

Dobrinski says new ICE detention center in Watonga will benefit community; others disagree

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A new U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facility with capacity for more than 2,100 detainees is scheduled to open in Watonga in early 2026. A second may be on the way in Sayre.

Many in favor of the Watonga facility say new jobs will be created and local economies will boom, including Rep. Mike Dobrinski, who currently represents District 59 which includes Watonga.

“I certainly think that it will increase the need for local housing, as bringing company CoreCivic will bring some of their leadership to Oklahoma from other facilities around the country,” said Dobrinski. “They will try and employ as many local folks as they can, with over 400 full-time positions coming; that’s a significant demand in the area and great job opportunities for folks.”

Dobrinski emphasized that this development was not a surprise to most community members and that many supported it.

“The local folks have been aware that there has been more activity at the facility in the last several months, with some renovation projects on the equipment and some of the infrastructure there, so everybody knew that it was a possibility. When the announcement was made public, I learned the same time everyone else did,” he said.

The facility, formerly known as the

Diamondback Correctional Center, served as a prison until 2010, when it closed. It is being reopened under a \$100 million, five-year agreement between CoreCivic and Oklahoma’s Department of Corrections to house individuals detained by ICE.

“CoreCivic profits from incarcerating our loved ones and exploiting rural towns,” the Oklahoma Policy Institute said. “Forcing small towns like Watonga and Sayre to play host to privately managed facilities, despite their record of dehumanizing conditions, in exchange for jobs and tax revenue, is exploitative and predatory.”

CoreCivic reportedly is eyeing reopening the former North Fork Correctional Facility in Sayre as another immigration detention center. Both are part of the billions of dollars appropriated by Congress this year, with the goal of deporting 1 million immigrants annually over the next four years.

“Added to the \$10 billion Congress already appropriated ICE for fiscal year 2025 in March, ICE now has \$28.7 billion at its disposal this year. That \$28.7 billion figure is nearly triple ICE’s entire budget for FY24,” according to the Brennan Center for Justice in New York.

Many have opposed opening the Watonga detention center, claiming it would harm minority communities. Melissa Lujan, an immigration attorney in Oklahoma, shared her reservations.

“I think that’s where our fear is, is that not just that immigrants who have a right to stay here will be harassed, but also citizens will be harassed because police



Aerial view of the Watonga ICE facility pre-renovations.

will be eager to fill those beds,” Lujan told KOCO.

Lujan also emphasized that she believes the state is relying on the recent Supreme Court decision. The decision, on a 6-3 vote on Sept. 8, grants federal agents the right to stop and question people for speaking Spanish or appearing Latino.

Sen. Michael Brooks-Jimenez, a Democratic legislator from Oklahoma City and an immigration attorney, also expressed concern in July about the influx of immigrants being targeted. Brooks-Jimenez stated that most undocumented immigrants detained are not those with a criminal record or prior deportations.

Many in the community are upset by this, as many undocumented immigrants are being taken out of jobs in key industries, leaving employers and the economy at a loss. Since 70 to 75 percent of these immigrants have no criminal record, according to Brooks-Jimenez, many feel that these arrests are targeted.

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The City of Grove is accepting letters of application from anyone wishing to serve as Trustee to the Zoning Board of Adjustments (BOA). Applications are available at City Hall or online at cityofgroveok.gov. Applications must be received and in the office of the City Clerk on or before Monday, November 24, 2025, by 10:00 AM. Mail or deliver letter of application to City of Grove – 1201 NEO Loop – Grove, OK 74344 – (physical address as same) to the attention of City Clerk, Karyn Pesich. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the General Manager, Darren Cook (918) 786-6107.

Karyn Pesich
City Clerk

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

BRENDA O'NEAL, Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL E. JENISON; GERALD P. JENISON; KELBY JENISON; COREY JENISON; and JULIANNE STEC; ALL, if living, and if not living, THEIR RESPECTIVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS and ASSIGNS; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS and ASSIGNS of GERALD ARLOW JENISON, a/k/a GERALD A. JENISON, Deceased; Defendants.

Case No. CV-2025-149
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you have been sued in the District Court of Delaware County, State of Oklahoma, in Case No. CV-25-149, by the above-named Plaintiff, wherein the Plaintiff alleges that she is the sole owner of and is in the actual, open, notorious and adverse possession of the following-described real property situated in Delaware County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Part of the North 14 acres of the NW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 36,

Township 20 North, Range 25 East, Delaware County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows: Tract 2: Beginning at a point N 87° 58' 34" East, 793.44 feet from the NW corner of the NW ¼ SE ¼ of said Section 36; thence N 87° 58' 34" East, 355.65 feet; thence S 35° 19' 58" West, 193.26 feet; thence S 27° 37' 54" West, 156.10 feet; thence N 75° 26' 49" West, 162.46 feet; thence N 03° 18' 21" West, 242.98 feet to the point of beginning, subject to the right-of-way of the County Road and to any and all easements ("the subject property").

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you answer the Plaintiff's Petition on or before December 17, 2025, the allegations contained in said Petition will be taken as true, and a Judgment entered quieting Plaintiff's title in and to the subject property determining that the above-named Defendants, each and all, have no right, title or interest in or to the above-described subject property. You are referred to the Petition on file for more details.

WITNESS my hand this 23rd day of October, 2025.

By: /s/ R. Karleskint,
COURT CLERK DEPUTY

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Notice

On the 15th day of October 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Cleora, Oklahoma, approved Ordinance No. 2025-04 amending

the Town of Hochatown Code of Ordinances. A copy of Ordinance No. 2025-04 is available at the Town Hall or by contacting the Town Clerk. Ordinance No. 2025-04 is presented for publication by Title only pursuant to 11 O.S. § 14-107.

Ordinance No. 2025-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CLEORA, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF TOBACCO, SMOKE, AND VAPOR-FREE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY; AMENDING THE CLEORA MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, PROHIBITIONS, ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES, STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of October 2025.

Dated this 15th Day of October 2025

Lynn Cunningham, Town Clerk
The Town of Cleora, Oklahoma

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF ESTATE OF ANNA HARRIET PRUSATOR, a/k/a ANN PRUSATOR Deceased

CASE NO. PB-2025-48

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING PETITION FOR FINAL DECREE OF

DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE: DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: and CLOSURE OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that THOMAS D. PRUSATOR the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the ESTATE ANNA HARRIET PRUSATOR, a/k/a ANN PRUSATOR, (hereinafter referred to as ANN PRUSATOR), has filed his Petition for Final Decree of Distribution of Estate, Discharge of Personal Representative, and Closure of Estate. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 18th day of November, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in District Courtroom #2 of the Courthouse located at 327 South 5th Street, in the City of Jay, Delaware County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Estate should not be distributed, and the Executor discharged.

DATED this 17th day of October, 2025.

/s/ David Crutchfield
JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/ Natasha Isaacs
Deputy Court Clerk

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JULIE R.

HAWTHORN, Deceased

CASE NO: PB-2025-85

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against JULIE R. HAWTHORN, 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 Administrator, WILLIAM HAWTHORN, c/o her attorney, SUSAN A. MUSCARI, PO BOX 452409, GROVE, OK 74345, on or before the following presentment date: the 21 day of December, 2025, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Susan A. Muscari
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANNY LEE COTRILL, Deceased

CASE NO.: PB-2025-86

ORDER OF CONTINUED HEARING

The Petitioner herein, REGENA M. COTRILL, has filed in the above captioned Court a Motion to Continue Hearing for her Petition For Letters Of Administration,

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Appointment Of Administrator, Determination Of Heirs, Issuance Of Letters Of Administration, and Waiver Of Inventory due to scheduling conflict and insufficient time to publish the Notice and Order of Hearing, and has requested a hearing date of Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., before Judge David Crutchfield in Courtroom #2 in the Courthouse in the City of Jay, County of Delaware, State of Oklahoma at which time you may appear and show cause, if any, why said Petition should not be granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 23rd day of October, 2025.

/s/ David Crutchfield
HON. DAVID CRUTCHFIELD
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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Ridgerunner Self Storage at 25902 S 655 Road, Grove, OK, will dispose of contents on or after November 17, 2025: Unit P-11, Terina Reid and Unit T-11, Sherry Vannkirk, At 25902 S. 655 Road, Grove, OK; Unit 103, Tracy Kuhn. This is not an auction.

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