PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of DUSTIN UNDERWOOD, Deceased

No. PB-2026-41

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against Dustin Underwood, deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the Personal Representative, Sherri Underwood, at the law office of Charles W. Chesnut, 34 First Avenue N.E., Miami, Oklahoma 74354, on or before the following presentment date: December 1, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/Sherri Underwood
Sherri Underwood
Personal Representative
of the Estate of
Dustin Underwood, Deceased

Dated: September 29, 2026
Charles W. Chesnut, OBA #1648
Attorney for Personal Representative
34 First Avenue N.E.
Miami, Oklahoma 74354
(918) 542-1845

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NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE PURCHASED BY OTTAWA COUNTY AT RESALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Oklahoma Statute 68SS3135
That the following real estate:
LT 1, BLK 80 Original Plat I, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
Subject to Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Mineral Reservations of record, if any
Parcel # 3520-00-080-001-0-000-00
Acquired by Ottawa County under provisions of the resale tax laws, will be sold for cash by the undersigned in the office of the County Treasurer in the Ottawa County Courthouse at the hour of 10:30 AM to the highest competitive bidder on the 3rd day November,2026. The undersigned having received a bid of $300.00 on the above-described real estate will sell said property at said respective offer to
KATHY WETHEY
The make of said bid, if no higher bids be received on the date last given. In any event such sale will be subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners of Ottawa County, and the cost of this notice and all other expenses incident to the sale of said property must be paid by successful bidder in addition to the amount of bid.
Dated the 6TH day of October, 2026

Tabitha Reeves
Ottawa County Treasurer

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That the following real estate:
LT 1, BLK 9 Cardin, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
Subject to Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Mineral Reservations of record, if any
Parcel # 6010-00-009-001-0-000-00
Acquired by Ottawa County under provisions of the resale tax laws, will be sold for cash by the undersigned in the office of the County Treasurer in the Ottawa County Courthouse at the hour of 10:30 AM to the highest competitive bidder on the 5th day of November ,2026. The undersigned having received a bid of $125.00 on the above-described real estate will sell said property at said respective offer to
SUSIE JO CRAWFORD STONE
The make of said bid, if no higher bids be received on the date last given. In any event such sale will be subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners of Ottawa County, and the cost of this notice and all other expenses incident to the sale of said property must be paid by successful bidder in addition to the amount of bid.
Dated the 6TH day of October
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DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES
September 29, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 2026. The agenda was posted September 28, 2026, at 8:44 a.m. and placed in the kiosk on the courthouse lawn as well as the county website. Members of the Board present were Commissioner David Poindexter-Chairman, Commissioner Jake Callihan-Member, Commissioner David Beck-Member and County Clerk Barbara Barnes. The Board of Delaware County Commissioners is hereby authorized to act on the following items:
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Poindexter followed by the flag salute and roll call. All members were present.
AGENDA #1 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to determine that notice of meeting and agenda for this meeting was properly posted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #2-A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve introductions and announcements. In addition to the commissioners and Commissioners' Assistant Kathy Parker, Undersheriff Joe White, Emergency Management Director Jeff Reeves, Carolyn Boothe, Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt, and Monkey Island Fire Chief Carl Tesreau introduced themselves. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Commissioner Callihan said thank you to everyone who helped take up the slack while he had carpal tunnel surgery. Commissioner Poindexter said his paving project on S 650 Rd. begins today.
AGENDA #3- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve the minutes for the regular meeting dated September 22, 2026. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan -yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #4- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve payment of claims submitted by the County Clerk. 2025-2026 - Resale 313, QUADIENT LEASING, 748.14, MISC; Rural Fire-ST 1510, INUENDOS, 3300.00, GRAPHICS; 2026-2027 - County Clerk Records Management And Preservation Fund 16, KELLPRO INC., 41052.00, SOFTWARE LICENSING & SUPPORT; Donations 2, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 42.10, MISC; General 911, LEAF, 289.26, LEASE PAYMENT 912, BROCK, TAMMY LANETTE, 361.36, MILEAGE 913, MCI, 73.52, LONG DISTANCE SERVICE 914, MID-WEST PRINTING CO., 1245.03, PAPER PRODUCTS 915, THE PAPERCLIP OFFICE SUPPLIES, 343.92, COPY PAPER 916, ELLIS-COOK, LARENA, 476.82, TRAVEL 917, COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, 330.00, 918, PRICE, JAY J., 668.80, REVAL 919, T-N-T PLUMBING, 1020.33, PLUMBING SERVICE/ REPAIRS 920, THE AMERICAN, 453.14, PUBLICATIONS 921, THE AMERICAN, 476.46, PUBLICATIONS 922, CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY, 184.68, FIRST AID SUPPLIES 923, ELECTION BOARD DEPOSITORY ACCT, 370.00, ELECTION 924, JANUARY, CRYSTAL G., 59.28, MILEAGE 925, CITY OF GROVE, 50.00, ELECTION 926, UNIFIRST CORP, 278.15, UNIFORMS 927, THE PAPERCLIP OFFICE SUPPLIES, 325.12, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 928, THE PAPERCLIP OFFICE SUPPLIES, 42.99, COPY PAPER 929, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 0.01, INSURANCE 930, OKLAHOMA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 708.00, SUBSCRIPTION 931, AT&T MOBILITY, 293.04, CELL PHONE 932, AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA., 1951.62, ELECTRIC SERVICE; Health 44, OKLAHOMA STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH, 51120.65, MISC; Highway 486, AT&T MOBILITY, 478.47, MONTHLY SERVICE 487, OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, 34.00, MISC 488, GREEN COUNTRY FARM & HOME, 29.00, MISC 489, P & K EQUIPMENT, 1221.39, PARTS 490, BOLT FIBER OPTICS SERVICES, 325.97, INTERNET SERVICE 491, DELAWARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT., 20.00, TB TEST 492, LONGAN CONSTRUCTION, 99990.72, ROAD MATERIALS 493, WARREN CAT, 207.33, PARTS 494, AIRGAS USA, LLC, 184.35, LEASE 495, WHITE STAR MACH & SUPPLY, INC., 292.54, PARTS 496, KIRBY SMITH MACHINERY INC., 1212.16, REPAIRS 497, BOLT FIBER, 245.93, INTERNET 498, SOUTHERN TIRE MART LLC, 698.00, TIRES; Hwy-ST 133, UNIFIRST FIRST AID + SAFETY, 40.76, MISC 134, LAKELAND-CPP, 8336.00, FUEL 135, BRUCKNER'S TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, 1145.63, PARTS 136, HARD ROCK MINING, 5163.40, ROAD MATERIALS 137, LAKELAND-CPP, 7778.00, FUEL; Resale 72, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 0.01, INSURANCE; Rural Fire-ST 296, AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA., 370.70, MONTHLY SERVICE 297, BOLT FIBER, 77.13, MONTHLY SERVICE 298, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 292.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE 299, LAKELAND-CPP, 227.30, BLANKET 300, REDLINE FIRE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY, 231.13, HATS 301, ALERT360, 51.45, SECURITY SYSTEM/REPAIR 302, MFA OIL, 1046.73, BLANKET 303, O-REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 186.97, BLANKET 304, VSC FIRE & SECURITY, 315.00, ANNUAL TESTING 305, AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA., 1018.71, ELECTRIC SERVICE 306, AT&T MOBILITY, 290.78, MONTHLY SERVICE 307, LINDLY'S HARDWARE LLC, 127.79, PARTS 308, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 2115.24, LEASE/PURCH 309, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 895.00, LEASE/PURCH 310, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 757.02, LEASE/ PURCH 311, PARTS CITY LTE, 17.99, BLANKET 312, REC/ NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 214.73, ELECTRIC SERVICE 313, DELAWARE COUNTY E-911, 6000.00, DISPATCH SERVICE 314, TWIN OAKS MART, 70.00, BLANKET 315, STILL FIRE SERVICES LLC, 411.60, HOSE TEST 316, REC/ NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 275.19, ELECTRIC SERVICE 317, RURAL WATER DIST. #10, 78.84, UTILITIES 318, BOLT FIBER, 179.10, WIRELESS SERVICE 319, AT&T MOBILITY, 207.70, INTERNET SERVICE 320, PARTS CITY LTE, 42.99, BLANKET 321, TWIN OAKS MART, 776.05, BLANKET 322, PARTS CITY LTE, 427.44, BLANKET 323, DEL CO RURAL WATER DIST #11, 43.65, MONTHLY SERVICE 324, SST, 169.63, TELEPHONE SERVICE 325, STILL FIRE SERVICES LLC, 604.10, HOSE TEST 326, REC/ NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 437.52, ELECTRIC SERVICE 327, BOLT FIBER, 198.60, INTERNET SERVICE; SH Svc Fee 92, FIRST RESPONDER OUTFITTERS, 395.98, UNIFORMS-DCSO 93, FIRST RESPONDER OUTFITTERS, 494.47, UNIFORMS-DCSO 94, THOMAS, THERMAN RAY, 630.00, REIMBURSEMENT 95, THOMAS, THERMAN RAY, 181.00, TRAVEL AND MEALS 96, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 298.09, SUPPLIES 97, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 161.98, JAIL SUPPLIES 98, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 254.64, MISC 99, AAVCOR, 40.00, DRUG TESTING 100, AAVCOR, 40.00, DRUG TESTING 101, AAVCOR, 40.00, DRUG TESTING 102, AAVCOR, 40.00, DRUG TESTING 103, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 51.05, JAIL SUPPLIES 104, BOB BARKER CO., 1162.78, JAIL SUPPLIES Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #5 – Not needed because no reports were submitted by officers.
AGENDA #6 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck for approval of citizen's comments. All comments must pertain to today's agenda items. Speakers should hold their comments to three minutes. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. There were none.
AGENDA #7- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to open the floor for new business. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Commissioner Callihan said the epoxy floor is being run at the fairgrounds. This will take approximately one week. He said the health department has approached him about setting up a temporary facility on the fairgrounds while its building is being remodeled. He said the health department will be responsible for running utilities and making a parking area. He has a meeting with the department and will report back.
AGENDA #8- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to hear report by Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Cossairt said October is the month to get flu shots if anyone wishes to get them. She said the benefits option for county employee insurance will be open soon. The deductible for employee insurance is increasing from $1,750 to $2,000 on their Health Choice policies.
AGENDA #9- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action parameters for a burn ban in Delaware County. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. The burn ban expires at 11 a.m. today, and in light of the recent rainfall, the commissioners agreed the ban should be allowed to expire.
AGENDA #10- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to revisit an item tabled July 28 by the district attorney until the Aug. 25 meeting, then tabled again by the district attorney until today's meeting concerning the disposition of equipment surplussed by the Flint Ridge Fire Department at the July 28 meeting. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. ADA Pam Ireland said there are no updates on this item from her office, so no action was taken.
AGENDA #11- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign affidavits for the Sept. 30 payroll. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #12- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action updating bank building fire alarm systems in the amount of $6,863 from Techsico. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Emergency Management Director Jeff Reeves said the system has been switched in the county's portion of the building, but when the remodel made space for the bank drive-through, the wall was taken out containing sensors and their wiring. Currently the bank drive-through has no fire detection system. A motion was made by Callihan and seconded by Beck to update the system by getting sensors and wires installed using the Techsico estimate of $6,863. The taxes will be removed from the bill which will be paid from the Use Tax account.
AGENDA #13- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to receive and file the sheriff's open record fee schedule. Undersheriff Joe White said FOIA requests have become numerous, so legislation was passed to allow charges to be made for research and copies. In addition, the requested documents must be picked up at the court house. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #14- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign MOU with Jay Public Schools per Commissioner Jake Callihan. Callihan said his employees have always mowed the hollow between the school and the fairgrounds. The school has a used tractor and new bushhog they will give to District 2 for this purpose. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #15- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to purchase a Caterpillar 2026 roller, model C84.0, from Warren Cat on Sourcewell #179279 in the amount of $77,993 on behalf of District #1. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #16- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ATTEST:
BARBARA BARNES-
COUNTY CLERK
DAVID POINDEXTER,
CHAIRMAN
JAKE CALLIHAN,
MEMBER
DAVID BECK,
MEMBER

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

In accordance with Title 37, Section 522 and Title 37A, Section 2-141 Grand Lake Resort Investments, LLC. a/an limited liability company hereby publishes notice of their intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Mixed Beverage License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That they intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Mixed Beverage/Catering establishment with business premises located at 31000 South Highway 125 Afton. in Afton, Deleware, Oklahoma under the business name of Shangri-La Resort, Afton.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2026

s/Joshua Conley
Joshua Conley, Manager
County of Collin, State of Texas
Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Joshua Conley to me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.
s/ Theresa Mendoza My Commission expires
Notary Public 06/09/2027
[SEAL]

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Dated this 18th day of September, 2026

s/ Joshua Conley
Joshua Conley, Manager
County of Collin, State of Texas
Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Joshua Conley to me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.
s/ Jabari Anderson My Commission expires
Notary Public 10-30-2029
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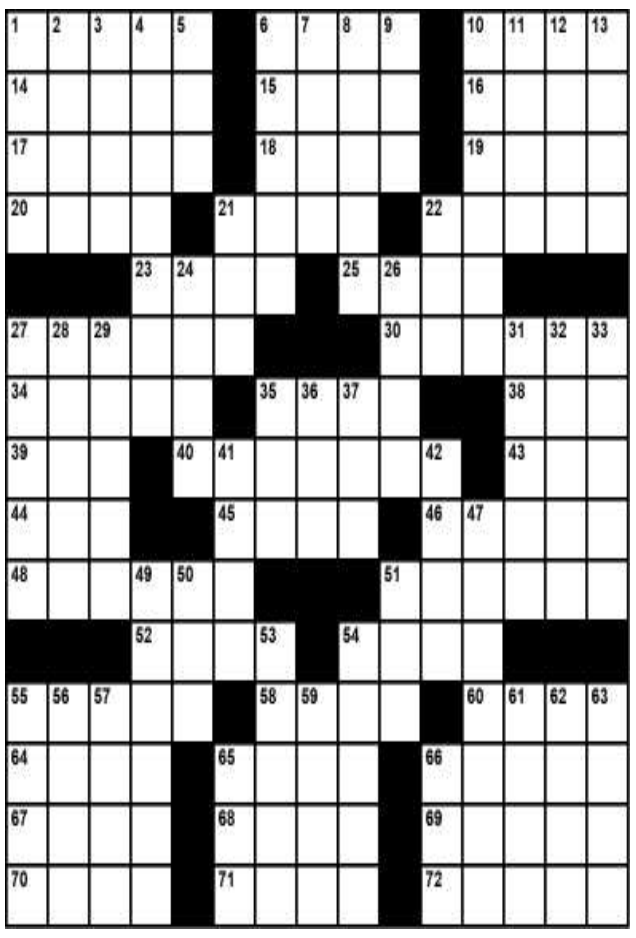

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29. Spur part
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33. Vacillate
35. Oxlike critter
36. Avail oneself of
37. Assistance
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42. An ointment
47. Plague
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50. Author's last word
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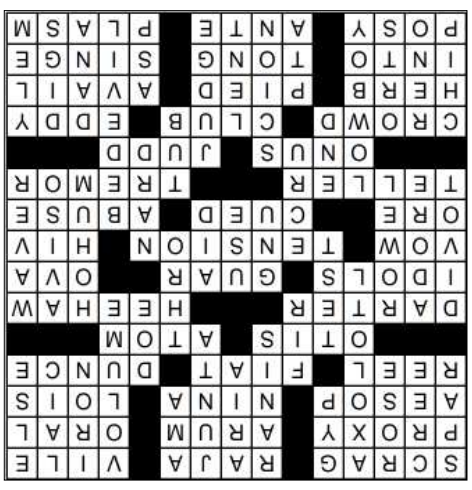

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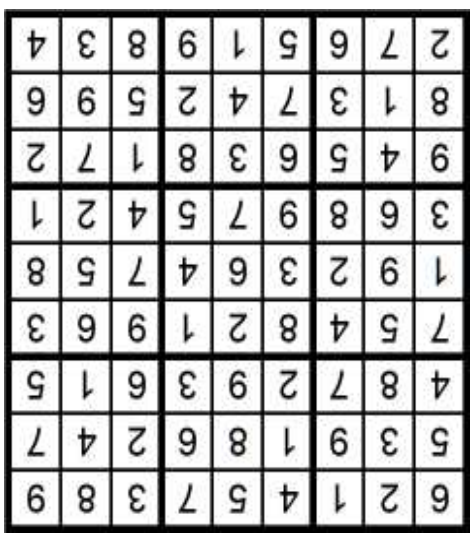
Sudoku uses pure logic and requires no math to solve. It is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the number 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.



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systems, the reports said. The reports said there was no evidence of close-range fire, including no muzzle imprint, soot, or gunpowder stippling around the wounds.

According to a law enforcement report released by District Attorney Doug Pewitt, Moore was holding Scheets around the neck with a gun pointed at her head as officers repeatedly ordered him to drop the weapon.

The report said Moore moved backward over a concrete barrier while dragging Scheets with him before shots were fired. Pewitt later cleared the Miami officers involved in the shooting.

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is investigating the shooting with tribal, federal, and local law enforcement agencies.

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in supporting youth substance misuse prevention efforts are "encouraged to become involved and help create a healthier future for Ottawa County youth."

For more information about local prevention efforts or how to get involved, contact Sonja Smith, Project Director ROCMND Area Youth Services at 918-541-4208 or sonjas@rocmnd.org.

Grove woman pleads guilty to drug charges

A Grove woman charged with drug-related offenses pleaded guilty and received a five-year deferred sentence.

Mahaganoy Renee Moore, 29, must serve 90 days in the Craig County jail, but she received credit for time served since Aug. 19, court records show.

During the traffic stop, Moore admitted to having "some coke" in the vehicle's center console, and it would be around 3.5 grams. However, when weighed and tested, the drug was fentanyl and weighed 7.4 grams, an arrest affidavit states.

The affidavit states that officers found a clear plastic twist-off baggie with a white powder substance and a small cut straw in the center console.

Jay man sentenced to federal prison for threatening Oklahoma lawmaker

A Delaware County man was sentenced to more than four years in federal prison for threatening U.S. Rep. Josh Brecheen, federal prosecutors said.

Chad Allen Haeberle, 35, of Jay, was sentenced Sept. 30 to 52 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release on each count. The sentences will run concurrently.

Haeberle filed an appeal the next day, court records show.

Prosecutors said Haeberle sent threatening emails to Brecheen from December 2024 to July 2025, including threats to assault, kidnap and kill him.

The threats caused Brecheen and his family to take additional security measures, prosecutors said.

Haeberle will remain in custody pending transfer to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

Grove man receives 20 year-sentence for producing child sexual abuse material

A Grove man was sentenced to 20 years in a federal prison for producing child sexual abuse material involving a one-year-old child.

Adrian Parker Gaines, 29, confessed to the charges. Gaines is required to register as a sex offender, federal records show.

Former Turkey Ford teacher surrenders license

A former Turkey Ford teacher accused of sexually abusing a child voluntarily surrendered her teaching license, according to State Department of Education records.

Melanie Friend, 35, formerly of Wyandotte, is charged in Ottawa County District Court with child sexual abuse. She is free on $25,000 bail.

Friend voluntarily surrendered her teaching license Sept. 18, said Brenna Long, a State Department of Education spokeswoman. Friend was certified in early childhood education through third grade.

The teen was 16 years old at the time of the offense.

Friend told an investigator, "one thing led to another and herself and … [had] sexual intercourse on the floor of … room at the Friend residence," the affidavit states.

Friend is to return to court Nov. 9.

School board takes no action on principal

The Miami School Board took no action against its high school principal in a recent special school board meeting.

Pam Bevis, 63, of Joplin, Missouri, is charged in Ottawa County District Court with outraging public decency, a misdemeanor. Bevis, a 40-year-career teacher, admitted to investigators she showed the students a sex toy, but said it was a joke, court records show.

The five-member school board went into executive session at 6:11 p.m. to discuss Bevis's employment and possible resignation. The board reconvened before 8 p.m. and said it took no action.

"The Oklahoma State Department of Education is aware of the situation involving Miami Public Schools," said Brenna Long, agency spokesperson.

According to state records, Bevis' teaching certificate is set to expire June 30, 2027.

School officials confirmed she has since been removed as high school and middle school principal and is on paid administrative leave.

"The District Termination Report was received by OSDE through Awariety, and an investigation was opened shortly thereafter," Long said. "The investigation remains ongoing, and OSDE is continuing to review the information and circumstances surrounding the matter."

Winston Connor, Bevis's attorney, has maintained since his client was charged the alleged act of showing a sex toy to the students was not criminal. Connor filed a motion to dismiss the charge.

Deadline to request absentee ballots is approaching for November 3rd general election

The deadline to request absentee ballots by mail is approaching. Applications must be received by the County Election Board no later than 5 p.m. Monday, October 19th.

Delaware County Election Board Secretary, Crystal January, said absentee voting is available to all voters and applications can be submitted several ways. "In Oklahoma, no excuse is needed to vote by absentee ballot, and it's easy to apply! Voters can submit their application online, in-person, by fax, mail, or even email," said Crystal January.

Voters can apply online using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp. Applications are also available at the County Election Board or can be downloaded at oklahoma.gov/elections.

January reminds voters that in most cases it is against the law to request or submit an absentee ballot on behalf of another person.

Voters with questions about absentee voting should contact the County Election Board at 918-253-8762 or delawarecounty@elections.ok.gov.

The Delaware County Election Board is located at 225 S 5th St, Jay OK 74346 and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Early voting begins Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Early voting begins Wednesday October 28th for voters in Delaware County. Voters who will not be able to make it to the polls on Election Day, have the option of voting early at their County Election Board or the Grove Community Center.

Delaware County Election Board Secretary Crystal January, said early voting is open to all voters. "You do not need to provide an excuse to vote early. Oklahoma allows early voting for all elections conducted by the County Election Board—from school board and municipal elections to state and federal elections. This is a great option for those who will be out of town on Election Day or who want to avoid long lines," January said.

Early voting is available Wednesday, October 28, Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at:

Delaware County Election Board, Grove Community Center, 225 S 5th St., and 104 E 3rd St, Jay, Ok 74346 Grove, Ok 74344

January reminds voters that early voting is not available at polling locations.

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OTTAWA COUNTY COMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2026

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, September 28, 2026 with the following members present: Chairman Mike Furnas, Commissioners Robert Clark and Scott Hilton. Notice of the meeting was posted at the south door of the Ottawa County Courthouse September 24, 2026, at 12:01 P.M. Commissioners' Meeting Agendas and Minutes can also be found online at ottawa.okcounties.org.

1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of allegiance.
3. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve minutes of September 21, and special session September 21, 2026. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
4. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton to approve claims presented to the Board for payment. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
6. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to table Bid on County property in the amount of $300.00 by Katy Wethey. Legal description as follows: LT BLK 80 ORIGINAL PLAT 1. Tabled on September 21, 2026. Tabled on September 28, 2026. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
7. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to table Ottawa County Alternative Court request to apply for the 781 County Community Safety Investment Funds. Tabled on September 28, 2026. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
8. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve request Commissioners to authorize County resident cremation and Medical Examiner CME 19 P Fee to be waived for indigent County resident for Mr. Thomas Fields by Paul Thomas Funeral Home and Cremation. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
9. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Monthly Cash Flow for August 2026 in the amount of $3,588.00. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
10. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Action to vacate alleyway as requested by City of Miami in quiet title action. Case number CV-2026-105. Legal description as follows: THAT PORTION OF THE ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 16, 17,18, 19, 20, 21 AND LOTS 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, AND 27 IN BLOCK 11 IN REPLAT OF BLOCK 11 OF WEA ADDITION PLAT 3 TO THE CITY OF MIAMI, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
11. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Resolution 2026.51: Authorizing application for financial assistance from the Rural Economic Action Plan Fund for the purchase of two sump pumps for Quapaw Public Schools. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
12.Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to reject Resolution 2026.52: Resolution to enact a County Wide Burn Ban in Ottawa County. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
13. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Resolution 2026.53: Authorizing Application for Financial Assistance from the Rural Economic Action Plan Fund seeking funding for overlay project 650 road by Ottawa County District 2. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
14. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Project Approval Letter from the Quapaw Nation. District #1 Subject: Bridge Project NBI #069020 NTTFI ROUTE NUMBER(5D) 5806C. E. 50th Road, Quapaw, Oklahoma. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
15. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Project Approval Letter from the Quapaw Nation. District #1 Subject: Bridge Project NBI #08161 NTTFI ROUTE NUMBER 01014(010). S 670 Road and E 60 Road, Quapaw, Oklahoma, By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
20. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Checks for deposit: Check #2127816 in the amount of $100,305.00 from the Cherokee Nation to Ottawa County District #3. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
22. Commissioners' activity reports. District 1 reported a successful fireball foundation auction. Line of sight has one more chance to be taken care of. Appreciates N.E.O. District 2 reported routine maintenance. District 3 reported routine maintenance. Thank you to the Tribes for all their help.
25. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve the following blanket purchase orders. #1234-1267. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.
26. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve to Adjourn. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.

Mike Furnas
Chairman
Robyn Mitchell
County Clerk