

**WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
COUNTY COMMITTEE**

Resolution Censuring City Councilors regarding continuing use of ALPR Cameras

Whereas, the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution states, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized”;

Whereas, the Federal Courts have ruled that police cannot use surveillance data from drones, cell phones, or GPS trackers, because these “clearly violate society’s expectation of privacy” by “monitoring and cataloguing the whole of tens of thousands of individual’s movements over an extended period” and that using the data from Flock Cameras to pull over a citizen can be thrown out by a jury due to Fourth Amendment violations;

Whereas, our OKGOP Republican Platform states, “Our rights...are natural rights granted to us by God, protected by the Constitution, to be defended by our elected officials, even during a declared emergency”;

Whereas, It is the duty of Republican elected officials to uphold and advocate for policies that reflect the party's commitment to individual privacy and civil liberties and to protect and defend the Constitution, as they swore in their oath of office;

Whereas, two of our Republican city council members, Mayor Jim Curd Jr. (Ward 3), and Vice Mayor Trevor Dorsey (Ward 5) voted against allowing ALPR cameras to go to a vote of the people and instead voted to continue their use in the City of Bartlesville;

Whereas, the 2025 WCGOP County Convention directed the WCGOP to censure any local elected official who votes to use or continue the use of transportation surveillance, including but not limited to ALPR;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the County Committee of the Washington County GOP, that we censure the actions of Mayor Jim Curd Jr. (Ward 3), and Vice Mayor Trevor Dorsey (Ward 5) for ignoring the County Committee’s resolution opposing the use of this technology in our county and for failing to give the people a voice in this important matter.

Resolved, this resolution will be read into the minutes of the next city council meeting and published as a press release and sent via email to the WCGOP email list.