1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION		
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA		
3	2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)		
4	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR		
5	HOUSE BILL NO. 3344 By: Sims of the House		
6	and		
7	Kidd of the Senate		
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10	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE		
11	An Act relating to counties and county officers; amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 1501, which relates to		
12	<pre>amending 19 0.3. 2021, Section 1301, which relates to duties of county purchasing agent; modifying dollar amount; adding requirements for heavy equipment repairs; amending 19 0.S. Section 1502, which relates to inventory system for county supplies, materials, and equipment; modifying inventory threshold; amending 19 0.S. 2021, Section 1505, which relates to procedure for requisition, purchase, and rental of supplies, materials and equipment; directing that counties specify in notice of what bids shall be received; and providing an effective date.</pre>		
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17	received, and providing an effective date.		
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:		
20	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 1501, is		
21	amended to read as follows:		
22	Section 1501. A. The county purchasing agent:		
23	1. Shall, within the amount of the unencumbered balance, make		
24	all purchases that are paid from county funds for the various		

institutions, departments, officers, and employees of the county,
 except at public auctions and as otherwise provided for by law;

3 2. May make purchases for political subdivisions of this state 4 within the county if authorized by appropriate action of the 5 governing board or body of the political subdivision affected;

3. Shall make purchases and rental or lease-purchase agreements
only after following the bidding procedures as provided for by law,
except:

9 a. when the purchase does not exceed Twenty-five Thousand 10 Dollars (\$25,000.00) by department. All purchases 11 made pursuant to this subparagraph shall be by a 12 single purchase order. Splitting purchase orders 13 which would result in paying an amount in excess of 14 the limitations specified in this subparagraph is 15 expressly prohibited. Any person convicted of 16 violating the provisions of this subparagraph shall be 17 quilty of a misdemeanor and such person shall forfeit 18 the person's position or office,

b. when the total payments of a rental or lease-purchase
agreement do not exceed the current bid limit as
established in subparagraph a of this paragraph,
c. when articles and items are covered by single-source
contracts,

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- d. service or maintenance contracts on equipment or
 machinery which are entered into at the time of the
 purchase of the equipment or machinery,
- e. purchases made pursuant to a blanket purchase order as
 provided for in Section 310.8 of Title 62 of the
 Oklahoma Statutes,
 - f. when materials for road or bridge improvements do not exceed Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per yard or per ton,
- 9 purchases of fuel if the county purchasing agent g. 10 obtains quotes from at least three vendors prior to 11 the purchase and the lowest and best quote is 12 selected. Documentation of these quotes shall be 13 recorded in the permanent records of the clerk, 14 purchases of tools, apparatus, machinery or equipment h. 15 from a state agency or a political subdivision of the
 - state as provided for in subsection C of Section 421.1 of this title,
- i. purchases of food for prisoners incarcerated in the
 county jail; provided, in counties having a population
 in excess of one hundred thousand (100,000) persons,
 the county purchasing agent shall follow bidding
 procedures as provided by law unless the county
 purchasing agent obtains quotes pursuant to the whole
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- 4 j. when a county solicits bids for the purchase of 5 processed native materials for road and bridge improvements, the county may accept all bids received, 6 7 with the lowest and best bid from those accepted to be selected at the time of opening of any construction 8 9 project. The selection of the bid shall be based upon 10 availability, bid price, plus transportation costs, 11 k. when a vendor has been selected as the lowest and best 12 bidder to furnish a particular item or items to the 13 county during a specified time period and in the event 14 the vendor is unable to perform, the purchasing agent 15 may solicit telephone quotes for the item or items 16 needed from the list of qualified bidders and provide 17 for the purchase of the items at the lowest and best 18 quote available,
- when considering the purchase of an item or items from
 the state bid list as provided by the Office of
 Management and Enterprise Services or the General
 Services Administration, if the same exact item is
 available from a local vendor at or below the price
 listed on the state bid list or the General Services

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1 Administration list, the item may be obtained from the vendor,

- any item or items bid by the Office of Management and m. Enterprise Services which may be purchased by the county, provided the vendor is willing to supply the item or items to the county at the bid price,
- 7 when a county obtains proceeds from the sale of its n. property at a public auction, that county may use 8 9 those proceeds to acquire items previously identified 10 as needed by the county at the same public auction 11 pursuant to subsection D of Section 1505 of this 12 title,
- when an item or items have been competitively bid by a 13 Ο. 14 county, or on behalf of a group of counties, provided:
 - the notice to bidders shall list each county (1)which may participate in the purchase of the item or items being bid,
 - the notice of bid is advertised, as provided by (2)law, in each of the counties which may participate in the purchase of the item or items, (3) all vendors on the list of qualified bidders of each participating county who offer the item or

request, and

items for sale received notice of the bid

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1 (4) the vendor awarded the bid is willing and able to 2 provide the item or items at the bid price, counties may participate in a nationwide purchasing 3 p. 4 program sponsored by the national association 5 representing counties and local cooperative procurement agreements entered into by the counties 6 7 and other local jurisdictions or any other competitively bid nationwide purchasing program, or 8 9 when the Governor declares an emergency in a county, q. 10 the district attorney of that county shall have the 11 authority to temporarily waive competitive bidding 12 procedures for purchases that may expedite a response 13 to the emergency situation. This temporary waiver 14 shall be in addition to any powers exercised pursuant 15 to Section 683.11 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma 16 Statutes.

The purchases shall be paid by attaching properly itemized invoices, as described in Section 1505 of this title, to a purchase order which has been prepared by the county purchasing agent and submitting both to the county clerk for filing, encumbering, and consideration for payment by the board of county commissioners;

4. Shall not furnish any supplies, materials, equipment, or
other articles, except upon receipt of a requisition signed by a
county officer. Written requisitions will not be required for

1 blanket purchase orders as provided for in Section 310.8 of Title 62 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Each county officer may designate not more than two employees who also shall be authorized to sign 3 4 requisitions in the absence of the county officer. A written 5 designation of the employees shall be filed with the county clerk 6 and shall be entered in the minutes of the board of county 7 commissioners. The county may designate two individuals who are not 8 county employees for each of the following entities within the 9 county to act as receiving and requisitioning officers:

- a. fire protection districts organized and operated
 pursuant to the provisions of Sections 901.1 through
 901.29 of this title,
- b. fire protection services established pursuant to the
 provisions of Section 351 of this title,
- c. volunteer or full-time fire departments established
 pursuant to Section 592 of Title 18 of the Oklahoma
 Statutes, and
- 18 d. municipal fire departments organized and operated
 19 pursuant to the provisions of Sections 29-101 through
 20 29-108 and Sections 29-201 through 29-204 of Title 11
 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

A written designation of these individuals shall be filed with the county clerk and shall be entered in the minutes of the board of county commissioners meeting in which the designations are made. Further, entities described in subparagraphs a, b, c and d of this paragraph, choosing to have any nonemployee of the county designated as a receiving and requisitioning officer shall provide evidence of blanket bond coverage or employee dishonesty liability insurance for each such designee;

6 5. Shall make lease or lease-purchase agreements for road 7 machinery and equipment if the county has adequate funds appropriated during any fiscal year for such purpose and only after 8 9 following the bidding procedures as provided for in Section 1505 of 10 this title. The term of any lease or lease-purchase agreement 11 authorized pursuant to this paragraph may be for any period up to 12 one (1) year; provided, the term shall not extend beyond the end of any fiscal year, with an option to renew such agreement subject to 13 14 the requirement that adequate funds are appropriated during the 15 fiscal year by the county for such purpose. The State Auditor and 16 Inspector's office shall be notified by the county of the terms and 17 conditions of a lease or lease-purchase agreement authorized 18 pursuant to this paragraph before any such agreement is made by the 19 county purchasing agent; and

20 6. Shall perform such other duties as may be delegated by the21 appointing authority or as may be provided for by law.

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requisition a purchase order from the county purchasing agent for

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(2) supplies and materials of a county purchased in lots of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or more for use in the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges.

8 Such person shall be the county road and bridge inventory officer. 9 2. a. In counties having a county budget board created 10 pursuant to Section 1402 et seq. of this title, said 11 board may, upon an affirmative vote of a majority of 12 all the board members then in office, appoint a county 13 road and bridge inventory officer who shall be 14 employed by the county and shall have such duties as 15 are provided in subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 1 16 of this subsection. In the event the board does not 17 appoint a county road and bridge inventory officer the 18 board of county commissioners or designee shall be the 19 county road and bridge inventory officer. The 20 appointed county road and bridge inventory officer 21 shall be under the general supervision and direction 22 of the appointing authority.

b. The appointed county road and bridge inventory officer shall be authorized necessary assistants to carry out

the duties and responsibilities provided by law and as may be delegated by the appointing authority.
Provided, the employment of such assistants shall be upon the approval of the appointing authority. The salary of the county road and bridge inventory officer and assistants shall be fixed by the appointing authority.

The appointed county road and bridge inventory officer 8 с. 9 shall, at the expense of the county, be authorized 10 adequate office space, furnishings, equipment and 11 supplies to carry out the duties and responsibilities 12 of the county road and bridge inventory officer as 13 provided by law and as may be delegated by the 14 appointing authority. Provided, the acquisition of 15 such furnishings, equipment and supplies shall be upon 16 the approval of the appointing authority and the 17 acquisition of office space shall be upon the approval 18 of the board of county commissioners.

B. The board of county commissioners shall:

Prescribe a uniform identification system for all supplies,
 materials, equipment and information technology and
 telecommunication goods of a county not used in the construction and
 maintenance of roads and bridges; and

24 2. Create and administer an inventory system for all:

1a. equipment, information technology and2telecommunication goods of a county having an original3cost of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) Two Thousand4Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or more and not used5in the construction and maintenance of roads and6bridges, and

b. <u>information technology hardware and software of a</u>
 <u>county having an original cost of Five Hundred Dollars</u>
 <u>(\$500.00) or more and not used in the construction and</u>
 maintenance of roads and bridges, and

<u>c.</u> supplies and materials of a county purchased in lots
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 <u>Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)</u> or more and not used in
 the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges.
 The board of county commissioners may designate an employee of that

16 office to administer such inventory system.

17 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 1505, is
18 amended to read as follows:

Section 1505. The following procedures shall be used by
counties for the requisition, purchase, lease-purchase, rental, and
receipt of supplies, materials, road and bridge construction
services, equipment and information technology and telecommunication
goods and services for the maintenance, operation, and capital

expenditures of county government unless otherwise provided for by
 law.

3 A. The procedure for requisitioning items for county offices4 shall be as follows:

The requesting department shall prepare a requisition form
 in triplicate. The requisition shall contain any specifications for
 an item as deemed necessary by the requesting department. The form
 shall be prescribed by the State Auditor and Inspector;

9 2. The requesting department shall retain a copy of the 10 requisition and forward the original requisition and a copy to the 11 county purchasing agent; and

3. Upon receipt of the requisition, the county purchasing agent, within two (2) working days, shall begin the bidding and purchasing process as provided for in this section. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the transfer of supplies, materials, or equipment between county departments upon a written agreement between county officers.

B. The bid procedure for selecting a vendor for the purchase, lease-purchase, or rental of supplies, materials, equipment and information technology and telecommunication goods and services used by a county shall be as follows:

The county purchasing agent shall request written
 recommendations from all county officers pertaining to needed or
 commonly used supplies, materials, road and bridge construction

1 services, equipment and information technology and telecommunication 2 goods and services. From such recommendations and available requisition, purchase, or inventory records, the county purchasing 3 4 agent shall prepare a list of items needed or commonly used by 5 county officers. The county purchasing agent shall request from the Purchasing Division or from the Information Services Division in the 6 7 case of information technology and telecommunication goods and 8 services of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services all 9 contracts quoting the price the state is paying for the items. The 10 county purchasing agent shall either request the Purchasing Division 11 or the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and 12 Enterprise Services, as applicable, to make the purchase for the 13 county or the county purchasing agent shall solicit bids for unit 14 prices on the items for periods of not to exceed twelve (12) months 15 in the manner described in paragraph 2 of this subsection. If the 16 county purchasing agent receives a requisition for an item for which 17 the county purchasing agent does not have a current bid, the county 18 purchasing agent shall request from the Purchasing Division or the Information Services Division of the Office of Management and 19 20 Enterprise Services, as applicable, all contracts quoting the price 21 the state is paying for the item. The county purchasing agent shall 22 either request the Purchasing Division or the Information Services 23 Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, as 24 applicable, to make the purchase for the county or the county

1 purchasing agent shall solicit bids in the manner described in 2 paragraph 2 of this subsection. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit bids from being taken on an item currently on a twelve-3 4 month bid list, at any time deemed necessary by the county 5 purchasing agent. Whenever the county purchasing agent deems it necessary to take a bid on an item currently on a twelve-month bid 6 7 list, the reason for the bid shall be entered into the minutes of 8 the board of county commissioners;

9 2. Bids shall be solicited by mailing or emailing a notice to all persons or firms who have made a written request of the county 10 11 purchasing agent that they be notified of such bid solicitation and 12 to all other persons or firms who might reasonably be expected to 13 submit bids. Notice of solicitation of bids shall also be published 14 one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. 15 Notices shall be mailed and published at least ten (10) days prior 16 to the date on which the bids are opened. Proof of the mailing or 17 emailing shall be made by the affidavit of the person mailing or 18 emailing the request for bids and shall be made a part of the 19 official records of the county purchasing agent. The notice shall 20 specify whether the county will consider written bids, electronic 21 bids, or both; the decision to exclusively consider either written 22 bids or electronic bids shall be determined pursuant to an 23 affirmative vote of the board of county commissioners. Whenever any 24 prospective supplier or vendor dealing in or listing for sale any

particular item or article required to be purchased or acquired by sealed bids fails to enter or offer a sealed bid for three successive bid solicitations, the name of the supplier or vendor may be dropped from the mailing lists of the board of county commissioners;

3. The sealed bids received from vendors and the state contract
price received from the applicable Division of the Office of
Management and Enterprise Services shall be given to the county
clerk by the county purchasing agent. The county clerk shall
forward the sealed bids and state contract price, if any, to the
board of county commissioners;

12 4. The board of county commissioners, in an open meeting, shall 13 open the sealed bids and compare them to the state contract price. 14 The board of county commissioners shall select the lowest and best 15 bid based upon, if applicable, the availability of material and 16 transportation cost to the job site within thirty (30) days of the 17 meeting. For any special item not included on the list of needed or 18 commonly used items, the requisitioning official shall review the 19 bids and submit a written recommendation to the board before final 20 approval. The board of county commissioners shall keep a written 21 record of the meeting as required by law, and any time the lowest 22 bid was not considered to be the lowest and best bid, the reason for 23 such conclusion shall be recorded. Whenever the board of county 24 commissioners rejects the written recommendation of the

requisitioning official pertaining to a special item, the reasons
 for the rejection shall be entered in their minutes and stated in a
 letter to the requisitioning official and county purchasing agent;

4 5. The county purchasing agent shall notify the successful 5 bidders and shall maintain a copy of the notification. The county purchasing agent shall prepare and maintain a vendors list 6 7 specifying the successful bidders and shall notify each county 8 officer of the list. The county purchasing agent may remove any 9 vendor from such list who refuses to provide goods or services as 10 provided by contract if the removal is authorized by the board of 11 county commissioners. The county purchasing agent may make 12 purchases from the successful bidders for a price at or below the 13 bid price. If a vendor who is the low bidder cannot or will not 14 sell goods or services as required by a county bid contract, the 15 county purchasing agent may make a one-time purchase from the next 16 lowest or best quote or take quotations as provided in paragraph 6 17 of this subsection; provided, however, such purchase does not exceed 18 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) as the amount specified in 19 subparagraph a of paragraph 3 of subsection A of Section 1501 of 20 this title; and

6. When bids have been solicited as provided for by law and no bids have been received, the procedure shall be as follows:

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 a. the county purchasing agent shall determine if potential vendors are willing to commit to a firm price for a reduced period of time, and, if such is the case, the bid procedure described in this subsection shall be followed,

4 b. if vendors are not willing to commit to a firm price 5 for a reduced period, the purchasing agent shall solicit and record at least three quotes of current 6 7 prices available to the county and authorize the purchase of goods or services based on the lowest and 8 9 best quote as it becomes necessary to acquire such 10 goods or services. The quotes shall be recorded on a form prescribed by the State Auditor and Inspector and 11 12 shall be attached to the purchase order and filed with 13 the county clerk's copy of the purchase order. Any 14 time the lowest quote was not considered to be the 15 lowest and best quote, the reason for this conclusion 16 shall be recorded by the county purchasing agent and 17 transmitted to the county clerk, or

18 if three quotes are not available, a memorandum to the с. 19 county clerk from the county purchasing agent shall 20 describe the basis upon which a purchase is 21 The memorandum shall state the reasons authorized. 22 why the price for such a purchase is the lowest and 23 best under the circumstances. The county clerk shall 24 then attach the memorandum to the county clerk's copy

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1 of the purchase order and file both in the office of 2 the county clerk.

C. After selection of a vendor, the procedure for the purchase, lease-purchase, or rental of supplies, materials, road and bridge construction services, equipment and information technology and telecommunication goods and services used by a county shall be as follows:

8 1. The county purchasing agent shall prepare a purchase order
9 in quadruplicate and submit it with a copy of the requisition to the
10 county clerk;

11 2. The county clerk shall then encumber the amount stated on 12 the purchase order and assign a sequential number to the purchase 13 order;

14 3. If there is an unencumbered balance in the appropriation 15 made for that purpose by the county excise board, the county clerk 16 shall so certify in the following form:

17 "I hereby certify that the amount of this encumbrance has been 18 entered against the designated appropriation accounts and that this 19 encumbrance is within the authorized available balance of the 20 appropriation.

21	Dated this day of	, 20
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23	County Clerk/Deputy	
24	of	County."

In instances where it is impossible to ascertain the exact amount of the indebtedness sought to be incurred at the time of recording the encumbrance, an estimated amount may be used. No purchase order shall be valid unless signed by the county purchasing agent and certified by the county clerk; and

6 4. The county clerk shall file the original purchase order and 7 return three copies to the county purchasing agent who shall file a 8 copy, retain a copy for the county road and bridge inventory officer 9 if the purchase order is for the purchase of equipment, supplies, or 10 materials for the construction or maintenance of roads and bridges, 11 and submit the other copy to the receiving officer of the requesting 12 department.

D. 1. The procedure for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment and information technology and telecommunication goods and services at public auction or by sealed bid to be used by a county shall be as follows:

a. the county purchasing agent shall prepare a purchase
order in quadruplicate and submit it with a copy of
the requisition to the county clerk,

20 b. the county clerk shall then encumber the amount stated 21 on the purchase order and assign a sequential number 22 to the purchase order,

c. if there is an unencumbered balance in the appropriation made for that purpose by the county

1		excise board, the county clerk shall so certify in the
2		following form:
3		"I hereby certify that the amount of this encumbrance
4		has been entered against the designated appropriation
5		accounts and that this encumbrance is within the
6		authorized available balance of the appropriation.
7		Dated this day of, 20
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9		County Clerk/Deputy
10		of County."
11		In instances where it is impossible to ascertain the
12		exact amount of the indebtedness sought to be incurred
13		at the time of recording the encumbrance, an estimated
14		amount may be used. No purchase order shall be valid
15		unless signed by the county purchasing agent and
16		certified by the county clerk, and
17	d.	the county clerk shall file the original purchase
18		order and return three copies to the county purchasing
19		agent who shall file a copy, retain a copy for the
20		county road and bridge inventory officer if the
21		purchase order is for the purchase of equipment,
22		supplies, or materials for the construction or
23		maintenance of roads and bridges, and submit the other
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1 copy to the receiving officer of the requesting 2 department. The procedure for the purchase of supplies, materials and 3 2. 4 equipment at a public auction when the purchase will be made with 5 the proceeds from the sale of county property at the same public 6 auction are as follows: 7 the purchasing agent shall cause such items being sold a. to be appraised in the manner determined in Section 8 9 421.1 of this title, 10 the county purchasing agent shall prepare a purchase b. 11 order in quadruplicate and submit it with a copy of 12 the requisition to the county clerk, 13 с. the county clerk shall then encumber the amount of the 14 appraised value and any additional funds obligated by 15 the county on the purchase order and assign a 16 sequential number to the purchase order, 17 d. the county clerk shall certify that the amount of the 18 encumbrance is equal to the appraised value of the 19 item being sold plus any additional funds obligated by 20 the county. In effect the recording of the 21 encumbrance is an estimate that is authorized by law. 22 No purchase order shall be valid unless signed by the 23 county purchasing agent and certified by the county 24 clerk,

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1 the county clerk shall file the original purchase e. 2 order and return three copies to the county purchasing agent who shall file a copy, retain a copy for the 3 4 county road and bridge inventory officer if the 5 purchase order is for the purchase of equipment, 6 supplies or materials for the construction or 7 maintenance of roads and bridges, and submit the other copy to the receiving officer of the requesting 8 9 department, and

10 f. a purchase shall not be bid until such time that the 11 appraised item or items are sold. Any item or items 12 purchased shall not exceed the appraised value plus 13 any additional funds obligated by the county or the 14 actual selling price of the item or items, whichever 15 is the lesser amount.

E. The procedure for the receipt of items shall be as follows:
1. A receiving officer for the requesting department shall be
responsible for receiving all items delivered to that department;

Upon the delivery of an item, the receiving officer shall
 determine if a purchase order exists for the item being delivered;
 3. If no such purchase order has been provided, the receiving
 officer shall refuse delivery of the item;

4. If a purchase order is on file, the receiving officer shall
obtain a delivery ticket, bill of lading, or other delivery document

1 and compare it with the purchase order. If any item is back-2 ordered, the back order and estimated date of delivery shall be 3 noted in the receiving report;

4 5. The receiving officer shall complete a receiving report in 5 quadruplicate which shall state the quantity and quality of goods The receiving report form shall be prescribed by the 6 delivered. 7 State Auditor and Inspector. The person delivering the goods shall acknowledge the delivery by signature, noting the date and time; 8 9 6. The receiving officer shall file the original receiving report and submit: 10

a. a copy of the purchase order and a copy of the
receiving report to the county purchasing agent, and
b. a copy of the receiving report with the delivery
documentation to the county clerk;

15 7. The county purchasing agent shall file a copy of the16 purchase order and a copy of the receiving report;

17 8. Upon receipt of the original receiving report and the 18 delivery documentation, the county clerk shall maintain a file until 19 such time as an invoice is received from the vendor;

9. The invoice shall state the name and address of the vendor and must be sufficiently itemized to clearly describe each item purchased, the unit price when applicable, the number or volume of each item purchased, the total price, the total purchase price, and the date of the purchase;

1 10. Upon receipt of an invoice, the county clerk shall compare 2 the following documents: 3 requisition, a. 4 purchase order, b. 5 с. invoice with noncollusion affidavit as required by 6 law, 7 receiving report, and d. delivery document. 8 e. 9 The documents shall be available for public inspection during 10 regular business hours; and 11 If the documents conform as to the quantity and quality of 11. 12 the items, the county clerk shall prepare a warrant for payment 13 according to procedures provided for by law. 14 The following procedures are for the processing of purchase F. 15 orders: 16 1. The purchasing agent shall be allowed up to three (3) days 17 to process purchase orders to be presented to the board of county 18 commissioners for consideration and payment. Nothing herein shall 19 prevent the purchasing agent from processing or the board of county 20 commissioners from consideration and payment of utilities, travel 21 claims and payroll claims; 22 The board of county commissioners shall consider the 2. 23 purchase orders so presented and act upon the purchase orders, by 24 allowing in full or in part or by holding for further information or

1 disallowing the same. The disposition of purchase orders shall be 2 indicated by the board of county commissioners, showing the amounts allowed or disallowed and shall be signed by at least two members of 3 4 the board of county commissioners. Any claim held over for further 5 information shall be acted upon by allowing or disallowing same at any future meeting of the board held within seventy-five (75) days 6 7 from the date of filing of the purchase order. Any purchase order not acted upon within the seventy-five (75) days from the date of 8 9 filing shall be deemed to have been disallowed, but such 10 disallowance shall not prevent the refiling of the purchase order at the proper time; and 11

3. Whenever any allowance, either in whole or in part, is made upon any purchase order presented to the board of county commissioners and is accepted by the person making the claim, such allowance shall be a full settlement of the entire purchase order and provided that the cashing of warrant shall be considered as acceptance by the claimant.

18 G. The procedure upon consumption or disposal of supplies,
19 materials, or equipment shall be as follows:

For consumable road or bridge items or materials, a
 quarterly report of the road and bridge projects completed during
 such period shall be prepared and kept on file by the consuming
 department. The quarterly report may be prepared and kept
 electronically by the consuming department. The report shall

contain a record of the date, the place, and the purpose for the use
 of the road or bridge items or materials. For purposes of
 identifying county bridges, the board of county commissioners shall
 number each bridge subject to its jurisdiction; and

5 2. For disposal of all equipment and information technology and telecommunication goods which originally cost more than Five Hundred 6 7 Dollars (\$500.00), resolution of disposal shall be submitted by the officer on a form prescribed by the State Auditor and Inspector's 8 9 Office to the board of county commissioners. The approval of the 10 resolution of disposal shall be entered into the minutes of the board. 11

H. Inventory forms and reports shall be retained for not less than two (2) years after all audit requirements for the state and federal government have been fulfilled and after any pending litigation involving the forms and reports has been resolved.

16 The procedures provided for in this section shall not apply I. 17 when a county officer certifies that an emergency exists requiring 18 an immediate expenditure of funds. Such an expenditure of funds 19 shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The county 20 officer shall give the county purchasing agent a written explanation 21 of the emergency. The county purchasing agent shall attach the 22 written explanation to the purchase order. The purchases shall be 23 paid by attaching a properly itemized invoice, as described in this 24 section, to a purchase order which has been prepared by the county

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purchasing agent and submitting them to the county clerk for filing, encumbering, and consideration for payment by the board of county commissioners.

4 The county purchasing agent may authorize county purchasing J. 5 officers to make acquisitions through the state purchase card program as authorized by the State Purchasing Director in accordance 6 7 with Section 85.5 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and defined in Section 85.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. 8 Purchase 9 cardholders shall sign a purchase card agreement prior to becoming a 10 cardholder and attend purchase card procedure training as required by the State Purchasing Director. Complete descriptions of 11 12 purchases made by county government entities shall be published 13 through the state transparency portal pursuant to Section 85.33B of 14 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and as warrants required to be 15 published pursuant to Sections 444 and 445 of this title.

16 K. Nothing in this section shall prohibit counties from 17 providing material and/or services bids on the twelve-month bid list 18 to all road and bridge projects and contracts. All non-road and 19 bridge related construction contracts shall refer to subsection A of 20 Section 103 of Title 61 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

21 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022. 22

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, dated 02/28/2022 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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