

WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Resolution Supporting Transparency and Broad Public Participation in Public Bond Elections

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Republican Party affirms the principles of limited government, fiscal responsibility, transparent government, protection of private property, and accountability to taxpayers, believing revenues collected by government should be efficiently used while keeping taxation as low as reasonably possible;

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Republican Party Platform supports transparency, public accountability, and informed citizens in matters involving public funds and education;

WHEREAS, Bartlesville Public Schools has requested voter authorization for approximately \$40.5 million in additional General Obligation Bonds while previously authorized bond authority remains unissued, and the election resolution authorizes bonds to be issued in one or more series and includes additional financing authority permitted under Oklahoma law;

WHEREAS, meaningful public participation is strengthened when citizens have timely access to the financial assumptions, analyses, and legal authorities underlying requests for long-term public indebtedness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Republican Party respectfully encourages Bartlesville Public Schools to make publicly available, before the August 25, 2026, election, the financial analyses supporting the proposed bond election, including:

Current constitutional debt percentage.

Projected debt capacity following future issuances.

Debt-service schedules.

Assessed valuation assumptions.

Projected sinking-fund millage.

The financial analysis supporting the statement that the proposal will result in “no increase in the tax rate.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Washington County Republican Party transmit this resolution to the Bartlesville Public Schools Board of Education no later than twenty-five (25) days before the August 25, 2026, election, requesting that the above information be made available for public review prior to voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Republican Party encourages state policymakers and local governmental entities, when practicable and consistent with Oklahoma law, to consider scheduling future bond elections in conjunction with regularly scheduled general elections to promote broad voter participation and strengthen public confidence in decisions involving long-term public indebtedness.

Adopted July 27, 2026.