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Republicans Favored in Governor's Race

Raleigh, N.C. – Both Mary Fallin and J.C. Watts would start out with leads over potential Democratic opponents Jari Askins and Drew Edmondson in Oklahoma's open seat race for Governor, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

Fallin appears to be the initial strongest candidate. 51% of voters in the state have a favorable opinion of her, followed by 46% for Watts, 43% for Edmondson, and 35% for Askins.

In head to head contests Fallin leads Edmondson 48-38 and Askins 50-34. Watts leads Edmondson 47-39 and Askins 47-36.

Fallin and Edmondson are each a little bit more popular within their own parties than Watts and Askins. 70% of Republicans have a favorable opinion of Fallin, compared to 62% for Watts. 59% of Democrats have a positive one of Edmondson, compared to 48% for Askins.

“The field for Governor of Oklahoma next year is still pretty unsettled,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But at least at this initial stage it looks like the office is going to be favored to return to Republican control after eight years of Democrat Brad Henry holding the office.”

Tomorrow PPP will release new numbers on Barack Obama's approval rating in the state, as well as look at whether Oklahomans think President Obama or conservative talk radio host Rush Limbaugh has a better vision for America.

PPP surveyed 715 Oklahoma voters from May 13th to 17th. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.7%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Oklahoma Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of former Republican Congressman J.C. Watts? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....46% *Not Sure*.....19%
Unfavorable35%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Lieutenant Governor Jari Askins? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 35%
Unfavorable 29%
Not Sure.....36%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Democratic Attorney General Drew Edmondson? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 43%
Unfavorable 30%
Not Sure..... 27%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Republican Congresswoman Mary Fallin? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 51%
Unfavorable 32%
Not Sure..... 18%

Q5 If the candidates for Governor next year were Democrat Jari Askins and Republican Mary Fallin, who would you vote for? If Jari Askins, press 1. If Mary Fallin, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Askins 34%
Fallin 50%
Undecided..... 16%

Q6 If the candidates for Governor next year were Democrat Jari Askins and Republican J.C. Watts, who would you vote for? If Jari Askins, press 1. If J.C. Watts, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Askins 36%
Watts 47%
Undecided..... 17%

Q7 If the candidates for Governor next year were Democrat Drew Edmondson and Republican Mary Fallin, who would you vote for? If Drew Edmondson, press 1. If Mary Fallin, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Edmondson..... 38%
Fallin 48%
Undecided..... 14%

Q8 If the candidates for Governor next year were Democrat Drew Edmondson and Republican J.C. Watts, who would you vote for? If Drew Edmondson, press 1. If J.C. Watts, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Edmondson..... 39%
Watts 47%
Undecided..... 14%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q10 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 44%
Republican..... 46%
Independent/Other..... 11%





Q11 If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 82%
African American 7%
Other..... 11%

Q12 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

| | Base | Gender | |
|---------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Watts Favorability | | | |
| Favorable | 46% | 47% | 45% |
| Unfavorable | 35% | 32% | 39% |
| Not Sure | 19% | 21% | 16% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|----------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Askins Favorability | | | |
| Favorable | 35% | 36% | 33% |
| Unfavorable | 29% | 25% | 35% |
| Not Sure | 36% | 39% | 32% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|-------------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Edmondson Favorability | | | |
| Favorable | 43% | 44% | 42% |
| Unfavorable | 30% | 26% | 34% |
| Not Sure | 27% | 30% | 23% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|----------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Fallin Favorability | | | |
| Favorable | 51% | 52% | 49% |
| Unfavorable | 32% | 28% | 35% |
| Not Sure | 18% | 20% | 16% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Gender | |
|----------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Askins/Fallin | | | |
| Askins | 34% | 36% | 32% |
| Fallin | 50% | 49% | 52% |
| Undecided | 16% | 16% | 16% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Askins/Watts | | | |
| Askins | 36% | 38% | 34% |
| Watts | 47% | 43% | 51% |
| Undecided | 17% | 19% | 15% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|-------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Edmondson/Fallin | | | |
| Edmondson | 38% | 38% | 38% |
| Fallin | 48% | 47% | 49% |
| Undecided | 14% | 15% | 13% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|------------------------|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Edmondson/Watts | | | |
| Edmondson | 39% | 40% | 38% |
| Watts | 47% | 44% | 50% |
| Undecided | 14% | 16% | 11% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Party | | |
|---------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Watts Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 46% | 31% | 62% | 37% |
| Unfavorable | 35% | 49% | 24% | 30% |
| Not Sure | 19% | 20% | 14% | 33% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|----------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Askins Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 35% | 48% | 26% | 19% |
| Unfavorable | 29% | 13% | 44% | 34% |
| Not Sure | 36% | 39% | 30% | 47% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|-------------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Edmondson Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 43% | 59% | 32% | 27% |
| Unfavorable | 30% | 14% | 42% | 43% |
| Not Sure | 27% | 27% | 26% | 30% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|----------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Fallin Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 51% | 32% | 70% | 42% |
| Unfavorable | 32% | 47% | 17% | 32% |
| Not Sure | 18% | 21% | 13% | 27% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Party | | |
|----------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Askins/Fallin | | | | |
| Askins | 34% | 59% | 14% | 19% |
| Fallin | 50% | 26% | 73% | 52% |
| Undecided | 16% | 16% | 13% | 29% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|---------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Askins/Watts | | | | |
| Askins | 36% | 59% | 17% | 22% |
| Watts | 47% | 20% | 71% | 52% |
| Undecided | 17% | 21% | 12% | 25% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|-------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Edmondson/Fallin | | | | |
| Edmondson | 38% | 63% | 16% | 28% |
| Fallin | 48% | 23% | 71% | 51% |
| Undecided | 14% | 14% | 13% | 22% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|------------------------|------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent/Other |
| Edmondson/Watts | | | | |
| Edmondson | 39% | 63% | 19% | 28% |
| Watts | 47% | 22% | 68% | 55% |
| Undecided | 14% | 15% | 12% | 18% |





Crosstabs

| | Base | Race | | |
|---------------------------|------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | White | African American | Other |
| Watts Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 46% | 48% | 38% | 35% |
| Unfavorable | 35% | 34% | 46% | 42% |
| Not Sure | 19% | 19% | 15% | 23% |

| | Base | Race | | |
|----------------------------|------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | White | African American | Other |
| Askins Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 35% | 35% | 31% | 36% |
| Unfavorable | 29% | 31% | 15% | 29% |
| Not Sure | 36% | 34% | 54% | 36% |

| | Base | Race | | |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | White | African American | Other |
| Edmondson Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 43% | 43% | 46% | 43% |
| Unfavorable | 30% | 30% | 15% | 37% |
| Not Sure | 27% | 27% | 38% | 20% |

| | Base | Race | | |
|----------------------------|------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | White | African American | Other |
| Fallin Favorability | | | | |
| Favorable | 51% | 53% | 38% | 38% |
| Unfavorable | 32% | 29% | 46% | 41% |
| Not Sure | 18% | 17% | 15% | 21% |





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| | Base | Race | | |
|----------------------|------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | White | African American | Other |
| Askins/Fallin | | | | |
| Askins | 34% | 33% | 46% | 30% |
| Fallin | 50% | 51% | 46% | 44% |
| Undecided | 16% | 15% | 8% | 26% |

| | Base | Race | | |
|---------------------|------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | White | African American | Other |
| Askins/Watts | | | | |
| Askins | 36% | 35% | 46% | 37% |
| Watts | 47% | 48% | 38% | 39% |
| Undecided | 17% | 16% | 15% | 24% |

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| Edmondson/Fallin | | | | |
| Edmondson | 38% | 37% | 46% | 36% |
| Fallin | 48% | 49% | 46% | 45% |
| Undecided | 14% | 14% | 8% | 18% |

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| | Base | Age | | | |
|---------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Watts Favorability | | | | | |
| Favorable | 46% | 40% | 46% | 48% | 46% |
| Unfavorable | 35% | 41% | 30% | 34% | 43% |
| Not Sure | 19% | 19% | 25% | 19% | 11% |

| | Base | Age | | | |
|----------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 29 | 30 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Askins Favorability | | | | | |
| Favorable | 35% | 33% | 30% | 36% | 41% |
| Unfavorable | 29% | 32% | 33% | 29% | 25% |
| Not Sure | 36% | 35% | 37% | 36% | 34% |

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|----------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
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| Fallin Favorability | | | | | |
| Favorable | 51% | 48% | 46% | 51% | 59% |
| Unfavorable | 32% | 39% | 30% | 32% | 28% |
| Not Sure | 18% | 14% | 23% | 17% | 13% |





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|----------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
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| Askins/Fallin | | | | | |
| Askins | 34% | 36% | 32% | 34% | 35% |
| Fallin | 50% | 51% | 49% | 50% | 52% |
| Undecided | 16% | 13% | 19% | 16% | 13% |

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|---------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
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| Askins/Watts | | | | | |
| Askins | 36% | 34% | 31% | 37% | 40% |
| Watts | 47% | 46% | 51% | 48% | 40% |
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| Edmondson | 38% | 33% | 33% | 41% | 40% |
| Fallin | 48% | 55% | 48% | 46% | 49% |
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|------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
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| Edmondson/Watts | | | | | |
| Edmondson | 39% | 34% | 32% | 44% | 43% |
| Watts | 47% | 49% | 49% | 47% | 43% |
| Undecided | 14% | 17% | 20% | 10% | 14% |

