

# OKLAHOMA 2026 ELECTION YEAR EXPECTED TO BE ONE OF BUSIEST IN STATE HISTORY

Oklahoma voters are gearing up for what promises to be one of the most active election years in state history in 2026, with a large number of federal, statewide, and legislative offices on the ballot and an unusually high number of candidates declaring their intentions to run.

In addition to the governor’s race, voters will choose candidates for U.S. Senate and all U.S. House seats. Statewide executive offices include governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, state auditor and inspector, commissioner of labor, insurance commissioner, and one corporation

commission seat. All 101 seats in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and 24 of 48 seats in the state Senate will also be contested. Judicial and local offices, school boards, municipal offices, and local ballot measures will appear on the ballot as well.

Several high-profile races are open because incumbents are term-limited or seeking other offices. Governor Kevin Stitt is term-limited and cannot run for a third term. Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell is also term-limited. Many legislative seats are open due to retirements or officeholders seeking higher office, leading to a wave of new candidates

at the state level. Term limits, combined with retirements and competitive primaries in both major parties, have contributed to the large number of candidates seeking office in 2026.

Candidates must file during the official filing period, which runs April 1 through April 3, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. All candidates for federal, state, legislative, and judicial offices must submit a notarized declaration of candidacy along with the required fee or petition. Late or incomplete filings are not accepted by law.

The primary election is scheduled for June 16, 2026. If no candidate

receives a majority in a primary, a runoff will be held on Aug. 25, 2026. The general election will take place Nov. 3, 2026. Oklahoma’s primaries are closed, meaning only voters registered with a political party may vote in that party’s primary or runoff.

With so many key races, including multiple open seats at the top of the ticket and a full slate of legislative contests, 2026 is expected to break records for candidate participation and voter engagement in Oklahoma. Reid Newspapers will serve as a trusted source for election coverage and information, helping voters make educated decisions about the issues and leaders that affect their lives.

## LEGALS

If you have any financial interest in 1961 Chevrolet Apache VIN:1C144K102570, 1959 Chevrolet Apache VIN:3B9K129853 or 1937 Chevrolet 1500 VIN:5GC057850 please contact Whitney @ 9185336720. These vehicles are located at 21507 S Hwy 69 Afton, OK 74331.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER CONCERNING PROPOSED BURN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to owners of lands adjacent to land owned and operated by the Grand River Dam Authority and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation as Oklahoma Wildlife Management Areas that on or between January 1 thru December 31, 2026, the operators of such Wildlife Management Area located at T28, R22E, Sec. 26, 34 and 35 in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, the Department of Wildlife Conservation intends to burn as prescribed burning approximately 540 acres of above mentioned property.

This notice is pursuant to Title 2, section 16-28.2 requiring written notice be given to all adjacent property owners within 60 days of a prescribed burning. Property owners may contact Scott Alan Cox at Department of Wildlife Conservation at 405-517-4539.

Welch, Miami, Bluejacket and Vinita Fire Department located at: Miami, Welch, Vinita and Bluejacket, Oklahoma.

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: The Application of Colby W. Allen To Issue Title

### Case No. CV-26-4 APPLICATION FOR COURT ORDER

COMES NOW the applicant, Colby W. Allen of Miami, Oklahoma, and hereby makes Application to the District Court of OTTAWA COUNTY to issue an order directing Service Oklahoma to issue an Oklahoma Title bearing the VIN #VB57K180777 in the name of Colby and or Debbie Allen 1957 Chevrolet 2 Door Sedan

In support of this application, the Applicant would state under oath that he is the Owner of said vehicle. That the above described property is not stolen. The he/she claims ownership to the above described property as follows:

The car was bought from Arminta Holder on September 18th 2024. No title was available

That ownership of the above described property is not disputed or that an ownership interest may be claimed by \_\_\_\_\_, whom will have served with a copy of this application along with summons notifying them of the allegations of this application and date and time of the hearing.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Colby W. Allen  
Applicant's signature

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of Colby and or Debbie Allen 1957 Chevrolet 2door Sedan VB57K180777 Property and VIN#

### Case No. CV-26-4

### ORDER OF SETTING

Now on this 13th day of January, 2026, the Court finds this matter should be set before me the 5th day of February, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

/s/ Andrew Meloy  
Judge

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SHAWNEE TRIBE MIAMI, OKLAHOMA

### NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that Miranda Kay Lee has filed in the Shawnee Tribal Court a Petition for Name Change of Adult in case number FDM-2026-00001 to have his/her name changed as follows:

Miranda Kay Lee to that of Miranda Kay Livingston

And that the same will be heard by the Shawnee Tribal Court, 32 A St. SE, 2nd Floor, Miami, Oklahoma, on the 23rd day of February, 2026, at 11:00A.M., and that any person may file a written protest in this case prior to the date set for the hearing.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2026.

(SEAL)  
/s/ Ashley Marie Shawnee  
Court Clerk/Deputy

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The Housing Authority of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma will hold a Regular monthly meeting January 20, 2026 at 4:30 p.m., at the Housing Authority Office located at 3606 Sencay Avenue, Comstick Square, Miami, Oklahoma.

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This notice is pursuant to Title 2, section 16-28.2 requiring written notice be given to all adjacent property owners within 60 days of a prescribed burning. Property owners may contact Scott Alan Cox at Department of Wildlife Conservation at 405-517-4539.

A complete plan of the proposed prescribed burning can be found at the: Vinita, Miami, Fire Department's and Ottawa and Craig County Sheriff's offices.

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of BRIAN CHRISTOPHER TEAGUE, Deceased

### Case No. PB-2025-14

### NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR ORDER DETERMINING HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given that Kimberly Yvonne Cheatum, Personal Representative of the Estate of Brian Christopher Teague, Deceased, has filed in this Court her Petition for an order determining heirs, determining distribution and discharge of the Personal Representative.

Notice is further given that the hearing on the same is hereby fixed by the undersigned Judge of said Court for the 12th day of February, 2026 at the hour of 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa County Courthouse in Miami, Oklahoma; and all persons interested in said estate are then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such Petition should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of Brian Christopher Teague, deceased be determined, the assets of the estate distributed and the Personal Representative thereupon discharged.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen  
Judge of the District Court

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### DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCIS ANTHONY NAULT AKA TONY A. NAULT, DECEASED

### PB-2025-45 ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S FINAL REPORT AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL REPORT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES, FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the duly-appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above-captioned Estate has filed in this Court a Final Report and Petition for Order Allowing Final Report, Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees, Final Decree of Distribution, and Discharge of Personal Representative, and which the Court finds should be set for hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Personal Representative's Final Report and Petition for Order Approving Final Report and Accounting, Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees, Final Decree of Distribution and Discharge of Personal Representative is set for hearing on the 5th day of February, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma in the city of Miami, Oklahoma, and that all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such Final Report should not be settled and allowed, heirs determined, the estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged. This Order and Notice of hearing shall be given as required by law.

DATED THIS 9th day of January, 2026.

s/ R. Matt Whalen  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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### DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK NICHOLSON, DECEASED.

### PB-2025-47 ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S FINAL REPORT AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL REPORT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES, FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the duly-appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above-captioned Estate has filed in this Court a Final Report and Petition for Order Allowing Final Report, Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees, Final Decree of Distribution, and Discharge of Personal Representative, and which the Court finds should be set for hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Personal Representative's Final Report and Petition for Order Approving Final Report and Accounting, Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees, Final Decree of Distribution and Discharge of Personal Representative is set for hearing on the 5th day of February, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma in the city of Miami, Oklahoma, and that all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such Final Report should not be settled and allowed, heirs determined, the estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged. This Order and Notice of hearing shall be given as required by law.

DATED THIS 9th day of January, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen  
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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of NINA LOUISE CUNNINGHAM-KOLLING, deceased.

### Case No. PB-2025-48 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that FRANKIE HOWERTON, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above captioned estate, has filed in this Court a Final Account and Report of the administration of said estate and a Petition for determination of heirship, distribution of said estate, and discharge; said hearing of the same has been fixed by

the Judge of the Court for the 29th day of January, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the courtroom of said Court in the Ottawa County Courthouse at Miami, in the County and State aforesaid, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said account should not be settled and allowed, and said estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen  
Judge of the District Court

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Brian Brassfield, Purchasing Agent for The Miami Special Utility Authority will receive sealed bids until 1:00 P.M. CST, on Thursday February 19, 2026, for The Miami Special Utility Authority (RFB 25-84) Fiber Optic Equipment. All proposals that have been duly received by the appropriate date and time will be opened in the Office of the Purchasing Agent, located at Miami City Hall, 129 5th Ave. NW, Miami, OK. Everyone is welcome to attend sealed bid opening.

(RFB 25-84) The Miami Special Utility Authority, requests bids from qualified bidders for fiber optic equipment.

SMALL BUSINESS AND MINORITY BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT BIDS. ENVELOPES SHALL BE CLEARLY MARKED "SEALED BID" WITH THE BIDDERS NAME & APPROPRIATE SOLICITATION NUMBER (RFB 25-84) CLEARLY SHOWN ON FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE.

The Miami Special Utility Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Any bid received after the time set for the opening of bids shall not be considered by the awarding agency and shall be returned unopened to the bidder submitting same.

Full solicitation packets can be downloaded from our website.. at [www.miamiokla.net](http://www.miamiokla.net).

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Brian Brassfield, Purchasing Agent for The Miami Special Utility Authority will receive sealed bids until 11:00 A.M. CST, on Tuesday February 10, 2026, for The Miami Special Utility Authority (RFB 25-85) Fiber Optic Materials. All proposals that have been duly received by the appropriate date and time will be opened in the Office of the Purchasing Agent, located at Miami City Hall, 129 5th Ave. NW, Miami, OK. Everyone is welcome to attend sealed proposal opening.

(RFB 25-85) The Miami Special Utility Authority, requests bids from qualified bidders for fiber optic materials.

SMALL BUSINESS AND MINORITY BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT BIDS. ENVELOPES SHALL BE CLEARLY MARKED "SEALED BID" WITH THE BIDDERS NAME & APPROPRIATE SOLICITATION NUMBER (RFB 25-85) CLEARLY SHOWN ON FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE.

The Miami Special Utility

Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Brian Brassfield, Purchasing Agent for The Miami Special Utility Authority will receive sealed bids until 2:00 P.M. CST, on Thursday February 19, 2026, for The Miami Special Utility Authority (RFB 25-86) Fiber Optic Construction Services. All bids that have been duly received by the appropriate date and time will be opened in the Office of the Purchasing Agent, located at Miami City Hall, 129 5th Ave. NW, Miami, OK. Everyone is welcome to attend sealed bid opening.

(RFB 25-86) The Miami Special Utility Authority, requests bids from qualified bidders for fiber optic construction services.

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The Miami Special Utility Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Brian Brassfield, Purchasing Agent for The Miami Special Utility Authority will receive sealed bids until 3:00 P.M. CST, on Thursday February 19, 2026, for The Miami Special Utility Authority (RFB 25-87) Fiber Node Shelter. All bids that have been duly received by the appropriate date and time will be opened in the Office of the Purchasing Agent, located at Miami City Hall, 129 5th Ave. NW, Miami, OK. Everyone is welcome to attend sealed bid opening.

(RFB 25-87) The Miami Special Utility Authority, requests bids from qualified bidders for fiber node shelter.

SMALL BUSINESS AND MINORITY BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT BIDS. ENVELOPES SHALL BE CLEARLY MARKED "SEALED BID" WITH THE BIDDERS NAME & APPROPRIATE SOLICITATION NUMBER (RFB 25-87) CLEARLY SHOWN ON FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE.

The Miami Special Utility Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Any bid received after the time set for the opening of bids shall not be considered by the awarding agency and shall be returned unopened to the bidder submitting same.

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