

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Published in the Afton Fairland American February 26, March 5 and 12, 2026)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
Larry Wayne Gaines, Trustee of the Larry Wayne Gaines Family Revocable Trust dated the 15th day of October, 2020, Plaintiff, vs. The Unknown Successors of Larry D. Prier, Deceased, Defendants.

No. CV-2026-18
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The unknown successors of Larry D. Prier, deceased. You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the above styled case in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma. You must answer the Petition filed herein on or before the 9th day of April, 2026, or the allegations of plaintiff's Petition will be taken as true, and judgment will be rendered in favor of the plaintiff and against you as defendants, quieting the title of the plaintiff, Larry Wayne Gaines, in his capacity as Trustee of the Larry Wayne Gaines Family Revocable Trust dated the 15th day of October, 2020 to the following described real estate:

Lot 13 in Block 4 in London-Ogden Acres, according to the subdivision of Part of Lot 4 in Section 9, Township 26 North, Range 24 East of the Indian Meridian, Cherokee Survey, in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, also known as a tract of land in Lot 4 in Section 9, Township 26 North, Range 24 East of the Indian Meridian, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, which was formerly designated as Lot 13 in Block 4 in London-Ogden Acres according to a plat file in the Office of the County Clerk of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, but which plat was heretofore vacated as to such lot. This includes a 1973 Elk River Mobile, VIN 214562488 and granting plaintiff such other and further relief as may be just and equitable. Dated this 24th day of February, 2026.

CASSIE KEY, COURT CLERK, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
By: /s/ Lauren Davis
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
Jason Smith and Kristenee Smith, Plaintiffs, vs. The unknown successors of John Fahnestock, one and the same person as John Richard Fahnestock, and Mary Fahnestock, both deceased; and Lorraine Gallows, formerly Fahnestock, C.W. Seacat and Sylvia Inez Lowe, if living, and if deceased, then their unknown successors; The County Treasurer of Ottawa County, Oklahoma; and the Board of County Commissioners of Ottawa County, Oklahoma; Defendants.

No. CV-2026-17
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The unknown successors of John Fahnestock, one and the same person as John Richard Fahnestock, and Mary Fahnestock, both deceased; and Lorraine Gallows, formerly Fahnestock, C.W. Seacat and Sylvia Inez Lowe, if living, and if deceased, then their unknown successors. You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the above styled case in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma. You must answer the Petition filed herein on or before the 9th day of April, 2026, or the allegations of plaintiff's Petition will be taken

as true, and judgment will be rendered in favor of the plaintiffs and against you as defendants, quieting the title of the plaintiffs, Jason Smith and Kristenee Smith, to the following described real estate: Lot 1 and the North 5 feet of Lot 2, Block 4 in ELLIOTT'S ADDITION No. 2 to the Town of Commerce, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof. (Street Address: 313 S. Cedar, Commerce, Oklahoma 74339) and granting plaintiffs such other and further relief as may be just and equitable. Dated this 23rd day of February, 2026.

CASSIE KEY, COURT CLERK, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
By: /s/ Amanda Severs
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Automotive of Fairland Storage will sell the contents of the storage unit listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (pursuant to Title 42 Sections 191-200 of the Oklahoma Statutes). The auction will take place on Saturday April 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM located at 975 West Conner Avenue, Fairland, Oklahoma 74343. Tenant Scott Toppins of 58425 E. 200 Rd., Fairland, Oklahoma 74343. Building Unit C #26. Storage Unit Size 10X10. The property to be sold is described as a Variety of Household Goods, Gaming and Exercise Equipment and a Pool Table, Signs. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A \$100.00 (refundable) cleaning deposit will be charged, with no unauthorized use of our dumpster. Buyer will have 24 hours to remove all items from the storage unit. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
In the Matter of the Estate of SHARON L. Miller, Deceased.

No. PB-2020-30

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, AND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE
Notice is hereby given that the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above-captioned estate has filed in this Court the Final Account and Report of the administration of this estate, Petition for Determination of Heirship, Distribution of this estate, and Discharge of such Personal Representative. Hearing of the same has been fixed for the 2nd day of April, 2026, at 1:30 P.M., before the Honorable R. Matt Whalen, Judge of the District Court, in District Courtroom Number 3 of the Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in this estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such account should not be settled and allowed, the estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged. Dated this 5th day of March, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen
Judge of the District Court
Charles W. Chesnut, OBA #1648
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
In the Matter of the Estate of

JOHN F. BANKS, Deceased.
No. PB-2022-52

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, AND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE
Notice is hereby given that the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above-captioned estate has filed in this Court the Final Account and Report of the administration of this estate, Petition for Determination of Heirship, Distribution of this estate, and Discharge of such Personal Representative. Hearing of the same has been fixed for the 8th day of April, 2026, at 11:30 A.M., before the Honorable R. Matt Whalen, Judge of the District Court, in District Courtroom Number 3 of the Ottawa County Court House, Miami, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in this estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such account should not be settled and allowed, the estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged. Dated this 10th day of March, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen
Judge of the District Court
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DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on March 3, 2026. The agenda was posted March 2, 2026, at 8:30 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 county clerk, Commissioners' Assistant Kathy Parker, Monkey Island Fire Chief Carl Tesreau, Russell Earls of Guy Engineering, Emergency Management Director Jeff Reeves, ADA Pam Ireland, D.A. Doug Pewitt, Jack Wood, Rocky Carroll, Mike Major, Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt, Sheriff Ray Thomas, Undersheriff Joe

White, Samatha Demereck, Carolyn Boothe, Jail Administrator Dakota Matlock, Investigator Jim Redcorn, Caleb Hester and Dale Swope of Swope Engineering, Election Board Secretary Crystal January, Jim Warren from Grand Lake Mental Health and Investigator Michael Lanning introduced themselves. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Warren, who is the Grand Lake Mental Health Law Enforcement Director, said he is the liaison to bridge the gap between law enforcement and mental health. He said the drug problem has turned jails into mental health facilities and the jails have no resources for this problem. To that end, Warren and Jail Administrator Dakota Matlock have teamed up to institute an opioid abatement jail program. Warren said this is one of the first in a smaller jail. Warren said he gives an award once a year to a person who is most helpful in bridging the gap between law enforcement and mental health. He presented the award to Dakota Matlock.

AGENDA #3- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve the minutes for the regular meeting dated February 24, 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 - County Clerk Records Management And Preservation Fund 103, LAKE LAND OFFICE SYSTEMS, 262.49, COPIES 104, OSU AGEC CTP, 30.00, TRAINING: Emergency Mgmt. 31, OKANA MDE, 524.00, LODGING: General 2270, AMERICAN FIDELITY HRA, 30.00, INSURANCE 2271, AMERICAN FIDELITY HRA, 214.20, HRA 2272, THE AMERICAN, 866.96, PUBLICATIONS 2273, THE AMERICAN, 559.62, PUBLICATIONS 2274, THE AMERICAN, 30.00, PUBLICATIONS 2275, THE AMERICAN, 433.78, PUBLICATIONS 2276, THE AMERICAN, 431.36, PUBLICATIONS 2277, GRAND COUNTRY PEST CONTROL, 325.00, EXTERMINATION 2278, OBER & LITTLEFIELD CPA S PLLC, 2900.00, AUDIT 2279, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 90.22, OFFICE SUPPLIES 2280, OZARK LEASING A PROGRAM OF DE LAGE, 179.30, LEASE 2281, UNIFIRST CORP, 247.68, UNIFORMS 2282, CENTURYLINK, 18.33, LONG DISTANCE SERVICE 2283, LEAF, 1041.98, MISC 2284, TURN KEY HEALTH CLINICS, 11197.75, MISC 2285, REEVES, JEFFREY NEIL, 533.50, TRAVEL 2286, WILKINS, CHRIS, 200.00, TRAVEL 2287, LOWES BUSINESS ACCT/SYNCR, 595.21, SUPPLIES 2288, DOUG BOOTH ELECTRIC, 675.15, ELECTRICAL SERVICE/REPAIR 2289, OSU COOP EXTENSION SERVICE, 5666.66, MISC 2290, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 405.34, TELEPHONE SERVICE 2291, GROVE LOCK & KEY, 325.00, LOCK 2292,

STAPLES, 25.24, MISC 2293, MCCORD, ROBERT D., 3850.00, JANITORIAL SERVICE: Health 156, CINTAS CORPORATION, 433.56, FIRST AID SUPPLIES 157, LEAF, 656.61, LEASE 158, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 429.23, OFFICE SUPPLIES 159, MARMIC FIRE & SAFETY CO., 288.95, INSPECTION 160, HUNTER & MILLARD ARCHITECTS, 1800.00, MISC: Highway 1302, S&H FARM SUPPLY, 589.66, PARTS 1303, LAKE LAND-CPP, 3248.67, FUEL 1304, 4 STATE TRUCKS, 175.60, PARTS 1305, BOLT FIBER OPTICS SERVICES, 80.26, INTERNET SERVICE 1306, PHILLIPS SERVICES & WELDING, 225.00, REPAIRS 1307, CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY, 224.94, FIRST AID SUPPLIES: Hwy-ST 424, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 105.50, WATER/RENT 425, MUSKOGEE SAND CO., 2654.03, ROAD MATERIALS 426, GRAND SAVINGS BANK, 19260.19, LEASE PAYMENT 427, WELCH STATE BANK, 2197.49, LEASE PAYMENT 428, 59 METAL SALES, 4784.03, SUPPLIES 429, WHITE STAR MACH & SUPPLY INC., 1098.58, PARTS 430, LAKE LAND-CPP, 2676.45, FUEL 431, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 1364.55, PARTS 432, LAKE LAND-CPP, 2172.44, FUEL 433, K.A.R.S., 2949.00, VEHICLE REPAIRS: Rural Fire-ST 936, LAKE LAND-CPP, 330.94, BLANKET 937, BOLT FIBER, 77.13, MONTHLY SERVICE 938, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 224.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE 939, BOLT FIBER, 172.69, MONTHLY SERVICE 940, GMSA, 25.75, MONTHLY SERVICE 941, TESREAU, CARL, 750.00, REPAIRS 942, AT&T MOBILITY, 324.32, INTERNET SERVICE 943, GROVE TIRE & AUTO, 448.78, TIRES 944, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 147.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE 945, AT&T MOBILITY, 202.70, INTERNET SERVICE 946, RURAL WATER DIST.#10, 1004.89, UTILITIES 947, MIAMI INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY AND MANUFACTURING, 120.00, MONTHLY SERVICE 948, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 2494.78, LEASE/PURCH 949, STEVESON L.P. GAS, 796.00, BLANKET 950, DINGES FIRE COMPANY, 2327.40, FIRE DEPT BUNKER

GEAR 951, WALKER HARDWARE & LUMBER, 116.42, SUPPLIES 952, LINDLY S INC., 689.99, BLOWERS 953, WILLIAMS MARINE, 133.00, SUPPLIES 954, LINDLY S INC., 559.97, FIRE DEPT EQUIP 955, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 434.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE: SH Svc Fee 286, FIRST RESPONDER OUTFITTERS, 277.97, UNIFORMS 287, JOHN STEWART PSY. D. P. C., 145.00, MPMI 288, NASRO, 2200.00, TRAINING: Use-ST 117, FIRE TROL PROTECTION SYSTEMS, 1187.50, SECURITY SYSTEM/REPAIR 118, SPIDER LIFT BOAT COVERS, 650.00, MISC 119, MISSOURI GREAT DANE/ TOTAL TRAILERS, 363449.00, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #5 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck

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4. Drifter
8. Grind teeth
13. A notorious Peron
14. At the summit of
15. Decomposing
17. Auto gear, abbr.
18. Certain log
19. If not
20. Actress Cassidy
21. Fruit peels
23. Chic
25. Bump or knot
26. Inguinal part
27. Open platform truck
29. Musician Lofgren
30. Claus aide
32. Crude buildings
33. French farewell
35. Ring around the collar
36. Both of us
37. Exist
38. French lake
39. Atop
41. Like
44. Common contraction
45. Body trunk
47. Aida, for one
50. A pop

51. Alpha follower
52. A globular cloud
54. Birch kin
55. Higher math
56. Addition column
58. Curl one's lip
59. Still, in verse
60. -- yo silver!
61. All aflutter
63. Cry of pain
65. Bristly plant
67. Act catty

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68. 19th of 26
69. Hum one note
70. Culturally showy
71. Aspen gear
Down
1. Him's opposite
2. Annul
3. Stuffed pasta
4. Composer Franz Joseph
5. Comic strip penguin
6. Logarithmic unit
7. Cart pulling team
8. Fido's warning
9. And also not
10. On the spot
11. Flicker effects
12. Led
16. Care concerns
22. Japanese Americans
24. Cop
25. Last degree
26. Act the rodent
28. Broad scarf
30. Oval
31. Fall faller
34. As expected
40. Bandleader Ray
41. Footnote indicator
42. Emulate a lark
43. Advanced class
46. Late flights
47. Choral ensemble
48. Finely blended
49. Foyer spread
53. Functional
54. Fuming
57. Calif. county
58. Alphabetize
60. Brooding individual
62. Group of Niger-Congo languages
64. Air pump meas.
66. As a result

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5	8	1	2	3	6	4	9	7	6		
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Legals

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 to approve all monthly reports submitted by officers. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Reports were submitted by the Health Department, County Clerk, and Treasurer.
 AGENDA #6 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck for approval of citizen's participation or 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. Rocky Carroll asked about the MOU with the Cherokee Nation in item #13. Poindexter said some of the projects on the county's eight-year plan get financial help from the Cherokee Nation. In this case, CN is paying for engineering for the bridge. The MOU is the document that allows for that transaction.
 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.
 AGENDA #8 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve hearing Human Resources report by HR Director Vicki Cossairt. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Cossairt said thanks to law enforcement for completing TB testing as required by law. She said a case of TB was discovered at Commerce Schools last week. She said several employees have been diagnosed with covid, pneumonia, and bronchitis.
 Cossairt said harassment and hostile work environment claims have decreased the last few years, but she reminded the elected officials it is not permissible to ask someone to settle a dispute "out behind the woodshed."
 AGENDA #9 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action retirement of K-9 Hyde with previous handler, tabled from the Feb. 24 meeting. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Thomas distributed letters which he said contained the history of the K-9 program before he took office over which he had no control. He said he wants to retire the dog because he has heart worms and is not serviceable. Thomas said Colton Coble has had the dog "this whole time" he has been unfit for service. Thomas said the letter answers all the questions about the dogs. He said no dogs were ever put on the inventory, but he found in the minutes where the BOCC approved buying two dogs. "I am just trying to clean it up the best I can," Thomas said. "After today, I'd like this to be done." Thomas said his office did not get the grant for a dog applied for recently.
 PEWITT said the dog with heart worms cannot work.
 Callihan asked about the heart worm treatment. The letter states Coble spent \$5,000 treating the dog for heart worms, but Callihan called the dog's vet who said he never treated the dog for heart worms. Callihan said he would like to know if there was any treatment.
 Thomas said the dog got heart worms because he did not have the preventative medicine. Pe Witt said going forward, the "dog deal needs to be done better." Pe Witt said the dogs have a "short shelf life," and they are expensive. Thomas said some dogs last a long time.
 "I just need this dog retired so we can move on," Thomas said. He asked if that answered Callihan's questions. Callihan said no, he wanted to know why the information said the dog was treated, if the dog was treated, and for how long. Thomas said Coble googled how to treat the dog and elected to treat it himself. Callihan said the letter states \$5,000 was spent. Callihan said he just wants the correct information.
 Thomas said the dog was diagnosed with heart worms in 2025, but "nothing" was done from that point on," and the handler treated him on his own.
 Pe Witt said after the dog was diagnosed, none of this matters.
 A motion was made by Beck and seconded by Poindexter to retire the K-9 Hyde. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-no; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 "I just want to make sure I understand," Thomas said. "Jake voted no."
 "The dog is retired," Poindexter said.
 AGENDA #10 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to receive and file a copy of Certificate of Insurance and current list of Board of Directors and Officers for the Kenwood Fire Department as follows: Tony Hopton - Chairman; Greg Butcher - Vice Chairman; Adrian Black, Ira Holt, Forrest Smoke - Members; Fire Chief - Greg Butcher; Asst. Chief - Ira Holt; Requisitioning Officers - Greg Butcher, Barbara Barnes; Receiving Officers - Barbara Hopton, Denisa Dry; Inventory Officers - Jan Butcher, Josh Hansen. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #11 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to execute Form 969 claim for loss of revenue to Delaware County and the school districts therein due to the exemption of new or expanded manufacturing facilities for tax year 2025. 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 additional purchase order to pay for command trailer in the amount of \$3,998. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Pe Witt said the change order amount cannot be added to the purchase order on the original bid, so another purchase order is needed to pay for changes made during construction of the trailer to make it more efficient. A motion was made by Callihan and

seconded by Beck to issue a purchase order for \$3,998 to pay for the changes on the command trailer. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #13 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign Memorandum of Agreement with Cherokee Nation to fund the tribal transportation facility bridge program share of engineering costs for Bridge #30, project JP-31224(04) in District #1 at a cost not to exceed \$180,500. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #14 - A motion was made by Commissioner Poindexter and seconded by Commissioner Callihan to sign the replat for Monkey Island Resort Homes Phase II. 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 transfer the following equipment surplus on behalf of the county clerk: inventory #F109.7 flat file cabinet; inventory #F109.2 plat cabinet; inventory #F109.1 plat cabinet; inventory #F109.6 flat file cabinet. 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 surplus the following items on behalf of the county clerk: inventory #F106.27 shelf unit; inventory #F106.29 shelf unit; inventory #F106.28 shelf unit; inventory #F106.3 book case; inventory #F106.26 shelf unit; inventory #F106.65 book case; inventory #F106.58 book case; inventory #F106.64 book case; inventory #F110.1 typewriter table; inventory #F106.42 school records cabinet; inventory #F106.59 book case; inventory #F106.55 roller shelf. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
 AGENDA #17 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action county-wide burn ban. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Emergency Management and fire personnel present said even though there was a little rain Monday night, the fire danger is still there especially with the continued wind. The BOCC took no action and left the burn ban in place.
 AGENDA #18 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 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

151. VIP VOICE SERVICES, 2260.00, PHONE SYSTEM CALL SERVICES; Highway 1083, CODA, 125.00, REGISTRATION FEE 1084, SPRINGDALE TRACTOR CO., 476.91, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1085, LIBERTY, 260.03, UTILITIES 1086, EQUIPMENTSHARE. COM INC, 113.70, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1087, M&J EQUIPMENT SERVICES LLP, 1719.31, REPAIRS 1088, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 52.25, SUPPLIES 1089, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 578.71, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1090, SPRINGDALE TRACTOR CO., 223.85, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1091, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS *, 92.83, CONTRACT BASE RATE CHARGE 1092, BOLT FIBER, 199.99, UTILITIES 1093, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 47.25, SUPPLIES; Hwy-ST 388, WILLIAMS DIVERSIFIED MATERIALS, INC, 4497.75, MATERIALS; Rural Fire-ST 102, RUGGED SOLUTIONS AMERICAN LLC, DBA SETCOM CORPORATION, 8502.86, FIRE EQUIPMENT; SHERIFF'S FUNDING ASSISTANCE GRANT 3, EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESOURCES LLC, 17500.00, VEHICLE PURCHASE 4, EMERGENCY VEHICLE RESOURCES LLC, 15750.00, VEHICLE PURCHASE; SH Svc Fee 166, NEO PEST CONTROL, 2500.00, PEST CONTROL 167, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 89.00, PARTS BY vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 5. Citizen's participation or comments: Ben Bullard presented information about proposed transmission line crossing four Oklahoma counties. Nowata, Washington, Delaware and Ottawa counties. Transmission line will begin around Wichita Kansas and end in Branson Missouri. Providing 345,000 volts using 150 feet of Right-of-way crossing property owners' private property. Invited public to attend meeting at Welch Civic Center March 17th @ 6:00pm. Requested Commissioners have a Road Use agreement or Bond Agreement due to companies driving large equipment on our road possibly causing damage making to the Companies liable for the damage they might cause.
 Natalie Bullard- Asked question to the board, Have any of the Commissioners met or spoken to anyone from AEP? Will the County have any money gain from this? What is each individual Commissioners opinion on this line crossing the County? What affect does the citizen have if major of them don't want to line? What will the Commissioners do to protect the citizen? Will this item be on the agenda as an item? Tribal Chief Hilton Brand-the proposed line will cross a few reservations trust land which is not allowed. Ask the Elected officials to contact the state official and express their concerns and how they can help the citizens.
 Greg Bryant- this will benefit data centers; this amount of energy would provide energy to 750,000 to 800,000 homes.
 Debbie Gains-Joplin has similar centers that use 2 1/2 million gallons of water per day and is out of water. We are already in a drought situation, and this will drain us of the water we need.
 Gail Graham- spoke with Oklahoma Corporation Commission 2 weeks ago they said they have no jurisdiction. How will this affect our livestock and land? Surveyors came on her land and took pictures.
 Donald Corkland- 800 acres on the Craig/Ottawa county line his farm has vacant prairie land. County Road are in bad shape now. They had a truck stuck because of the little rain we received.
 George Hubbard- rural America and landowner want to keep it rural. Question: is there any regulations or rules within the County to stop the line coming through? If we don't have regulation does that mean companies are able to use counties like ours for their own means.
 Bev Drake- High voltage line have a high hum sound, like the wind turbines being their own sound. Will this effect bird and butterflies. My farm has no till ground and no herbicides due to the native prairie grass. This is not going to help our rural citizens.
 Melinda Stotts- I have three transmission lines by my home. I have health concern. Studies have been done saying it is unhealthy to live close by. My family hunts, fishes and enjoys and eats the wildlife on our farm. What is the effect this will have on wildlife?
 Penny Jarmin- My father was born on this land. I have two 40 acres with two house and the proposed line will go right in the middle of the two properties.
 Larry Palmer- they are not making any more land so to damage the land you won't get it back. Can they not use the right-of-way on Interstate 44 or send it somewhere else?
 Mike Carmen- running through cattle operation. No one is taking accountability.
 Greg Bryant- Ottawa/ Craig County line. Work entire line appreciate the dirt. Brother and I run cattle. Company is looking for land to get ahead of demand for future growth. Has the Company looked for other solutions?
 Jim Wilkins- 52 days before AEP certificate of authority to discuss on option to propose this. No should volunteer survey property. I am asking everyone to come to the meeting.
 Kristy Kirk- my husband and I run cattle and have honeybees. The proposed line will be within 150 feet from them. We need bees for food.
 Tammy Lawry- Thank you for the turn out. My dad Joe Dan Morgan was emergency manager for Ottawa County. This will run through my parent's property. I work at the Tar Creek Program working with youth teaching them how the clean and take care of land. Mining companies didn't know they were causing health problems and now we are cleaning it up. Take a Stand. We don't need this. Find another place.
 Debra Cole- I have serval family and kids that live on the property with me. Studies saying kids have contracted leukemia from lines. Everyone is passing blame. Bergstrom's secretary said not benefiting us. Go through Missouri.
 Mike Furnas- Thanked everyone for coming and speaking for Ottawa County.
 6. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton,

to approve Sheriff's Department purchase two Flock Safety cameras using County General Funds. Funds will be reimbursed through the DEQ grant. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 7. Motion by Hilton, second by Clark, to approve Guy Engineering Invoices for services through February 20, 2026 on PACT-Environmental (Stantec) Consultant concerning bridges located in District # 1, 2 & 3 to be paid out of the Fund # 1305 also known as CBRI-105 Fund. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 8. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve lease purchase a 2019 Caterpillar Grader 12M3 Serial # N9R00352 from John Fabick Tractor Company in the amount of \$ 189,000.00. Requested by District # 1 Commissioner Mike Furnas. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 9. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve lease purchase a 2025 Caterpillar Grader 140-15 Serial # EB210199 from John Fabick Tractor Company in the amount of \$ 331,916.00. Requested by District # 1 Commissioner Mike Furnas. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 10. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve solicitation for sealed bids to lease purchase a tanker truck for the Peoria Fire Department. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 11. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve allocation of alcoholic beverage tax from County Treasurer. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 12. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve allocation of motor vehicle tax from County Treasurer. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 13. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Cash fund estimate of needs and request for appropriations for various County offices: 1102-6-4100-1110 - PERSONAL SERVICE \$ 45,700.01 11102-6-4100-4130 - LEASE RENTAL \$ 10,000.00 1102-6-4200-1110 - PERSONAL SERVICE \$ 48,665.91 1102-6-4200-1310 - TRAVEL \$ 2,000.00 1102-6-4200-4130 - LEASE RENTAL \$ 5,000.00 1102-6-4300-1110 - PERSONAL SERVICE \$ 53,574.85 1102-6-4300-1310 - TRAVEL \$ 2,000.00 1102-6-6110-2005 - TRANSPORTATION PACT FUND \$ 13,378.25 1102-6-6120-2005 - TRANSPORTATION PACT FUND \$ 13,378.25 1102-6-6130-2005 - TRANSPORTATION PACT FUND \$ 13,378.25 1102-6-6510-2005 - CIRB-MV DIST 1 \$ 15,228.65 1102-6-6520-2005 - CIRB-MV DIST 2 \$ 15,228.64 1102-6-6530-2005 - CIRB-MV DIST 3 \$ 15,228.65 1103-6-6000-2020 - CBRI-105 ACCOUNT \$ 21,343.86 1208-1-1000-2005 - COUNTY CLERK CASH OPERATION \$ 932.80 1209-1-1000-2005 - REC PRESERVATION OPERATION \$ 4,545.00 1211-1-1400-1110 - COURT CLERK PAYROLL \$ 20,000.00 1220-1-0600-2005 - RESALE OPERATION \$ 16,023.36 1223-2-0400-2005 - COMMISSARY \$ 16,586.30 1226-2-0400-1110 - SHERIFF SERV FEE PERS SERVICE \$ 1,884.00 1226-2-0400-2005 - SHERIFF SERV FEE OPERATION \$ 7,950.18 1226-2-04400-2017 - SHERIFF SERV FEE BOARD OF PRISONER \$ 47,319.40 1230-1-0600-2005 - TREASURER CASH OPERATION \$ 760.00 1251-1-2000-2005 - OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND \$ 13,713.96 1305-7-8008-2005 - COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT-ST \$ 75,063.84 1313-6-8041-2005 - HIGHWAY SALES TAX \$ 49,183.37 1313-6-8042-2005 - HIGHWAY SALES TAX \$ 49,183.37 1313-6-8043-2005 - HIGHWAY SALES TAX \$ 49,183.37 1321-2-8201-2005 - AFTON FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,321.52 1321-2-8202-2005 - COMMERCE FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,264.22 1321-2-8203-2005 - FAIRLAND FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,313.78 1321-2-8204-2005 - MIAMI FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,283.94 1321-2-8205-2005 - PARADISE PT FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,297.16 1321-2-8206-2005 - PEORIA FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,323.09 1321-2-8207-2005 - PICHER FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,276.36 1321-2-8208-2005 - QUAPAW FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,259.59 1321-2-8209-2005 - WYANDOTTE FIREFIGHTERS TAX \$ 3,322.84 7205-1-1400-2005 - LAW LIBRARY \$ 1,084.90 7206-1-1900-2005 - DRUG COURT REVOLVING FUND \$ 469.00 7210-1-1400-2005 - Court Clerk Management And Preservation \$ 1,543.25 By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 14. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve monthly reports submitted by various County Offices: County Clerk, Treasurer, Election Board, Health Department and Sheriff's Department By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 15. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve check for deposit: check # 2732 form Election Board in the amount of \$ 647.99; check # 6800550847 from AT&T in the amount of \$ 307.22. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 16. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve transfers of appropriations: 1102-6-4300-2005 to 1102-6-4300-1110 in the amount of \$ 5,000.00 By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 18. Commissioners' activity reports: District 1: thanked the support from our citizens to our county's health, safety and welfare. Working on line-of-sight. Report problem spot at intersection to the field office. District 2: Routine maintenance. District 3: Routine maintenance.
 21. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve blankets # 3272-3289. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 22. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve to adjourn. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.
 Mike Furnas, Chairman Robyn Mitchell, County Clerk

Fairland (Continued from pg. 1)

enjoy winning, but I don't want them to be satisfied with it," Coach Stelle said. "We've done some very good things so far and I'm proud of them. However, we still have a lot of things to clean up. We need to stay focused on the process of getting better instead of the rankings. We need to take the confidence from these early season wins and use them to fuel our preparation, not to

think we can just relax. The standard doesn't change just because we're winning, if anything, the standard gets higher." With momentum building and rankings rising, Fairland's esports teams remain focused on preparation and steady improvement as the spring Super Smash Bros. season continues.

GRDA (Continued from pg. 1)

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communities they serve. GRDA is Oklahoma's largest public power utility; fully funded by revenues from electric and water sales instead of taxes. Each day, GRDA strives to be an "Oklahoma agency of excellence" by focusing on the 5 E's: electricity, economic development, environmental stewardship, employees, and efficiency.



Rep. Steve Bashore and Sutton Smith

Sutton Smith Pages at Capitol

Sutton Smith paged in my Capitol office from March 2-5. Sutton is a senior at Miami High School and the son of Julie Smith. He's a smart and gifted guy - valedictorian of his class, Rotary Student of the Month. He runs cross country and track, was the Oklahoma Cross Country & Track Coaches Association Senior All-Star in cross country, and a six-time state qualifier for cross country and track. He plans to take his talents to Oklahoma State University to study finance and then attend law school. He says he would like to become a financial analyst and own his own business. I wish him the absolute best.

administrators might follow or make. This just requires schools to notify law enforcement before any investigation begins. Schools are still free to handle this how they wish, but law enforcement investigators are the best to determine if allegations of inappropriate conduct will be dually investigated and/or prosecuted. The overall goal is protect our children in our public schools. I believe that's something everyone but the perpetrators of a crime would value. House Bill 3087 would update the timeline for garnishment proceedings, giving employees and employers more time to prepare for any hearing. We started the session with more than 1,628 bills or joint resolutions filed in the House. We've knocked that back to about 500 through our two-step committee process. Some of those measures have already passed off the House floor and moved to the Senate. Those that remain will be eligible for consideration on the floor until the third-reading deadline in chamber of origin, which is March 26. Bills have to pass both legislative chambers before they move to the governor for his consideration of signing them into law. Always feel free to tune in to the livestream via the House website: OKHouse.gov. Under the News & Media tab at the top, select live proceedings. Navigate the calendar on the left to find archived meetings. Remember, I'm here if you need me: (405) 557-7399 or steve.bashore@okhouse.gov.

Last week was a good one for pages as it was a committee deadline week. Always fun and full of excitement at the Capitol as members scurry to keep their bills alive. March 5 was the deadline by which all legislation had to pass in an oversight committee, the full Appropriations and Budget Committee, or one of our rules committees. I had a few bills that passed oversight committees during the week. House Bill 2959 would strengthen mandatory child abuse reporting requirements by ensuring any allegation of abuse or neglect by a school employee is reported to law enforcement within 24 hours. It also would require law enforcement to be immediately notified of any allegation involving sexual activity, sexual conduct or any other inappropriate or unlawful behavior. This doesn't remove any protocols or decisions school

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