

LEGALS

May 21, 2026

1. The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting at 9:30 A.M. on May 21st, 2026, with the following members present: Chairman Mike Furnas, Commissioner Robert Clark and Commissioner Scott Hilton. Notice of the meeting was posted at the south door of the Ottawa County Courthouse at 3:08 P.M., May 11, 2026. Commissioners' Meeting Agendas and Minutes can also be found online at ottawa.okcounties.org.

2. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve payroll claims presented to the Board for payment. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

3. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to adjourn. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

**Mike Furnas, Chairman
Robyn Mitchell,
Ottawa County Clerk
Miami News-Record**

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May 26th, 2026

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 26th, 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 May 20th, 2026 at 10:11 A.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 May 18th, 2026. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye

4. Motion by Hilton, second by Clark, to approve claims presented to the Board for payment: 2025-2026 General 2144, CODE3 SECURITY, 1823.20, SECURITY SERVICES 2145, PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC, 164.97, LEASE PAYMENT 2146, ADMIRAL EXPRESS INC*, 270.06, OFFICE SUPPLIES 2147, QUILL CORPORATION*, 1815.94, OFFICE SUPPLIES 2148, BEEHLER/WRIGHT LOCKSHOP*, 10.00, LOCKSMITH SERVICES 2149, TURN KEY HEALTH CLINICS LLC, 19766.02, INMATE TREATMENT 2150, CITY OF MIAMI, 7375.00, SERVICE AGREEMENT 2151, NEO PEST CONTROL, 750.00, PEST CONTROL 2152, AT&T, 114.32, PHONE BILL 2153, AT&T MOBILITY, 241.12, INTERNET SERVICE 2154, OSU-CTP, 65.00, TRAINING 2155, AMERICAN NEWSPAPER INC, 405.40, LEGAL NOTICE 2156, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS *, 8.51, CONTRACT BASE RATE CHARGE 2157, SMITH TWO WAY RADIO, INC, 480.56, RADIO EQUIPMENT 2158, OTIS ELEVATOR CO*, 350.00, INSPECTIONS 2159, LAKELAND FINANCIAL SERVICES, 220.43, LEASE PAYMENT 2160, OSU COOP EXT SERVICE*, 6666.66, CONTRACT AGREEMENT 2161, KATHY ENYART, 365.25, TRAVEL EXPENSES; Health 214, INTEGRIS MIAMI HOSPITAL, 108.00, X-RAYS 215, ORKIN EXTERMINATION CO INC*, 48.63, PEST CONTROL 216, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 433.80, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 217, GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, 513.48, LEASE PAYMENT; Highway 1505, ACE HARDWARE, 35.91, PARTS 1506, BEACHNER GRAIN, 365.00, HERBICIDES 1507, ACE TOWN & COUNTRY, 215.92, OILS 1508, SOUTHERN TIRE MART*, 1616.00, TIRES 1509, TOTAL PEST SERVICES, LLC, 120.00, PEST CONTROL 1510, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 47.25, SHOP SUPPLIES 1511, JOHN FABICK TRACTOR CO*, 12.74, PARTS 1512, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP OF JOPLIN, 137.38, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1513, TREVIPAY, 147.64, SUPPLIES 1514, LAKELAND PETROLEUM, 2541.13, FUEL 1515, TRI-STATE TRUCK CENTER, 87.56, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1516, SCOTT HILTON, 35.02, TRAVEL EXPENSES 1517, ACE HARDWARE, 23.94, KEYS 1518, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 47.25, SHOP SUPPLIES 1519, MIKE FURNAS, 112.81, TRAVEL EXPENSES 1520, NE OK ELECTRIC CO-OP, 18.73, UTILITIES 1521, AUTOMOTIVE OF FAIRLAND*, 62.77, PARTS 1522, SPRINGDALE TRACTOR CO., 73.74, KEYS 1523, LAKELAND PETROLEUM, 2929.59, FUEL; Hwy-ST 495, KEMP STONE CO INC*, 906.76, MATERIALS 496, PTC TRUX LLC, 1226.64, VEHICLE REPAIR 497, SOUTHERN TIRE MART, 533.58, PARTS 498, LAKELAND PETROLEUM, 11015.00, FUEL

499, GUY ENGINEERING, 991.28, INSPECTIONS 500, GUY ENGINEERING, 496.74, SIGNS 501, AG PARTNERS COOPERATIVE INC, 114.00, REPAIRS; Rural Fire-ST 147, LOCALITY MEDIA LLC DBA FIRST DUE, 6050.00, SUBSCRIPTION 148, NE OK ELECTRIC CO-OP, 69.50, UTILITIES; Safe Room Grant 26, MIKE GOINS, 2775.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 27, RICHARD J CUMMINGS, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 28, JUSTIN WRAY, 2887.50, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 29, THE THOMAS DARRIN MCNIEL AND, TAMMY MCNIEL REVOCALBLE TRUST, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 30, KRISTA FOSTER, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 31, BERT PAYTON, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 32, SHERI WOLFENBARGER, 2925.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 33, KHOL KITTRELL, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 34, CHRISTINA CONNER, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 35, PHYLLIS BRUMLEY, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 36, WENDY HANCE, 2775.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 37, FRANCES TEETER, 2925.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 38, JEFFREY D HENRICKSON, 2925.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 39, HALEY ERIN THOMASSON, 2775.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 40, LARRY MCCORKELL, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 41, EDWIN STILLWELL, 2812.50, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 42, VETTA L STOOPS, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 43, BILL GARRISON, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 44, JOHN STEELE, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 45, RICHARD E RENTFROW, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 46, PARKER LEE WILSON, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 47, RONALD LEWIS CLINE, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 48, HENRY HAYES, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 49, DANIEL MARK CRIPPEN, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 50, JOSEPH DORSEY, 2925.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 51, SHERRI L FENT, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 52, JOHN TIMOTHY HURST, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 53, CHAD GAINES, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT 54, BRUCE CHRZ, 3000.00, SAFE ROOM PROJECT; SH Svc Fee 254, GARNER, BOB GARAGE & WRECKER SERVIC, 255.87, TOWING 255, CLEARWATER ENTERPRISE, 762.75, UTILITIES. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

6. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Ottawa County District 1 requests to solicit bids for the demo of shop and barn that burned on January 26, 2026. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

7. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Resolution 2026.19: Declaration of surplus submitted by District 1. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

8. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve updates implemented to the jail since David Dean became the Ottawa County Sheriff. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

14. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve checks for deposit: Check #6800602128 in the amount of \$399.44 By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

15. Commissioners' activity reports: District 1: thanked crew and staff for their work, finishing up work on overpass. Thanked the tribe for their help. District 2: Routine maintenance. District 3: Routine maintenance.

18. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve blankets #4434-4447. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

19. 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
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ARVEST BANK, Successor in Interest By Merger to Arvest Mortgage Company, Plaintiff,

v.

JOSHUA FLEMING, an Individual JACLYN S. FLEMING, Former Spouse of JOSHUA FLEMING, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSHUA FLEMING, if any. OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES, Defendants.

**Case No. CJ-2026-27
SECOND AMENDED NOTICE**

BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Joshua Fleming, Unknown Spouse of Joshua Fleming, and Occupants of the Premises

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by Arvest Bank, and that you must Answer the Amended Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before July 14, 2026, or the allegations of said Amended Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you awarding Plaintiff a first lien upon the following described real estate, situated in Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, to wit:

LOT 1, BLOCK 1 IN JOHNSON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MIAMI, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, according to the recorded plat thereof. The address is 901 7th Ave. NW, Miami, OK 74354

for the sum of \$83,421.13 with accrued interest thereon up to March 1, 2026 plus interest accruing at the rate of 5.25% per annum from March 1, 2026, and as adjusted, until paid; abstracting expense, accrued and accruing; insurance and preservation expenses accrued and accruing, bankruptcy fees and costs, if any; a reasonable attorney's fee provided for in said Note and Mortgage, and Plaintiff's costs; and all necessary funds advanced by Plaintiff accrued and accruing hereafter through completion of this action, ordering said property sold to satisfy said judgment, forever barring you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from ever setting up or asserting any right, title, equity or interest in and to said real estate adverse to the right and title of the purchaser at said foreclosure sale, and for such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL, this 22 day of May, 2026.

**Cassie Key
Court Clerk
/s/ T Curry
Deputy**

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF**

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Office of the Ottawa County Clerk, Robyn Mitchell, at 102 East Central Avenue, Suite 103 in Miami, Oklahoma 74354 until 1:00 PM on June 30, 2026. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud by the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners on the following:

Sale of Used Police Pursuit Vehicles

**VEHICLE A) 2013 Black Chevy Tahoe
Vin# 1GSNKA02DR187963
(NEEDS MOTOR)**

**VEHICLE B) 2015 Black Ford Interceptor SUV
Vin# 1FM5K8AR7FGC17634
(NEEDS WATER PUMP)**

**VEHICLE C) 2017 Silver Ford Interceptor SUV
Vin# 1FM5K8AR4HGD57644
(NEEDS WATER PUMP)**

**VEHICLE D) 2010 White Chevy Tahoe SUV
Vin# 1GNLC2E0XCR320863**

A complete set of Bid Documents may be obtained at the address given above, online at ottawa.okcounties.org, emailing countyclerk@ottawa.okcounties.org or by calling (918) 542-3332 to request that they be mailed.

The successful bidder must comply with OS 19, Chapter 33 (Purchasing Procedures).

Bids received late will be returned unopened.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or make an award to other than the Highest Bidder, if such an award is deemed to be in the best interest of the County.

**Robyn Mitchell
Ottawa County Clerk**

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA

AMENDING CHAPTER VI (BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS); ARTICLE I (IN GENERAL); SECTION 6-13 (PERMITS AND FEES) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REFLECT NEWLY AMENDED FEES AND CHARGES RELATED TO THE PERMITTING AND INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS Article 2, Section 6(3) of the City Charter provides that "All powers of the city, including the determination of policy, shall be vested in the Council. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Council may: ... 3. Raise revenue, make appropriations, regulate salaries and wages, and all other fiscal affairs of the city, subject to such limitations as may now or hereafter be imposed by the Oklahoma Constitution and law"; and

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 6(2) of the City Charter provides that the Council may "Enact municipal legislation subject to limitations as may now or hereafter be imposed by the Oklahoma Constitution and law"; and

WHEREAS, 11 O.S. §14-101 provides that "...[m]unicipal ordinances may be repealed, altered or amended as the governing body ordains"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary and advisable to amend Chapter VI (Buildings and Building Regulations), Article I (In General), Section 6-13 (Permits and Fees) to update permitting and inspection fees to reflect current administrative costs and operational needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure that permitting and inspection fees remain fair, reasonable, and sufficient to support enforcement and public safety services.

Now, Therefore, be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Miami, Oklahoma:

Section 1 – Amendment

Chapter VI, Article I, Section 6-13 of the Code of Ordinances is amended to state as follows:

(a) Any person desiring a permit required by this Chapter shall make written application therefor to the building inspector, on blank forms furnished by him/her. Such application shall be in duplicate, indicating such facts as to the nature of the work to be performed and drawings setting out the plans as the inspector may require.

(b) The application and drawings shall be retained in the office of the inspector as per the City's document retention policy.

(c) If the proposed work specified in an application does not violate any provisions of this Chapter, any Code adopted herein, or any other ordinance of the City or applicable statute or rule of the state or federal government, the building inspector shall write the word "approved" on the face of the original application, together with his/her signature.

(d) No application for a permit required by this Chapter shall be accepted and no such permit shall be issued until the following fees and the reasonably anticipated inspection fees as determined necessary by the building inspector have been paid to the City in addition to any fee(s) which state law requires the City to collect:

1) For a permit for a new residential building or structure the fee based on the estimated improvement is as follows:

Up to first 1,000 square feet\$175.00
Each additional 100 square feet\$5.00

2) For a permit for additions/remodels or the alteration of an existing residential structure, the fee based on the estimated improvement is as follows:

Up to first 500 square feet\$75.00
Each additional 100 square feet\$5.00

3) For a permit for a new commercial or industrial building or structure the fee based on the estimated improvement is as follows:

Up to first 1,000 square feet\$250.00
Each additional 100 square feet\$10.00

4) For a permit for additions/remodels or the alteration of an existing commercial or industrial building or structure the fee based on the estimated improvement is as follows:

Up to first 1,000 square feet\$175.00
Each additional 100 square feet\$5.00

5) For a permit for a new accessory building for storage only, whether residential, commercial or industrial, the fee based on the estimated improvement is as follows:

Up to first 200 square feet\$75.00
Each additional 100 square feet\$5.00

6) For a permit for miscellaneous construction (i.e. roofs, storm shelters, carport, etc.), whether residential, commercial or industrial, the fee is as follows:

\$75.00, plus all applicable State fees.

7) For a permit for the demolition or removal of a building or structure or part thereof, the fee shall be \$50.00, plus all applicable State fees, provided that, if the demolition is a necessary part of an alteration for which a permit has been issued, no fee shall be required for such demolition. Provided further, however, that in the case of any permit which shall involve demolition or removal as described above, no permit shall be issue until the City Manager, or designee has reviewed the matter. The building inspector, or designee may make appropriate preconditions, conditions and requirements prior to authorizing issuance of a demolition permit, and in such case no demolition permit shall be issued unless and until the applicant has endorsed his or her agreement to the terms of the permit and has granted the City the right to enter upon the premises and inspect the progress of the demolition in the interests of the public safety, health and welfare.

8) For a permit and inspection for the installation of signs, the fee is as follows:

All electric signs\$80.00
All non-electric signs\$70.00

9) The Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission (OUBCC) fee for each building permit, trade permit, or related construction permit issued by the City along with City administrative fee shall be collected as follows:

OUBCC fee.....\$4.50
Administrative fee.....\$0.50
(Note that the administrative fee is inclusive of the OUBCC total fee above and not in addition to the amount.)

(e) The payment of the fees provided for in this section shall, in no way, relieve the applicant of the obligation to pay any other fee specified by this Chapter, for inspection, certificates or approval of sewer connections, water taps, wiring, or other privileges.

(f) The following inspections are required and the following inspection fee(s) apply thereto.

1) Residential:

Initial inspection\$55.00
Reinspection\$100.00
Final\$75.00

2) Commercial and Industrial:

Initial inspection\$55.00
Reinspection\$100.00
Final\$125.00

(Ord. No. 2018-13, § 1, 9-25-2018)

Section 2 – Severability.

If any provision, paragraph, word, section or article of this Ordinance is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections and chapters shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 3 - Conflicting Provisions.

If any provision, paragraph, word, section or article of this Ordinance conflicts with the provisions of any other Ordinance, then the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have superseded all conflicting provisions previously entered into effect.

Section 4 - Repealing Conflicting Ordinances.

That all other existing ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency and all other ordinances not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5 – Effective Date

Pursuant to 11 O.S. §14-103, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from its final passage unless the City Council specifies a later date:

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Miami, Oklahoma on this 2nd day of June, 2026.

**/s/ Bless Parker
Bless Parker, Mayor**

ATTEST:
**/s/ Melissa Moore
Melissa Moore, City Clerk**

APPROVED:
**/s/ Misty Barnes
Misty Barnes, City Attorney**
[SEAL]

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Attention Contractors,

The Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma is seeking **bids for the Construction of showers and bathroom at our Pow Wow Grounds.** The bidders meeting will be held Friday June 12th at 1pm. All information will be given at this meeting at our Tribal Office, located at 15 S HWY 69A Miami, Ok 74354. Contact info: 918-540-1536 Aaron Epperson.

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Attention Contractors,

The Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma is seeking **bids for a service contract of our buildings and business.** The bidders meeting will be held Friday June 12th at 1:30pm. All information will be given at this meeting at our Tribal Office, located at 15 S HWY 69A Miami, Ok 74354. Contact info: 918-540-1536 Aaron Epperson.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of: PHYLLIS MARLENE HALLETT, deceased.

Case No. PB-2025-30 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against Phyllis Marlene Hallett, deceased, are required to present the same, with the description of all security interest and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative, c/o Andrew T. Doney, 2 North Main, Ste. 404, Miami, OK 74354, on or before the following presentment date August 3, 2026 or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 26th day of May, 2026.

DONEY LAW PLLC

**By: /s/ Andrew T. Doney
Andrew T. Doney, OBA #31366**

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Attorneys for Personal Representative**

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

In the Matter of the Estate of LISA RENEE LUTHER, deceased.

Case No. PB-26-14 ALIAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against LISA RENEE LUTHER, deceased, are required to present the same, with the description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative,

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GARAGE SALE

JUNE 5TH AND 6TH

7AM-5PM

725 E ST. NW | Miami, OK

Furniture, bedding, patio furniture, pots, baskets, hardware and misc.

REID Newspapers News OF THE State

Governor, AG at odds over proposed \$4B project Drummond files action to block Inola aluminum smelter

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Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond filed a petition Tuesday, June 2, in Rogers County District Court, to block a proposed heavy-industrial aluminum smelting complex in Inola. Behind the massive project are two private ventures, one of which is owned by the United Arab Emirates.

According to Drummond, Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA), which is a state-owned enterprise of the United Arab Emirates, holds a 60% controlling interest in the project. Century Aluminum, a Delaware corporation headquartered in Chicago, holds the minority 40% interest.

“The controlling hand behind the largest smelter ever proposed on American soil belongs not to Oklahomans, nor even to Americans, but to a foreign sovereign more than 7,000 miles away,” Drummond wrote in the petition.

Governor Kevin Stitt issued a statement on Tuesday criticizing Drummond for “targeting one of the largest economic development projects in state history.” Stitt cited political motivation in his statement, saying this project is backed by President Donald Trump, and would strengthen a critical supply chain for all Americans.

“As soon as President Trump made his endorsement in the governor’s race, Drummond dropped the act and showed his true colors,” said Stitt. “Now he is turning his machine against one of President Trump’s top priorities, once again weaponizing his office to settle scores instead of serving Oklahomans. President Trump’s aluminum project in Inola will rapidly grow Oklahoma’s economy and strengthen America’s supply chain for generations, while Drummond turns his back on our state in favor of cheap political gimmicks and personal gain.”

The proposed facility – Oklahoma Primary Aluminum – would be the largest primary aluminum production plant ever constructed in the United States, with a planned capacity exceeding 750,000 metric tons of aluminum per year.

Drummond said primary aluminum smelting generates a hazardous waste stream, consumes significant amounts of electricity and water, and is one of the most polluting heavy-industrial activities that exists. He also said the process also wreaks havoc on cattle, “threatening Oklahoma’s single largest agricultural sector.”

Another concern many local advocates have with the proposed project is electricity consumption, an issue that has been at the center of several local, grassroots meetings in regards to proposed data centers and power line projects in the region.

The proposed Inola facility is projected to draw more than 1,000 megawatts of continuous electricity, more power than many Oklahoma cities consume, according to Drummond. He said this project would place “extraordinary strain on the regional grid served by Public Service Company of Oklahoma and threaten the reliability and affordability of electricity for Oklahoma ratepayers.”

Drummond said the project is propelled by an extraordinary infusion of public money. Last year, the U.S. Department of Energy selected Century Aluminum for a grant of up to \$500 million to underwrite the smelter’s

construction. The State of Oklahoma has added its own subsidies including a \$255 million incentive package.

Drummond said he filed the petition to “protect Oklahoma’s people, air, land, and water.” The smelter would occupy about 350 acres along the Verdigris River, within about three miles of Inola’s schools, homes and farms.

“A primary aluminum smelter does not belong in a community’s backyard, and its emissions do not respect property lines,” Drummond said, adding that winds could carry pollutants into the surrounding northeastern Oklahoma communities. “The injury is imminent, it is grave, and it is irreparable.”

\$1.3B OCC Preapproval Appealed

Rep. Tom Gann (R-Inola) said the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) quietly preapproved some \$1.3 billion in new electricity generation and storage capacity for Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO). He has appealed the OCC’s order to the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Gann now has ten OCC utility appeals pending before the court, some of those filed with Reps. Kevin West (R-Moore) and Rick West (R-Heavener).

His latest appeal, filed May 22, brings the total amount of PSO, OG&E, and ONG customer payments the representatives have challenged to \$475 million in rate increases, \$3.2 billion in 2021 Winter Storm bonds, \$11 billion in fuel charges, and \$1.3 billion in new capacity preapprovals.

Although not identified by name in the OCC’s order, Gann said PSO’s capacity expansion is intended to power several new “large-load” industrial customers, including multiple proposed data centers in eastern Oklahoma, as well as the new \$4 billion Emirates Global Aluminum smelter proposed for Gann’s hometown of Inola.

AARP and the Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers joined Gann’s appeal of the OCC’s \$1.3 billion capacity preapproval order for PSO, arguing one of the financing methods the OCC approved was based on an unconstitutional law. Approved in May 2025, Senate Bill 998 mandated approval of Construction Work in Progress (CWIP) financing for certain utility projects.

In addition to the new appeal, Gann and more than 300 other PSO customers have filed Entries of Appearance in PSO’s latest rate case at the OCC in which the utility is seeking an additional \$600 million rate increase. PSO is challenging the entries.

The customers say the entries are being filed to comply with a recent Oklahoma Supreme Court decision (2026 OK 24) that recognized individual utility customers’ constitutional right to appeal OCC utility orders, but said ratepayers need to intervene and raise their objections at the OCC first. Gann said the court’s decision is currently under reconsideration.

Gann filed a Statement of Position in the PSO rate case raising several issues related to the proposed aluminum smelter, including his opposition to existing customers being forced to subsidize its electricity.

“The Oklahoma Constitution prohibits the OCC from approving rates for PSO’s residential customers that are not ‘reasonable and just,’” Gann writes. “Rates that are not

cost-of-service based and result in residential customers subsidizing the cost of extending service to the new load, the cost of infrastructure improvements necessary to serve the new load, or the cost of increased generating or purchased power capacity necessary to meet the demands of that new load, are unlawful and unconstitutional.”

Gann is arguing the OCC should create a new customer class for the smelter and data centers that takes into account the consumer protections afforded under recently enacted House Bill 2992.

“I voted in favor of the Data Center Customer Ratepayer Protection Act of 2026, and there is no reason why the OCC cannot protect PSO’s existing residential customers from bearing the burden of similar costs and expenses caused by the smelter or other large industrial loads just because they are not data centers,” said Gann.

On Monday, June 1, Gann said more than twenty PSO customers, including ten who drove two hours from Inola to the State Capitol, gave in-person public comment imploring OCC Commissioners to deny the proposed rate increase and protect residential customers from unnecessarily higher bills. Some spoke specifically against socializing infrastructure costs to benefit private company shareholders, including both PSO and the new large-load customers it is courting.

In both the new Supreme Court appeal and in his filings at the OCC, Gann argues that PSO’s customers have not been adequately notified about these cases. He also argues OCC Commissioner Todd Hiatt is required to recuse himself from the PSO cases because of his alleged criminal conduct – including sexual assault, drunk driving, and sexual harassment – about which PSO’s attorneys are alleged to have direct knowledge. Gann argues that state ethics rules require public officials to disqualify themselves from matters in which their impartiality might reasonably be questioned.

Charges were never filed, and the Ethics Commission dismissed a complaint against Hiatt in May 2025. The appeal is asking the Supreme Court to review the Ethics Commission’s legal determinations. Gann said when Hiatt told the Ethics Commission that the common law Rule of Necessity allows him to continue to participate in OCC cases even if he is biased, that was itself an admission of bias. Gann said the Rule of Necessity only applies to biased or conflicted judges.

Gann filed motions Tuesday, June 2, in the PSO rate case citing laws in other states and asking the OCC Commissioners themselves to weigh in on both issues.

“It is time the Corporation Commission explicitly recognizes that Oklahoma’s utility customers are entitled to due process protections too, especially when the process is already explicitly required by Oklahoma law,” Gann wrote in his Motion for Determination of Utility Customers’ Due Process Rights.

Gann also filed a separate motion seeking to disqualify Commissioner Hiatt.

In his Statement of Position, Gann told the OCC, “In my opinion, pursuing a case already infected with so many fundamental errors of law is a waste of taxpayer dollars. The OCC should dismiss this case and start over – beginning with adequate notice to PSO’s customers.”

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Representative, c/o Travis Hartley of the Hartley Law Firm, P.O. Box 553, Vinita, OK 74301, on or before the following presentment date: July 27th, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 26th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Iris Perry
Iris Perry
Personal Representative of
the Estate of LISA RENEE
LUTHER, deceased.

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RFP 26-09 REQUEST FOR BIDS For Water Meter Installation Project. (RFP 26-09) The Miami Special Utility Authority (MSUA), located in Miami, Oklahoma requests bids from qualified Bidders to provide services for the Water Meter Installation Project.

SMALL BUSINESS AND MINORITY BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE A BID. ENVELOPES SHALL BE CLEARLY MARKED “SEALED BID” WITH THE BIDDERS NAME & APPROPRIATE SOLICITATION NUMBER (RFB 26-09) 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 authority and shall be returned unopened to the bidder submitting same.

Full solicitation packets can be obtained by contacting the purchasing agent. They are also available on the city website at www.miamiokla.net.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DESIGN OPPORTUNITY

OWNER: Miami Tribe
of Oklahoma

RFP’s DUE by June 25, 2026,
at 5:00 PM CST

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY BRIDGE PROGRAM (TTFBP) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Project Location(s):

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is requesting a proposal of Architecture/Engineer firms (AE) for the following grant project scope and fixed-price contracting opportunity:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: 1) Perform applicable programming for the project location(s), 2) Perform applicable needed project studies for project location(s). 3) Perform appropriate coordination with all involved parties as this lies on the Kansas/Oklahoma state line 4) Provide fully designed construction package (to include design plans, site/project specific technical specifications and construction estimates) to the requirements of the TTFBP program, 23 CFR 661.15., 5) Provide line itemized construction estimate for approved fully designed construction package, and 6) provide appropriate professional oversight and physical presence during construction in coordination with The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) through entire construction process.

Location of Bridge #1:
• Latitude: 36°59’57.13”N,
Longitude: 94°55’53.53”W

New and replacement structures

must meet the current geometric, construction, and structural standards required for the types and volumes of projected traffic on the facility over its design life consistent with 25 CFR part 170, subpart D, appendix B. A 1-year warranty period is required post substantial completion with walk-through required of the contractor team, USACE and Owner 12 months later.

PROJECT DESIGN ESTIMATE: \$100,000-\$200,000

This project is a federally funded Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, Tribal Transportation Facility Bridge Program.

USACE will review the project design package & construction estimate (30%, 60%, 90% & 100% design completion milestones), and perform key construction completion milestone inspections. USACE will review AE submitted pay applications for the Owner’s recommendation to pay.

RFP email & hard copy submissions are DUE by JUNE 22, 2025 at 5:00 PM CST.

For selection consideration, please EMAIL the RFP in PDF format or provide a DROPBOX LINK, including all evaluation criteria items in order, to jbattese@miamination.com.

SIX (6) hard copies of the RFP response/proposal are also required and can be mailed or delivered to Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, 3531 P St. NW, Miami, OK 74354. The telephone number is (918) 541-1300. ATTN: JIM

BATTESE. Hardcopies must be in hand by the RFP deadline.

Questions may be directed to telephone number is (918) 541-1300. ATTN: JIM BATTESE.

Selection of an AE team will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. AE qualifications and experience in bridge design using Federal Highway Administration guidelines. 0-25 points
2. Submit an itemized proposal with dollars for AE services of the proposed project as described above and within the design service budget. 0-25 points
3. Proposed design completion schedule with identified critical path items. 0-20 points
4. AE qualifications and experience with bridge and civil design and construction extending near state lines. 0-20 points
5. Proof of existing business insurance and ability to 100% bond payment and performance. 0-5 points.
6. Applicant proof of SAM. gov “No Exclusions” showing applicant is not debarred from receiving a federal contract. 0-5

Applicable bonding and insurance will be required at the time of contracting. Designs will become the property of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma following design completion. The AE team must be registered on www.SAM.gov and with no exclusions prior to contracting.

This is a Request for Proposal only. There will be no official pre-RFP on-site visit/presentation. No

additional questions will be taken at this time.

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma reserves the right to select an AE team from the responses and with or without conducting interviews. The AE will be notified with an Intent to Negotiate following successful RFP packet submission, as determined by the tribal selection committee. If pricing and scope cannot be negotiated, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma can release the AE and move to another company. The AE assumes risk prior to a fully executed contract for any conceptual items supplied to aid in the conversation towards putting a contract in place between the AE and the tribe.

Option 1: Based upon the awarded AE performance of Bridge #1, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma could exercise Option 1. Option 1 allows the hiring of the awarded AE firm from Bridge #1 location to move forward with the design of Bridge #2 location. Option 1 award will be decided upon by the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma source selection committee and AE will be notified of their decision. Option 1 will follow the standard design review process for contract signing as previously outlined for the design of Bridge #1.

*Contract award is dependent on Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation release of grant funds.

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