

Oakland Cemetery Commission Minutes
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

The Russellville Oakland Cemetery Commission met for the monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by Commission Chairman Walter Hudson.

Attending in Person: Director Stephanie Warwick, Back-Up Director Claudia Kirk, Commission Chair Walter Hudson, Commission Vice-Chair Mary Schwartz, Commissioner Mindy Hudson, Commissioner Kathy Lumpkin, Commissioner Jami Mullen, Commission Secretary Steven Muha and City Council Liaison Justin Keller.

Director Warwick noted that a quorum was present.

Old Business:

1. First Item of Business was to review the Minutes from the December 16, 2025, meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Commissioner Kathy Lumpkin. The second was made by Commissioner Mindy Hudson. Motion approved.
2. Second Item of Business was to consider the Financial Report status update presented by Commission Vice-Chair Mary Schwartz as prepared by City Finance Director Brittany Baker. The current operating account balance is \$82,697.09. The Perpetual Care Fund account balance is \$266,067.87.
3. Third Item of Business was to receive an update from Director Stephanie Warwick on the overall current condition of Oakland Cemetery and reminder of spring workshop schedules. Director Warwick informed the board that another section of fencing along Detroit Ave has been damaged by an unknown perpetrator. Cost for repairs is estimated to be around \$1,500.00 to be completed on a date pending scheduling. It was noted that the recurrent damage by vehicles to the perimeter fencing reinforces the need for additional camera coverage in the future.

Director Warwick provided board members with a 2026 planning calendar and notice for workshops scheduled to occur in April and May 2026. Additionally, Director Warwick provided a list of additional supplies and equipment needed in support of workshops. A motion was made by Commission Vice-Chair Mary Schwartz to approve the purchase of items on the supply list for an amount up to \$1000.00. The second was made by Commissioner Kathy Lumpkin. Motion approved.

4. Fourth Item of Business was to open the floor to the Public to address any concerns / suggestions. No members of the Public were in attendance.

New Business:

1. The First Item of New Business was to open the floor to annual voting for officers on the Commission Board. Open positions included Commission Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Commission Secretary Steven Muha agreed to serve for another annual term in that position. Commission Vice-Chair Mary Schwartz agreed to step up into the Chairman position and Commissioner Kathy Lumpkin agreed to take over as Commission Vice-Chair. A motion to nominate and accept these changes was made by City Council Liaison Justin Keller. The second was made by Commissioner Jami Mullen. Motion approved.
2. Second Item of New Business was a Recap of 2025 accomplishments presented by Director Stephanie Warwick, as well as a review of potential new projects to add for 2026. Specifically discussed was the need for a ground test in the Mary Rye Campbell Addition to determine soil compaction and digging capabilities. Any significant hindrances to the ability to dig in this Addition may determine feasibility for future traditional graves space uses in this area, and lead to alternative methods for burials.
3. New Items not on the Agenda: Not discussed

Adjourned 5:51 pm - - Commission Chair Walter Hudson

Submitted - - Commission Secretary Steven Muha