LEGALS

July 6, 2026

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, July 6, 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 July 1, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. Commissioners' Meeting Agendas and Minutes can also be found online at ottawa.okcounties.org.

1. Call to order.

2. Pledge of allegiance.

3. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve minutes of July 2, 2026. By vote: Hilton, aye: Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.

4. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve claims presented to the Board for payment: 2025-2026 CH Improv-ST 219, AT&T, 904.23, PHONE BILL 220, AT&T, 440.82, PHONE BILL 221, SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS INC, 1790.58, EQUIPMENT 222, FOUR STATES MAINTENANCE*, 513.96, CLEANING SUPPLIES; General 2507, MIAMI FIRE PROTECTION*, 130.00, INSPECTIONS 2508, AT&T MOBILITY, 2336.93, UTILITIES 2509, AT&T MOBILITY, 1264.01, UTILITIES 2510, MIAMI SPECIAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, 1466.43, UTILITIES 2511, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 44.00, SERVICE AGREEMENT 2512, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 45.18, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 2513, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 35.79, OFFICE FURNISHINGS 2514, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS *, 1874.46, CONTRACT BASE RATE CHARGE 2515, CAROLYN BEAVER, 100.00, OFFICE CLEANING 2516, KIM MCCORD, 165.00, OFFICE CLEANING 2517, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 61.73, OFFICE FURNISHINGS 2518, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 159.98, OFFICE FURNISHINGS 2519, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 39.98, JAIL SUPPLIES 2520, WORKING HANDS CAR WASH LLC, 266.50, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE 2521, LOCKE SUPPLY*, 106.18, SUPPLIES 2522, CODE3 SECURITY, 1823.20, SECURITY SERVICES 2523, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 22.00, BOTTLED WATER 2524, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 33.00, BOTTLED WATER 2526, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 77.00, BOTTLED WATER 2527, LOCKE SUPPLY*, 64.38, JAIL SUPPLIES 2528, WYANDOTTE TECHNOLOGIES, 480.00, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 2529, AMERICAN NEWSPAPER INC, 522.66, LEGAL NOTICE 2530, KELLPRO INC*, 4736.00, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 2531, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 35.88, OFFICE FURNISHINGS 2532, KELLPRO INC*, 6360.00, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 2533, KELLPRO INC*, 3342.00, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 2534, H K ELECTRIC LLC, 269.47, ELECTRICAL REPAIRS 2535, FOUR STATES MAINTENANCE*, 795.59, CLEANING SUPPLIES 2536, PRODIGY, 2920.19, INMATE NUTRITION 2537, PRODIGY, 3967.03, INMATE NUTRITION 2538, PRODIGY, 3973.01, INMATE NUTRITION 2539, PRODIGY, 3473.56, INMATE NUTRITION 2540, PRODIGY, 3753.07, INMATE NUTRITION 2541, REBA PALMER, 579.53, TRAVEL EXPENSES 2542, KATHY ENYART, 1343.24, TRAVEL EXPENSES 2543, PREMIER AIR LLC, 25604.54, REPAIRS 2544, PREMIER AIR LLC, 2000.00, ELECTRICAL REPAIRS 2545, KATHY ENYART, 741.00, TRAVEL EXPENSES 2546, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 455.90, OFFICE SUPPLIES; Health 244, HENRY KRAFT INC*, 429.22, CLEANING SUPPLIES 245, CITY OF MIAMI, 1591.29, UTILITIES 246, MODOC NATION, 55.00, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 247, JEREMY LAMB, 900.00, JANITORIAL SERVICES; Highway 1733, SCOTT HILTON, 79.23, TRAVEL EXPENSES 1734, TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN, 31.98, SUPPLIES 1735, HUGHES LUMBER CO*, 65.94, PARTS 1736, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, 622.88, SIGNS 1737, ROBERT CLARK, 78.64, TRAVEL EXPENSES 1738, HUGHES LUMBER CO*, 196.87, PARTS 1739, BOLT FIBER, 115.20, INTERNET SERVICE 1740, QUAPAW NATION UTILITIES AUTH, 72.00, UTILITIES 1741, U S CELLULAR, 130.07, CELL PHONE 1742, LAKELAND PETROLEUM, 2057.40, FUEL 1743, KATNER MILLS, 26.55, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1744, BEACHNER GRAIN, 285.00, HERBICIDES 1745, MIAMI INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY*, 56.25, SHOP SUPPLIES 1746, YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY CO, 549.48, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1747, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS *, 52.99, CONTRACT BASE RATE CHARGE 1748, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 47.25, SHOP SUPPLIES 1749, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 228.47, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 1750, LAKELAND PETROLEUM, 2236.73, FUEL 1751, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 399.10, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE 1752, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 40.36, OFFICE SUPPLIES 1753, TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN, 10.78, SUPPLIES; Hwy-ST 574, MIDWEST MINERAL INC / BANK OF AMERICA, 873.22, MATERIALS 575, WALLIS LUBRICANT LLC*, 1253.79, OILS 576, KEMP STONE CO INC*, 440.57, MATERIALS 577, KEMP STONE CO INC*, 116.16, MATERIALS 578, KEMP STONE CO INC*, 1131.63, MATERIALS 579, KEMP STONE CO INC*, 267.22, MATERIALS 580, KEMP STONE CO INC*, 1004.48, MATERIALS 581, MIDWEST MINERAL INC / BANK OF AMERICA, 2424.51, MATERIALS 582, GREAT WESTERN TRAILER, 943.88, PARTS 583, JOHN FABICK TRACTOR CO*, 1816.44, REPAIRS 584, KEMP STONE CO INC*, 722.19, MATERIALS 585, KEMP STONE CO INC*, 778.39, MATERIALS 586, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 278.36, REPAIRS; LEPC 2, BEST BUY BUSINESS ADVTG ACCT, 340.73, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT; ML Fee 1, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 1540.89, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT; Mtg Cert 12, CAROLYN BEAVER, 150.00, OFFICE CLEANING; Rural Fire-ST 163, NAFECO, 506.00, FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT; SH Commissary 84, PRODIGY, 6747.79, COMMISSARY 85, PRODIGY, 1638.11, INMATE PHONE CARD; SHERIFF'S FUNDING ASSISTANCE GRANT 24, ALLEN SIGN STUDIO, LLC*, 250.00, OFFICE SUPPLIES 25, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 4330.40, DEPUTY EQUIPMENT; SH Svc Fee 320, OD SECURITY NORTH AMERICA LLC, 3000.00, TRAINING 321, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 1230.27, JAIL SUPPLIES 322, SERVICE SOLUTIONS INC, 1025.00, BUILDING MAINTENANCE 323, SPRINGFIELD GROCER CO INC*, 1678.00, INMATE NUTRITION 324, CYNTOX LLC, 403.20, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 325, LOCKE SUPPLY*, 126.16, JAIL SUPPLIES 326, LOCKE SUPPLY*, 1291.90, REPAIRS 327, NORTHWEST CONTROLS SYSTEMS INC, 600.00, REPAIRS 328, LOCKE SUPPLY*, 51.27, MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES 329, QUILL CORPORATION*, 817.41, OFFICE SUPPLIES 330, LOCKE SUPPLY*, 51.25, REPAIRS 331, LOCKE SUPPLY*, 46.07, MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES 332, LOCKE SUPPLY*, 79.08, MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES 333, LOCKE SUPPLY*, 80.24, JAIL SUPPLIES 334, LOCKE SUPPLY*, 91.73, JAIL SUPPLIES 335, KELLPRO INC*, 520.00, COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 336, MAIN STREET DENTAL ASSOCIATES, 116.00, INMATE TREATMENT; 2026-2027 CH Improv-ST 1, BANCFIRST, 33360.67, BOND PAYMENT; General 1, KELLPRO INC*, 402.00, COMPUTER SOFTWARE 2, KELLPRO INC*, 1542.00, SOFTWARE LICENSE 3, USDA-APHIS WILDLIFE SERVICE, 3400.00, PREDATOR ERADICATION 4, KELLPRO INC*, 1305.00, SOFTWARE LICENSE 5, OTIS ELEVATOR CO*, 7708.32, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 6, BOLT FIBER, 521.30, INTERNET SERVICE 7, BOLT FIBER, 141.07, INTERNET SERVICE 8, KELLPRO INC*, 5397.00, SOFTWARE LICENSE 9, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 17.00, BOTTLED WATER 10, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 22.00, BOTTLED WATER 11, KELLPRO INC*, 12309.00, SOFTWARE LICENSE 12, KELLPRO INC*, 180.00, SOFTWARE LICENSE; Health 1, KELLPRO INC*, 1263.00, SERVICE AGREEMENT; Highway 1, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1983.73, LEASE PURCHASE 2, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1623.62, LEASE PURCHASE 3, WELCH STATE BANK*, 2178.67, LEASE PURCHASE 4, REPUBLIC SERVICES #393*, 161.20, UTILITIES; RM&P 1, KELLPRO INC*, 7188.00, LICENSING FEE 2, KELLPRO INC*, 1546.50, COMPUTER SOFTWARE; Rural Fire-ST 1, WELCH STATE BANK*, 751.75, LEASE PAYMENT 2, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1177.03, LEASE PURCHASE 3, WELCH STATE BANK*, 461.91, LEASE PAYMENT 4, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1560.65, LEASE PAYMENT 5, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1317.24, LEASE PURCHASE 6, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1376.74, LEASE PURCHASE 7, WELCH STATE BANK*, 684.48, LEASE PURCHASE 8, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1865.25, LEASE PAYMENT 9, OTTAWA CO E-911 GOV AUTH, 4000.00, SUBSCRIPTION 10, OTTAWA CO E-911 GOV AUTH, 4000.00, SUBSCRIPTION 11, BOLT FIBER, 45.10, PHONE BILL. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.

5. Citizen's participation or comments: Citizen Debbie Gaines with Protect Rural Oklahoma spoke an important issue: Stop the Project. Citizen Jan Meyer also spoke on opposition to AEP and asked to do the will of people of Rural Oklahoma. If approved this will bring data centers, which is against the will of people.

6. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to vote Opposition to AEP's Oklahoma Transmission Company, Inc. (Oklahoma Transco) 345kV Northeast Oklahoma Transmission Enhancement Project (NEOTEP) Transmission Line Proposal. Case # PUD 2026-000047. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.

7. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Planned Service Agreement Renewal between Ottawa County Jail 117095 July – CPQ-1268627 and Johnson Controls. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.

8. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton Software and Service Subscription Agreement between ITouch Biometrics and the Ottawa County Sheriff's Controls in the amount of $1,980.00. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.

9. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Proposal OCS090326 between Culligan of Joplin and the Ottawa County Jail. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.

10. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve to open sealed bids as follows: Bid 2025-2026.23: Demolition of District 1 County Barn. Tabled on June 30, 2026. Bid awarder to JE Dirt Work in the amount of $6,000. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.

11. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Resolution 2026.40: County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund Lease Renewal. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.

12. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve On-Call Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2027 between Guy Engineering and Ottawa County. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.

20. Commissioners' activity reports: District 1 reported: Working under declaration disaster in Ottawa County. Our hearts go out to Washington County for the disaster they are experiencing. District 2 reported: mowing and spraying. District 3 reported routine maintenance.

24. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve to Adjourn. By vote: Hilton, aye; Clark, aye; Furnas, aye.

Robyn Mitchell,
Ottawa County Clerk
by _____

Mike Furnas, Chairman
Robyn Mitchell, County Clerk
MIAMI NEWS RECORD

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

TTCU FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, a Federally Chartered Credit Union, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF KATHY CHERYL SPILLMAN, DECEASED, and JOHN DOE AS OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES, Defendants.

No.: CJ-2026-12
Attorney's Lien Claimed
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: KATHY CHERYL SPILLMAN, if living, and if deceased, to THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, immediate and remote, of KATHY CHERYL SPILLMAN.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by Plaintiff in the above cause in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, entitled TTCU, Plaintiff v. Kathy Cheryl Spillman, et al., Defendants, and that you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on or before the 15th day of August, 2026, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and a judgment will be entered for the sums due under the Note and Mortgage which are the subject of said suit in the amount of $74,996.44 principal, with interest, attorney fees and all costs and a Decree ordering foreclosure of said Mortgage, barring your interest in the following described real property:

Lot 8 in Southview Estates, an Addition to Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Common address: 12308 S 569 Road Miami, OK 74354

Dated this 15th day of June 2026.

Ottawa County Court Clerk
Cassie Key
By: /s/ P. Blalock
Deputy Court Clerk

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

ARVEST BANK
Plaintiff,

vs.

BRANDON WAYNE SHOCKLEY, et al.
Defendant(s)

No: CJ-2026-35
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Brandon Wayne Shockley, Spouse of Brandon Wayne Shockley

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by the above named Plaintiff, and that you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before August 29, 2026, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered, foreclosing any interest you may have in the following-described real estate (property) situated in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

A tract of land in Lot 1 in the NE1/4 of Section 29, Township 29 North, Range 25 East of the Indian Meridian, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 1 in said Section 29; Thence West 212 feet; Thence North 424 feet; Thence East 212 feet; Thence South 424 feet to the point of beginning.

for the sum for:
Reason:
Unpaid Principal Balance
Amount:
$20,198.45
Date of Default
October 1, 2025
Interest Due From
September 1, 2025
Interest Rate(s)
2.75000 %
*or as adjusted by the Note and Mortgage

including all advances by Plaintiff, if any, for taxes, insurance premiums, or expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, all costs of this action, reasonable attorney`s fees and costs as the Court may allow, and the costs of foreclosing your interest in the property and ordering said property sold with or without appraisement as Plaintiff may elect, all of which you will take due notice.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 25 day of June, 2026.

Ottawa County Court Clerk,
Cassie Key
By: /s/ P. Blalock
DEPUTY COURT CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF DRAFT TIER II PERMIT

POLLUTANT DISCHARGE APPLICATION NO. OK0031798

Notice is hereby given that the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued a draft permit to the City of Miami, P.O. Box 1288, Miami, OK 74355, based on a Tier II application filed on January 27, 2025, for a renewal permit with DEQ. A final permit, if issued, would allow the City of Miami to discharge treated municipal wastewater from the Miami Southeast Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), which is located at 1002 H Street S.E., Miami, OK 74354, or in the SE¼, NE¼, SW¼ of the Section 31, Township 28 North, Range 23 East, Indian Meridian (IM), Ottawa County, Oklahoma. Miami Southeast WWTF is a municipal facility that accepts domestic wastewater. The proposed discharge consists of treated effluent from Miami Southeast WWTF. The discharge from Outfall 001, which is located at latitude 36° 51' 25.228" N, longitude 94° 52' 21.351" W (GPS: NAD83) in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, will be to the Neosho River. The biosolids generated by the facility are beneficially used for land application in the SE¼, SE¼, NE¼ of Section 5, Township 27 North, Range 23 East, IM, Ottawa County, Oklahoma.

A copy of the draft permit, fact sheet, and application may be reviewed at the City Hall, 129 5th Avenue N.W., Miami, OK 74355, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, by the general public.

A copy of the draft permit may also be reviewed on the DEQ website at https://www.deq.ok.gov/permits-for-public-review/.

Pursuant to 27 A OS § 2-14-302, people wishing to make comments concerning the draft permit may do so by sending the comments in writing to the Contact Person for DEQ, at the address listed below, within 30 days after the date of publication or mailing. Comments should include: (1) name and address of the interested person, (2) the application name to which the request relates, (3) the nature and basis of the interest of the person affected, and (4) a statement of the objection or comment, the basis of the objection or comment, and any requested action by DEQ.

The contact person for DEQ, to schedule a date and time to review the draft permit at the office of DEQ, is:

Kim Bui-Chai, Administrative Assistant
Municipal Discharge and Stormwater Permits Section
Water Quality Division
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 1677
Oklahoma City, OK 73 101-1677
(405) 702-8238
Email: kim.buichai@deq.ok.gov

The contact person for the City of Miami is:

John Ford, Pollution Control Manager
City of Miami
129 5th Avenue N.W.
Miami, OK 74355
(918) 961-5828

Pursuant to 27A OS § 2-14-302, persons wishing to request a public meeting concerning the draft permit may do so by filing the request in writing to the Contact Person for DEQ, at the address listed above, within 30 days after the date of publication or mailing. Requests for the public meeting should include: (1) name and address of the interested person, (2) the application name to which the request relates, (3) the nature and basis of the interest of the person affected, and (4) a statement of the objection or comment, the basis of the objection or comment, and any requested action by DEQ. A copy of the request must also be sent to the applicant through the contact person listed above. A formal public meeting may be scheduled if there is significant public interest. Notice of the date, time, and place of the public meeting will be given to all parties of record. A request for a public meeting may be combined with a written comment submission.

If a public meeting is held, oral or written comments will be accepted at the meeting. DEQ shall, within 90 days of the date the public comment period closes (or longer if extended by the Executive Director of DEQ), issue responses to all public comments received.

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The Housing Authority of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma will hold a Regular monthly meeting July 21, 2026 at 4:30 p.m., at the Housing Authority Office located at 3606 Sencay Avenue, Comstick Square, Miami, Oklahoma.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN HERSHEL DALGARN, Deceased

Case No. PB-2025-51
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ORDER DETERMINING HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given that Joe W. Dalgarn, Personal Representative of the Estate of John Hershel Dalgarn, Deceased, have filed in this Court his 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 13th day of August, 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 John Hershel Dalgarn, deceased be determined, the assets of the estate distributed and the Personal Representative thereupon discharged.

DATED this 15th day of July, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen

PLEASE SEE
LEGALS *PG 8*



Beyond smelter talk, electric rate proposal has some feeling 'sacrificed at the altar of big business'

Blake Douglas
NonDoc.com



At a public hearing June 25 to help determine the fate of an electric utility's proposed 15 percent rate increase, two dozen displeased citizens — alongside a dozen nonprofit and contractor partners supporting Public Service Company of Oklahoma — filled Thursday afternoon with public comment for and against the hefty hike.

When Thursday's meeting adjourned after nearly four hours, it ended with a lightning round of initial confusion and robust discussion about what hearings would come next — or even be held at all. Attorneys also revealed the existence of proposed settlement terms that had received some parties' signatures about "three minutes before" the hearing began. Some suggested the potential settlement could lower PSO's proposed base-rate increase on residential ratepayers from $25 a month to $2.45, if other undisclosed terms of the agreement are accepted.

The settlement was first referenced by PSO attorney Jack Fite, who said signatures from the Oklahoma Public Utility Division, Attorney General's Office, PSO and Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma had been secured. Others, like an AARP representative, said they were unaware of the details.

"We looked at this settlement — and I get that it's last minute — but we presented this to [the Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers] on Tuesday. We were waiting for them to get back to us on if they were going to join it," said Thomas Grossnicklaus, an assistant attorney general. "We agreed to this because it lowered the impact to 1 percent, $2.45. The filed position was $25. This is a good deal."

The other parties present largely expressed unfamiliarity with the proposed framework, however, which led to discussions of how each party would like to move forward and how much time some may need to review terms, coordinate witness travel for hearings and more.

Tom Schroedter, an attorney representing the OIEC, called the settlement discussion a "last-minute stipulation" brought into the proceedings "improperly."

Commissioner Todd Hiett succinctly summarized the sudden influx of information after attorneys finished a dizzying back-and-forth with administrative law judge Kenneth Behrens about next week's schedule.

"To be honest, I'm not 100 percent clear on what just happened," Hiett said.

It's unclear when the proposed settlement terms will be made public ahead of the Corporation Commission's Monday, June 29, meeting, which will review the inclusion of large-load tariff terms in the settlement, a tool used to protect ratepayers from shouldering the burden of energy-intensive projects.

While company leaders have insisted the current base-rate change filed with the OCC would not directly support meeting the energy needs of new large-load projects, many data centers and other industrial proposals are pending in PSO's service area.

Largest among them is the controversial $4 billion aluminum smelter project from Emirates Global Aluminium that has been secured for development in Inola through a $225 million state rebate program and a $500 million U.S. Department of Energy grant.

The massive industrial project has been touted as a transformative win for the American economy and criticized for inevitable impacts on utility rates and the environment. Either way, how the smelter's developers will purchase enough power to break the bonds between aluminum and oxygen has remained unclear. According to testimony presented on PSO's behalf, "PSO owns a net generating capacity of approximately 5,076 megawatts."

Put another way, the smelter project ultimately could require electricity equivalent to 20 percent of the company's generation portfolio, a fact that has helped spur Attorney General Gentner Drummond's sudden opposition to the project.

"The facility is projected to draw more than 1,000 megawatts of continuous electricity, more power than many Oklahoma cities consume, placing extraordinary strain on the regional grid served by Public Service Company of Oklahoma and threatening the reliability and affordability of electricity for Oklahoma ratepayers," a press release from Drummond's office summarized June 2.

Fite spoke little at Thursday's hearing about PSO's specific goals with its pending rate increase, and documents filed with OCC so far offer mostly general overviews of how the regulated electric utility manages its debt load, generation assets and power demand.

After Thursday's hearing, director of corporate communications Matt Rahn released a statement to KTUL emphasizing that the current rate case does not directly aim to increase generation capacity for the proposed aluminum smelter, which could break ground this year in an effort to begin production in 2030.

"We appreciate the participation from customers and community members throughout the Oklahoma Corporation Commission process. Public input is an important part of how these decisions are made," Rahn said. "It's important to clarify that the rate review reflects the overall cost of providing safe, reliable electric service to customers. It includes only investments already made to serve customers. There are no investments made to serve the aluminum production plant under review by the commission in this filing."

But with the smelter project looming on the horizon for PSO's service territory, Rahn expanded upon the situation in a statement to NonDoc on Friday.

"We understand customers want to know how new, large energy users, such as data centers, may impact their electric service and bills. At PSO, we focus on balancing growth with the needs of the customers we serve today. Connecting large customers to the grid allows more customers to share the fixed costs of maintaining and improving the system," Rahn said. "Large customers are responsible for the costs associated with the infrastructure and service required to support their projects, with financial commitments and oversight by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. These arrangements support continued investment in a stronger, more reliable grid that benefits all customers, while helping manage overall system costs as demand continues to grow."

Although the sudden settlement framework had been circulated to some of the parties present Thursday, Hiett made it clear the fate of the requested rate increase was not yet decided.

"When a lot of people hear the word 'settlement,' they may think that that means case is over. (…) That's not the case. What you all heard for the first time today, the commissioners and the judge also heard for the first time," Hiett said. "We're the ones that make the decision at the end of the day, so the case is not over. Your public comment did lay a great foundation that will have much merit in our decision making and in the hearings, depending on which hearings we decide to go with."

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Judge of the District Court

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

In the Matter of the Estate of: WANDA ALEEN ELMER, deceased.

Case No. PB-2026-4
AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against Wanda Aleen Elmer, 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 September 11, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2026.

DONEY LAW PLLC
By: /s/Andrew T. Doney

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Attorney for Personal Representative

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DISTRICT COURT OF
OTTAWA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF COMILLA JOAN HUDELSON, DECEASED.

No. PB-2026-28
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

NOW on this 13th day of July, 2026, there having been filed in this Court a Petition alleging that Letters of Administration issue to the Petitioner, David R. Hudelson, appointing him as Personal Representatives of the Estate, and that the heirs of the Decedent be judicially determined, and that a day and time be set for hearing the Petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Petition is set for hearing on August 4, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a. m. in the District Court of Ottawa County, Miami, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested in the Estate may file written opposition and appear and show cause if any why the relief requested in the Petition should not be granted. Notice of the hearing shall be given by mailing a copy of the Order and Notice of Hearing to the heirs of the Decedent, postage prepaid, at their last known place of residence, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing, and by publication as required by law.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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