

Agenda: Jackson County Democrats

Date: January 15, 2026 ***Time:** 6:00 PM

Location:** Friendship Inn Restaurant, Altus, Oklahoma

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- Opening remarks by the Chair.
- Introduction of new guests and members.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Review and approval of the minutes from the **December 18, 2025**, meeting.

3. Officer Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Monthly financial update

4. Old Business & Action Item Review

Review of progress on tasks assigned during the December meeting:

- **Healthcare Candidate Research:** Report from the Secretary on the platforms of 2026 statewide and federal candidates.
- **Ag Fact Sheet Development:** Presentation by the Chair on the one-page summary regarding cattle production and grain export challenges.
- **Voter Education:** Status update on how to better engage new & younger voters.

5. New Business

- **Messaging Workshop: The "Walmart Pitch":**
 - Review 30-second scripts for community engagement on key party issues & candidates .
- **National Polling Deep Dive:** Executive Committee report on national healthcare talking points currently being "floated" and how they resonate locally.

6. Good of the Order

- Open floor for members to share community news, local concerns, or "good news" stories.

7. Adjournment

- Final announcements.
 - **Next Meeting:** February 19, 2026.
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Attachments

[DRAFT TO BE VOTED ON]

Jackson County Democrats - Meeting Minutes

Date: December 18th, 2025

Location: Friendship Inn Restaurant, Altus, Oklahoma 73521

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:04 pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at **6:05 pm**.

2. Roll Call

The Secretary conducted roll call and recorded the attendance of all members and guests present.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the **November 20th, 2025** meeting were reviewed. **Action:** The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Officer Reports

- **Chair/Treasurer Report:** A report was provided regarding the current financial standing and local party activities.

5. Old Business

The floor was opened for old business; no further items were brought forward from previous sessions.

6. New Business

- **Local Party Structure:** The committee reviewed current roles and precinct organization. Discussion focused on clarifying leadership goals and strengthening the local infrastructure heading into 2026.
- **Independent Voters:** A discussion was held regarding recent state party strategy and its impact on independent voters. Members analyzed what these developments mean for the 2026–2027 election cycles.

7. Good of the Order (Members' Time)

Members utilized this time to bring forward ideas and questions regarding community outreach and upcoming local concerns not otherwise listed on the agenda.

A. Healthcare Policy: Historical Trends & Future Research

The Secretary led a discussion on the historical progression of healthcare costs, noting that inflation and runaway expenses have been a persistent issue for decades without sufficient national leadership.

- Discussion Points: Members highlighted how the lack of a clear long-term strategy has led to the current “unaddressed” state of healthcare affordability.
- Consensus: The membership agreed to research healthcare platforms for all statewide and federal candidates. The group will also monitor national polling to identify which specific issues (e.g., the potential 2026 premium spikes due to expiring ACA tax credits) are being discussed by Congressional Democrats. While looking about what branches of government may be winnable by Democrats in 2026 & 2028.

B. Agriculture & Local Ranching Outreach

The group discussed significant concerns within the Jackson County agricultural community.

- Discussion Points: Specific focus was placed on current federal administration actions that have disrupted cattle production and grain exports.
- Strategy: The Chair suggested outreach to Young Farmers and local Farmers Markets as a high-potential recruitment option. The goal is to better communicate how Democratic leadership can offer stability and support to local producers.

C. Civic Engagement & Messaging

- Youth Outreach: Members noted the need for better educational resources to get younger voters involved in party operations and civic duties.
- The “Walmart Pitch”: The group discussed developing a concise “elevator pitch”—renamed the “Walmart Pitch” for the local context. The goal is to have a 30-second, thoughtful reason to suggest a candidate or recruit a member while waiting in line or engaging in casual community conversation.

8. Announcements

The results of any votes taken during the session were announced to the floor.

9. Adjournment

The date and time for the next meeting were discussed and agreed upon. The meeting was officially adjourned by the Chair at **7:04 pm**.
