21 and must be sufficiently itemized to clearly describe each item  
22 purchased, the unit price when applicable, the number or volume of  
23 each item purchased, the total price, the total purchase price, and  
24 the date of the purchase;

1       10. Upon receipt of an invoice, the county clerk shall compare  
2 the following documents:

- 3           a. requisition,  
4           b. purchase order,  
5           c. invoice with noncollusion affidavit as required by  
6           law,  
7           d. receiving report, and  
8           e. delivery document.

9 The documents shall be available for public inspection during  
10 regular business hours; and

11       11. If the documents conform as to the quantity and quality of  
12 the items, the county clerk shall prepare a warrant for payment  
13 according to procedures provided for by law.

14       F. The following procedures are for the processing of purchase  
15 orders:

16       1. The purchasing agent shall be allowed up to three (3) days  
17 to process purchase orders to be presented to the board of county  
18 commissioners for consideration and payment. Nothing herein shall  
19 prevent the purchasing agent from processing or the board of county  
20 commissioners from consideration and payment of utilities, travel  
21 claims, and payroll claims;

22       2. The board of county commissioners shall consider the  
23 purchase orders so presented and act upon the purchase orders, by  
24 allowing in full or in part or by holding for further information or

1 disallowing the same. The disposition of purchase orders shall be  
2 indicated by the board of county commissioners, showing the amounts  
3 allowed or disallowed, and shall be signed by at least two members  
4 of the board of county commissioners. Any claim held over for  
5 further information shall be acted upon by allowing or disallowing  
6 same at any future meeting of the board held within seventy-five  
7 (75) days from the date of filing of the purchase order. Any  
8 purchase order not acted upon within the seventy-five (75) days from  
9 the date of filing shall be deemed to have been disallowed, but such  
10 disallowance shall not prevent the refiling of the purchase order at  
11 the proper time; and

12       3. Whenever any allowance, either in whole or in part, is made  
13 upon any purchase order presented to the board of county  
14 commissioners and is accepted by the person making the claim, such  
15 allowance shall be a full settlement of the entire purchase order  
16 and provided that the cashing of warrant shall be considered as  
17 acceptance by the claimant.

18       G. The procedure upon consumption or disposal of supplies,  
19 materials, or equipment shall be as follows:

20       1. For consumable road or bridge items or materials, a  
21 quarterly report of the road and bridge projects completed during  
22 such period shall be prepared and kept on file by the consuming  
23 department. The quarterly report may be prepared and kept  
24 electronically by the consuming department. The report shall

1 contain a record of the date, the place, and the purpose for the use  
2 of the road or bridge items or materials. For purposes of  
3 identifying county bridges, the board of county commissioners shall  
4 number each bridge subject to its jurisdiction; and

5       2. For disposal of all equipment and information technology and  
6 telecommunication goods which originally cost more than Five Hundred  
7 Dollars (\$500.00), resolution of disposal shall be submitted by the  
8 officer on a form prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor and  
9 ~~Inspector's Office~~ Inspector to the board of county commissioners.

10 The approval of the resolution of disposal shall be entered into the  
11 minutes of the board.

12       H. Inventory forms and reports shall be retained for not less  
13 than two (2) years after all audit requirements for the state and  
14 federal government have been fulfilled and after any pending  
15 litigation involving the forms and reports has been resolved.

16       I. The procedures provided for in this section shall not apply  
17 when a county officer certifies that an emergency exists requiring  
18 an immediate expenditure of funds. Such an expenditure of funds  
19 shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The county  
20 officer shall give the county purchasing agent a written explanation  
21 of the emergency. The county purchasing agent shall attach the  
22 written explanation to the purchase order. The purchases shall be  
23 paid by attaching a properly itemized invoice, as described in this  
24 section, to a purchase order which has been prepared by the county

1 purchasing agent and submitting them to the county clerk for filing,  
2 encumbering, and consideration for payment by the board of county  
3 commissioners.

4       J. The county purchasing agent may authorize county purchasing  
5 officers to make acquisitions through the state purchase card  
6 program as authorized by the State Purchasing Director in accordance  
7 with Section 85.5 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and defined  
8 in Section 85.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. ~~Purchase~~  
9 ~~cardholders~~ A purchase cardholder shall sign a purchase card  
10 agreement prior to becoming a cardholder and attend purchase card  
11 procedure training as required by the State Purchasing Director.  
12 Complete descriptions of purchases made by county government  
13 entities shall be published ~~through the state transparency portal~~  
14 ~~pursuant to Section 85.33B of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes,~~ and  
15 as warrants required to be published pursuant to Sections 444 and  
16 445 of this title.

17       K. Nothing in this section shall prohibit counties from  
18 providing material and/or services bids on the twelve-month bid list  
19 to all road and bridge projects and contracts. All non-road and  
20 bridge related construction contracts shall refer to subsection A of  
21 Section 103 of Title 61 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

22       SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
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