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## JESSICA CLAYTON



Jessica Clayton serves as the Oklahoma County Manager, ensuring that county operations align with state laws and organizational goals with a focus on efficiency. She supervises the Board of County Commissioner department heads, including those in Engineering, Planning, IT, HR, Emergency Management, Benefits, Facilities, and the Oklahoma County Free Fair Association. Additionally, she manages contracts, budgets, and grants to implement the Board of County Commissioners' directives effectively. Previously, Clayton served as the Chief Deputy for Brian Maughan, Oklahoma County Commissioner for District 2. With over two decades of leadership experience, she has held executive positions such as President and CEO of Daily Living Centers, where she provided vital services for seniors and adults with disabilities, as well as executive roles at Mercy Health Foundation, First United Bank, and FirstBank. Clayton is an advocate for building strong relationships, strategic planning, and servant leadership. She leads with character, fosters growth, and positively influences organizational culture.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Commissioner Myles Davidson and the entire team at District 3 extend their warmest wishes to everyone for a happy and prosperous New Year. As we welcome the year ahead, we are grateful for the continued support, collaboration, and dedication of our community. May the coming year bring good health, new opportunities, and shared success as we work together to make District 3 an even stronger place for all.



## BOCC EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Please join us in congratulating to District 3's very own Kyle Jones for being named the BOCC Employee of the Month! Kyle is one of our foreman and constantly exemplifies leadership, professionalism, and dedication to maintaining safe and efficient roadways for our community. Kyle is always willing to step up and support his fellow team members.



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**BREAKING THE MYTH ON  
PROPERTY TAXES FUNDING  
ROADS AND HIGHWAYS**

## Oklahoma County Property Tax Dollar Breakdown

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Where do your tax dollars go?

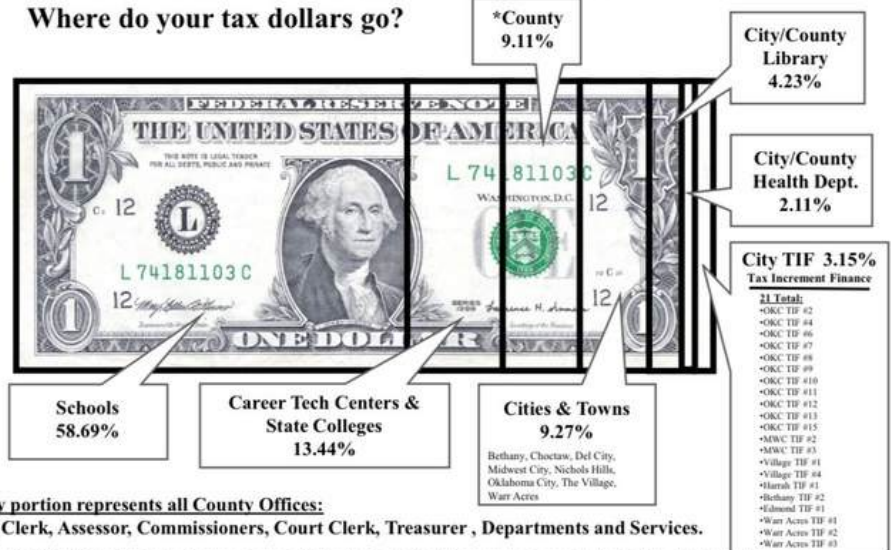
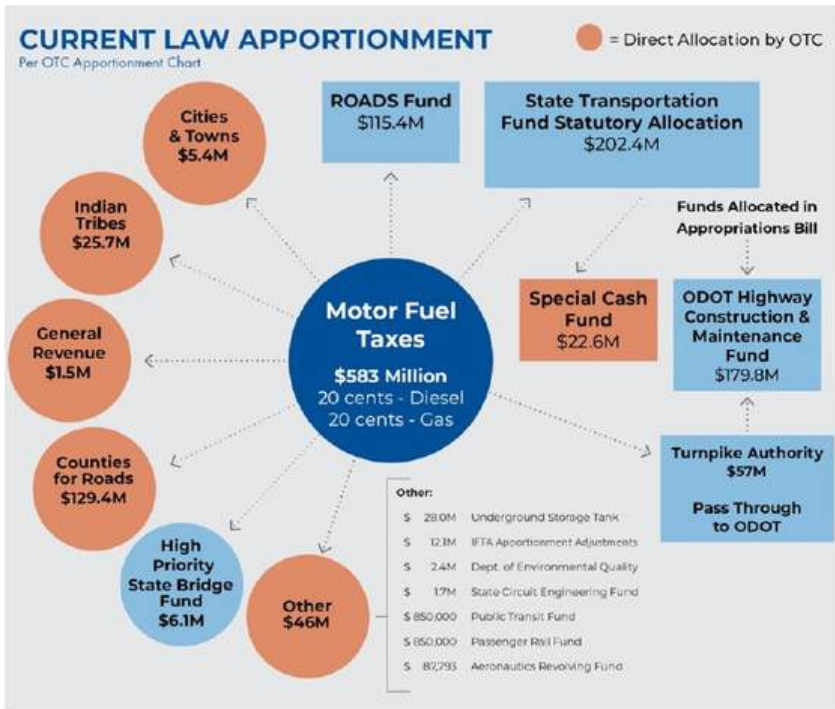


Figure 3 Oklahoma Apportionment of Motor Fuel Taxes - FY 2023



Source: Oklahoma Tax Commission Revenue and Apportionment Reports

## HOW ROAD REPAIRS ARE ACTUALLY FUNDED

Most road repair and maintenance funding in Oklahoma County and across the state doesn't come from property taxes. Instead, the main funding sources are:

- 1. State-Shared Highway Funds**  
The County Highway Fund – the primary source for county roads – is funded by state tax revenues like gasoline taxes, motor vehicle collections, special fuel taxes, and gross production taxes. These are apportioned to counties based on formulas that consider land area, road mileage, and population.
- 2. State and Federal Grants/Programs**  
Programs such as the County Improvements for Roads and Bridges (CIRB) and new state transportation funds provide money for county road and bridge projects. These funds come from state appropriations and federal transportation programs rather than property taxes.
- 3. Local Sales/Use Taxes (When Voted By Voters)**  
Some counties (and cities) can adopt local sales taxes dedicated to roads. These are separate from property taxes and must be approved by voters. A local sales tax might be proposed to help pay for roads and other county projects.



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## WINTER STORM FERN

Winter Storm Fern brought snow, ice, freezing rain and bitter cold across Oklahoma, creating hazardous travel conditions, vehicle crashes, infrastructure impacts and widespread public safety challenges. Emergency operations were activated statewide to coordinate response efforts, rescue stranded motorists and support affected residents. District 3 crews began planning several days in advance laying Ice Slicer, sand, etc. and worked around the clock once the storm hit to ensure that roads were as safe as possible for our residents. without complaint. We truly do have the best team at District 3!



### Ice Slicer Technology

Ice Slicer Treated



Not Treated





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## UPDATE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

### Community Funding and Project Overview: Key Grants, Loans, and Allocated Resources

Looking no Ahead: A Big Year for District 3

As we move into the coming year, District 3 is focused on one simple goal: building infrastructure that works better, lasts longer, and supports the growth we're already seeing across our communities

### Investing in Roads, Not Just Patching Them

This year, we're taking major steps to modernize two of the most important corridors in District 3. The County is actively applying for two federal BUILD grants to help fund large-scale boulevard projects:

- Waterloo Road – transforming this corridor into a safer, more efficient route that supports both local traffic and long-term economic development.
- Covell Road – improving capacity, drainage, and safety while preparing the roadway for future growth.

These grants are highly competitive, but they allow us to stretch local tax dollars further and bring federal investment directly back to our community. If awarded, these projects will reduce long-term maintenance costs and create roads designed to serve District 3 for decades.

### How We Pay for Roads (and Why It Matters)

Many residents ask how road projects are funded. Unlike cities, the County does not receive sales tax for roads. Instead, we rely primarily on fuel taxes and federal and state grants to maintain more than 1,200 miles of county roads and bridges. Of which, 43% are in D3 and 62% of the bridges are in D3

That means every dollar has to be used efficiently – and that's exactly what we've been working toward.

### Efficiency That Delivers Results

Since creating a dedicated position to manage infrastructure planning and project coordination, we've seen measurable improvements in how projects move from concept to construction.

"Creating this position has allowed the County to be more proactive instead of reactive. Projects are moving faster, coordination is stronger, and taxpayer dollars are being used more efficiently than ever before. The results speak for themselves."

This added capacity has already helped District 3 accelerate project timelines, improve contractor coordination, and better compete for federal funding opportunities.

### The Year Ahead

District 3 is growing, and with that growth comes responsibility. The coming year is about smart planning, strong partnerships, and building infrastructure that supports families, businesses, and first responders alike.

**We're not just fixing roads – we're building the foundation for the next generation of District 3.**



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## OKLAHOMA COUNTY DISTRICT 3- ROADS AND HIGHWAYS 2026 PLANS

There is never a shortage of things to do in District 3. We operate approximately 235 miles of county roads. As many of you know we are responsible for a wide range of activities including road maintenance and rebuilding, drainage, R/W maintenance and other activities on the county road right of way. Last year was extremely challenging and several planned projects were deferred because of emergency work which included fires and flooding.



### **A little about County Roads and Highway Budget**

Did you know the only funds available for road and bridge work comes from gasoline, diesel and motor vehicle taxes apportioned across the state? These funds are calculated by statutory formulas that include county road miles, area, population and estimated replacement costs for bridges. Oklahoma County does not use any property tax funds for roads and bridges and we don't have a sales tax in Oklahoma County. Currently Oklahoma has a 20 cents per gallon tax on gasoline and diesel. 4.8 and 3.8 cents per the 20 cents goes to roads and bridges. Oklahoma ranks 45<sup>th</sup> out of 50 for our fuel taxes. The average is 33 cents per gallon.

### **Coffee Creek- Bryant to Broadway**

This project is almost complete and I'm sure everyone is ready for us to be gone. We only lack striping which is scheduled for the first of February (earlier pending weather), shouldering, sodding and clean up.

### **County Line 178<sup>th</sup> to 192<sup>nd</sup>**

This project is a complete rebuild of this section of road. It includes drainage, base stabilization, paving, and striping. It is well under way as our crew is starting to work on the drainage ditches and brush along that stretch of road. This section of road is closed except local traffic. We anticipate this project to be completed sometime in March 2026 pending weather.

### **Westminster -Bridge south of Waterloo**

This section of Westminster Road remains closed. We were working with ODOT and the Federal Highway Commission to get funding for this bridge repair. After much discussion, it would be 2-4 years to receive funding from those sources. Therefore, Commissioner Davidson and I have decided to spend our own money to repair this section of highway. We have 3 bridge designs and are evaluating costs, timing and designs. Bridge construction for a prefab bridge takes 4-8 weeks and after we receive a delivery time, we will schedule construction so we hope to have a replacement installed by late spring 2026.



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## OKLAHOMA COUNTY DISTRICT 3- ROADS AND HIGHWAYS 2026 PLANS - CONT.

### Future Projects and information

We are also planning to move ahead with some work on Waterloo between Westminster and Anderson. We are not sure which section we will tackle first at this time but all of them need some work.

The bridge on Westminster close to State Hwy 66 in Arcadia is scheduled for a rebuild starting in mid-2026 so be prepared for a road closure at that location.

We are also working on a plan for County Line from Danforth to Covell with Piedmont. This is the last section of County Line that needs attention, so we are anxious to find funding as soon as possible.

We received a grant for Anderson Road between Hwy 66 and the Arcadia Town limits to rebuild this road for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we have located various cameras around critical areas of the county to monitor intersections, bridges, flood prone areas and construction projects. Pictures from these cameras can be accessed on the District 3 project map located on the District 3 website. It can be accessed by scanning this QR Code.



Our team is very busy working for our Oklahoma County residents, and we thank everyone for their patience as we try to improve the roads we travel. For more information, you can contact District D3 at (405) 713-2180.



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