

LEGALS

November 10th, 2025

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 10th, 2025 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 November 6th, 2025 at 9:27 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 November 4th, 2025. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

4. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve claims presented to the Board for payment: 2025-2026 CH Improv-ST 49, BANCFIRST, 33620.37, BOND PAYMENT 50, B K L INC, 104.00, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, General 847, CITY OF MIAMI, 7375.00, SERVICE AGREEMENT 848, DIAMOND PHARMACY SERVICE*, 1198.56, INMATE PRESCRIPTIONS 849, FOUR STATES MAINTENANCE*, 94.02, CLEANING SUPPLIES 850, FOUR STATES MAINTENANCE*, 528.91, CLEANING SUPPLIES 851, FOUR STATES MAINTENANCE*, 858.48, BATTERIES 852, FOUR STATES MAINTENANCE*, 679.40, CLEANING SUPPLIES 853, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 405.57, REPAIRS 854, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 40.00, REPAIRS 855, ACE HARDWARE, 200.60, PARTS 856, COMDATA, 144.92, FUEL 857, COMDATA, 112.18, FUEL 858, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS *, 15.15, CONTRACT BASE RATE CHARGE 859, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 48.48, REPAIRS 860, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 358.95, OFFICE SUPPLIES 861, FOUR STATES MAIN BANKS INC, 691.46, CLEANING SUPPLIES 862, CULLIGAN OF JOPLIN, 33.70, WATER SOFTENER 863, CAROLYN BEAVER, 100.00, OFFICE CLEANING 864, ACCO, 60.00, REGISTRATION FEE 865, AT & T, 142.50, PHONE BILL 866, AT & T, 112.14, PHONE BILL 867, AT & T, 324.52, PHONE BILL 868, ADMIRAL EXPRESS INC, 171.24, OFFICE SUPPLIES 869, MIAMI NEWS-RECORD, 128.10, LEGAL NOTICE 870, MIAMI NEWS-RECORD, 592.38, LEGAL NOTICE 871, BOLT FIBER, 283.92, INTERNET SERVICE 872, BOLT FIBER, 671.43, INTERNET SERVICE 873, AT & T, 142.50, MOBILITY, 46.84, PHONE BILL 874, AT & T MOBILITY, 124.64, PHONE BILL 875, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 9.00, RENTAL 876, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS*, 608.54, CONTRACT BASE RATE CHARGE 877, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS *, 132.05, COPIER MAINTENANCE 878, MIAMI FIRE PROTECTION*, 130.00, INSPECTIONS 879, KELLPRO INC*, 180.00, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 880, KELLPRO INC*, 4199.70, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 881, LAKELAND FINANCIAL SERVICES, 393.69, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 882, PRODIGY, 335.77, INMATE NUTRITION 883, PRODIGY, 2661.44, INMATE NUTRITION 884, PRODIGY, 3830.97, INMATE NUTRITION 885, PRODIGY, 3905.76, INMATE NUTRITION 886, PRODIGY, 1658.48, INMATE NUTRITION 887, CODE3 SERVICE, 1823.20, SECURITY SERVICES 888, BOLT FIBER, 347.99, UTILITIES 889, REID NEWSPAPER, 150.00, SUBSCRIPTION 890, PAIGE BEARDEN, 151.86, TRAVEL EXPENSES 891, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 156.56, PARTS 892, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 140.86, PARTS, Health 74, VIP VOICE SERVICES, 2260.00, PHONE BILL 75, SMILE MAKERS*, 131.64, SUPPLIES 76, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 38.33, SUPPLIES 77, OK STATE DEPT OF HEALTH, 3716.41, Payroll 78, ORKIN EXTERMINATION CO INC*, 48.63, PEST CONTROL 79, MIAMI SPECIAL UTILITY AUTHORITY, 1408.72, UTILITIES, Highway 539, P & K EQUIPMENT INC, 2234.28, REPAIRS 540, MST'S RECEIVABLES LLC, 34.99, SUPPLIES 541, ACE HARDWARE, 201.53, SUPPLIES 542, BO STIRE, 230.00, REPAIRS 543, CINTAS CORPORATION, 107.42, SUPPLIES 544, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 9.00, SUPPLIES 545, TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN, 434.09, SUPPLIES 546, QUAPAW NATION UTILITIES AUTH, 54.00, UTILITIES 547, U S CELLULAR, 267.89, CELL PHONE 548, ROBERT CLARK, 335.61, TRAVEL EXPENSES 549, TREVIPAY, 27.54, SUPPLIES 550, WELCH STATE BANK*, 2178.67, LEASE PURCHASE 551, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1983.73, LEASE PURCHASE 552, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1623.62, LEASE PURCHASE 553, EMBASSY SUITES NORMAN, 220.00, TRAVEL EXPENSES 554, KRISTA

FOSTER, 339.32, TRAVEL EXPENSES 555, BOLT FIBER, 115.20, INTERNET SERVICE 556, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS *, 71.45, CONTRACT BASE RATE CHARGE 557, REPUBLIC SERVICES, 1359.11, 115.19, TRASH SERVICE 558, UNIFIRST CORPORATION, 92.34, UNIFORM RENTAL 559, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION*, 1755.08, LEASE PAYMENT 560, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION*, 2575.00, LEASE PAYMENT 561, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION*, 2144.76, LEASE PAYMENT 562, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION*, 2144.76, LEASE PAYMENT 563, OK DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION*, 2060.00, LEASE PAYMENT 564, OTTAWA CO RWD #4, 30.50, UTILITIES 565, CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP 566, MIDWEST TRACTOR MILLS*, 927.98, REPAIRS 233, MIAMI INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY*, 105.00, REPAIRS 234, CELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY CO 308.90, REPAIRS 235, JHN FABICK TRACTOR CO*, 291.80, REPAIRS 236, LAMBERTS TRACTOR, 455.24, REPAIRS 237, MIDWEST TRACTOR INC / BANK OF AMERICA, 9448.83, MATERIALS 238, NEO CONCRETE & MATERIALS*, 1152.00, MATERIALS 239, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 524.50, REPAIRS 240, JHN FABICK TRACTOR CO*, 25240.27, REPAIRS 241, LEROY MALONE, 1050.00, MATERIALS 242, BO S TIRE, 25.00, TIRES 243, BO S TIRE, 25.00, TIRES 244, LAKELAND PETROLEUM, 1847.25, FUEL: Mtg Cert 4, CAROLYN BEAVER, 150.50, OFFICE CLEANING: Rural Fire-ST 49, LAKELAND PETROLEUM, 215.72, FUEL 50, WELCH STATE BANK*, 61, LEASE PAYMENT 51, WELCH STATE BANK*, 684.48, LEASE PURCHASE 52, WELCH STATE BANK*, 744.17, LEASE PURCHASE 53, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1177.03, LEASE PURCHASE 54, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1376.74, LEASE PURCHASE 55, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1317.24, LEASE PURCHASE 56, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1865.25, LEASE PAYMENT: SH Svc Fee 67, THULIN AUTOMOTIVE, 60.00, VEHICLE REPAIRS 68, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 20.88, CELL PHONE EQUIPMENT 69, SPARKLIGHT, 345.20, UTILITIES 70, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 59.89, JAIL SUPPLIES 71, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 25.98, DEPUTY EQUIPMENT 72, SPRINGFIELD GROCER CO INC*, 1344.89, INMATE NUTRITION 73, PERRY'S TOWING & RECOVERY SERV, 95.00, TOWING. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

6. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to award Bid # 2025-2026.10 Audio Visual Equipment to Signal Communication in the amount of \$ 262,155.80. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

7. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve letter to the Chief Medical Examiner's office of the CME 19 P fee to be waived for 62-year-old Ottawa County applicant resident Ray Murdoch requested by Paul Thomas Funeral Home and Cremation Service in the amount of \$750.00. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

8. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve purchase of 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe by John Vance Fleet Services using Oklahoma State Purchasing Bid in the amount of \$ 56,532.20, requested by Afton Fire Department. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

9. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve designation of Sarah Saenz to serve as First Deputy for the Treasurer's Office. Requested by Ottawa County Treasurer Tabitha Reeves. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

10. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Requisition and Receiving Officers for the Treasurer's Office for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Requisitioning Officers Tabitha Reeves and Sarah Saenz and Receiving Officers Courtney Davis and Linda Simpson. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

11. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve bid on County property acquired at Resale from Katy Wethy. Legal description as follows: LTS 3-4, BLK 79 Original Plat 1, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

12. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve county deed for property acquired at resale to Katy Wethy. Legal Description as follows: LTS 3-4, BLK 79 Original Plat 1, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof. By vote: Furnas, aye;

Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

18. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton to approve transfer of appropriations: 1102-6-4100-4304 to 1313-6-8041-2005 in the amount of \$ 20,765.69; 1102-6-4100-4110 to 1212-6-2700-2015 in the amount of \$ 11,191.00; 1102-6- 4100-4304 to 1102-6- 6510-2005 in the amount of \$ 14,138.83; 1102-6-4100-4304 to 1102-6-4100-2005 in the amount of \$ 20,037.74; 1102-6-4100-4304 to 1102-6-4100-1110 in the amount of \$ 20,037.74; 1103 to 0001 in the amount of \$ 500,000.00. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

20. Commissioners' activity reports: District 1: attended Veteran's parade in Miami, was a great turn-out. Working on line-of-sight issues, mowing and spraying intersections. District 2: Routine maintenance and working on Cayuga Rd project. District 3: routine maintenance.

23. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve blankets # 1876-1909. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

24. 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 IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: The Application of
Sarah Davis
To Issue Title

Case No. CV-25-101
APPLICATION FOR
COURT ORDER

COMES NOW the applicant, Sarah Davis of Wyandotte, 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 #CLW022806TX in the name of Sarah Davis. Model is Clayton Homes, unknown year

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:

I purchased this mobile home in June of 2021. I did not receive a title or a bill of sale. I have been paying insurance on it every month since 6/1/21. I have also renovated some of it and have been living there since then.

That ownership of the above described property is not disputed or that an ownership interest may be claimed by _____, whom I have served with a copy of this application along with summons notifying them of the allegations of this applicant resident. Ray Murdoch requested by Paul Thomas Funeral Home and Cremation Service in the amount of \$750.00. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Sarah Davis
Applicant's signature

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

In the Matter of
Sarah Davis
CLW022806TX
Property and VIN#

Case No. CV-25-101
ORDER OF SETTING

Now on this 17th day of November, 2025, the Court fees this matter should be set before me the 19th day of December, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

/s/ Andrew Meloy for
Judge R. Matt Whalen

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

JUANA ARACELY JUAN PABLO, Petitioner,

vs.

DANIEL PEDRO FRANCISCO, Respondent.

Case No.: FP-2025-26
Judge: MC AFFREY
WHALEN MELOY
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

TO: DANIEL PEDRO FRANCISCO

You will take notice that you have been sued in the above-named Court by the Petitioner for Paternity, on the grounds of abandonment of the minor children, P.J., born on Jan XX, 2008, Y.C.P.J., born on Dec XX, 2010, and Y.M.P.J., born on July XX, 2012, for custody and child support of said minor children. Unless you answer the petition filed by this Petitioner in said Court on or before the 21st day of December 2025, said petition will be taken as true and judgment granting the Petitioner's Paternity Action against you and for complete legal custody of said minor children, limiting your visitation to only supervised visitation with said minor children, and child support for the maintenance of said minor children rendered according to the prayer thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, this 7th day of November, 2025:

COURT CLERK
/s/ Lauren Davis
Deputy

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The Schmoock Law Firm
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Tulsa, OK 74114
(918) 600-1925 telephone
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Attorney for the Petitioner

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF SECTION 14-25 (JURY TRIALS; QUALIFICATIONS OF JURORS), OF CHAPTER 14 (MUNICIPAL COURT) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 1 of the Charter provides that all powers of the City shall, unless otherwise provided in this Charter, be exercised by a governing body consisting of four council members and one Mayor, and

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 6 of the Charter provides that the Mayor and Council may enact municipal legislation; inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the City, and investigate municipal affairs, or authorize and provide for such inquiries; appoint or elect its own subordinates, and create, change and abolish offices, departments and agencies other than those established by law, and

WHEREAS, 11 O.S. §14-101 provides that a municipal governing body may repeal, alter or amend any ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the municipal court of the City of Miami is not a court of record; does not enforce felony matters; and does not imprison individuals who come before the court. Therefore, jury trials are not held in the municipal court of the City of Miami, and ordinances governing the same are unnecessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1 - Repeal and Abolish.

Section 14-25 (Jury Trials; qualifications of jurors) of Chapter 14 (Municipal Court) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and abolished.

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 - Effective Date
Pursuant to 11 O.S. §14-103, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from its final passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of November 2025.

/s/ Bless Parker
Bless Parker, Mayor

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

APPROVED:
/s/ Misty Barnes
Misty Barnes, City Attorney

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF SECTION 14-26 (SELECTION AND SUMMONS OF JURORS), OF CHAPTER 14 (MUNICIPAL COURT) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 6 of the Charter provides that all powers of the City shall, unless otherwise provided in this Charter, be exercised by a governing body consisting of four council members and one Mayor, and

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 6 of the Charter provides that the Mayor and Council may enact municipal legislation; inquire into the conduct of any office, department or agency of the City, and investigate municipal affairs, or authorize and provide for such inquiries; appoint or elect its own subordinates, and create, change and abolish offices, departments and agencies other than those established by law, and

WHEREAS, 11 O.S. §14-101 provides that a municipal governing body may repeal, alter or amend any ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the municipal court of the City of Miami is not a court of record; does not enforce felony matters; and does not imprison individuals who come before the court. Therefore, jury trials are not held in the municipal court of the City of Miami, and ordinances governing the same are unnecessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1 - Repeal and Abolish.

Section 14-26 (Selection and summons of jurors) of Chapter 14 (Municipal Court) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and abolished.

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 - Effective Date

Pursuant to 11 O.S. §14-103, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from its final passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of November 2025.

/s/ Bless Parker
Bless Parker, Mayor

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

APPROVED:
/s/ Misty Barnes
Misty Barnes, City Attorney

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF SECTION 14-27 (JURORS FEES AND MILEAGE), OF CHAPTER 14 (MUNICIPAL COURT) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 1 of the Charter provides that all powers of the City shall, unless otherwise provided in this Charter, be exercised by a governing body consisting of four council members and one Mayor, and

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are unnecessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1 - Repeal and Abolish.

Section 14-27 (Jurors fees and mileage) of Chapter 14 (Municipal Court) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and abolished.

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 - Effective Date

Pursuant to 11 O.S. §14-103, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from its final passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of November 2025.

/s/ Bless Parker
Bless Parker, Mayor

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

APPROVED:
/s/ Misty Barnes
Misty Barnes, City Attorney

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DESIGN OPPORTUNITY

OWNER: Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

INDIAN PREFERENCE OPPORTUNITY ONLY

RFQ's DUE by December 17, 2025, 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 Qualifications of Architecture/Engineer firms (AE) for the following grant project scope and fixed-price construction 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 estimates 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.

RFQ email submissions are DUE by December 17, 2025 at 5:00 PM CST.

For selection consideration,

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please EMAIL the RFQ in PDF format or provide a DROPBOX LINK, including all evaluation criteria items in order, to battese@miamination.com and CC.dolds@miamination.com.

SIX (6) hard copies of the RFQ 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 RFQ deadline.

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. Proposed design completion schedule with identified critical path items and 30%, 60%, 90% & 100% design completion milestones. 0-25 points

3. AE qualifications and experience with bridge and civil design and construction extending across state lines. 0-30 points

4. Verifiable Indian Preference of both AE and General Contractor (proof of tribal enrollment and/or majority company ownership if claiming Indian owned business). 0-10 points

5. Proof of existing business insurance and ability to 100% bond payment and performance. 0-5 points.

6. Design-Build contractor proof of SAM.gov "No Exclusions" showing contractor is not debarred from receiving a federal contract. 0-5

A 100% payment and 100% performance bond will be required at the time of contracting at 30% design. A Certificate of Liability Insurance for the full contract price, naming the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma as a certificate holder or additional insured, will also be required at contracting. The AE team must be registered on www.SAM.gov and with no exclusions

prior to contracting.

This is a Request for Qualifications only. There will be no official pre-RFQ on-site visit/presentation. No additional visits 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 to produce design documents up to 30%, guaranteed maximum price estimate prior to a fully negotiated contract. Assumptions and clarifications are to be included in the 30% contract package. If pricing and scope cannot

be negotiated, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma can release the AE and move to another contractor. The AE assumes risk prior to a fully executed contract. The contractor will fully ensure the bridge project until the appropriate inspections and approvals are completed and handed over to the Owner.

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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Thanksgiving is leading day of the year for U.S. home cooking fires

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2025 POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENTNER DRUMMOND
for Governor (R)
Election in 2026
(Paid for by Friends for Gentner Drummond)

CYNDI MUNSON
for Governor (D)
Election in 2026
(Paid for by Friends for Cyndi Munson)

JON ECHOLS
for Attorney General (R)
Election in 2026
(Paid for by Friends for Jon Echols)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE YOUR CANDIDACY IN THIS COLUMN CALL 580-772-3301

An estimated 1,446 home cooking fires were reported to U.S. fire departments on Thanksgiving Day in 2023, reflecting a 388 percent increase over the daily average, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Christmas Day and Christmas Eve ranked as the second- and third-leading days of the year for home cooking fires.

"Thanksgiving is a hectic holiday with multiple dishes cooking and baking at the same time, and along with guests, entertaining, and other distractions, it can be easy to lose sight of what's on the stove or in the oven," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "With all these factors at play, it's no surprise that we consistently see a dramatic spike in home cooking fires on Thanksgiving."

On annual average between 2019 and 2023, cooking accounted for the majority of U.S. home fires on Thanksgiving Day (80 percent) and 40 percent of the civilian injuries; no civilian deaths were reported. Overall, cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and injuries and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in home cooking fires and fire deaths.

"Keeping a close eye on what's cooking and minimizing the likelihood of getting distracted can greatly reduce the risk of cooking fires," said Carli. "As simple as these preventative measures may sound, they truly can help ensure that everyone enjoys a festive, fire-free holiday."

Following are additional tips and recommendations from NFPA to help everyone cook safely on

Thanksgiving:

- Never leave the kitchen while cooking on the stovetop. Some types of cooking, especially those that involve frying or sautéing with oil, need continuous attention.
- When cooking a turkey, remain at home and check it regularly.
- Make use of timers to keep track of cooking times, particularly for foods that require longer cook times.
- Keep things that can catch fire like oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, and towels at least three feet away from the cooking area.
- Avoid long sleeves and hanging fabrics that can come in contact with a heat source.
- Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If a small grease fire starts, smother the flames by sliding the lid over the pan, then turn off the burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could start again.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Only open the door once you're confident the fire is completely out, standing to the side as you do. If you have any doubts or concerns, contact the fire department for assistance.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried. Hot foods and liquids should be placed away from table and counter edges.

In addition, NFPA strongly discourages the use of turkey fryers that use cooking oil, which can cause devastating burns. For a safe alternative, NFPA recommends purchasing a fried turkey from a grocery store or restaurant or buying a fryer that does not use oil.

GRADY COUNTY DEPUTY NAMED 2025 OKLAHOMA OFFICER OF THE YEAR

On Thursday, Nov. 13, Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond awarded Grady County Sheriff's Office Deputy Kenton Blumenthal as the 2025 Oklahoma Officer of the Year. Blumenthal was recognized at a ceremony in Oklahoma City along with the state's Regional Officers of the Year and all nominees.

Drummond said Blumenthal's actions in December 2024 to protect citizens during a dangerous, multi-county pursuit exemplify his courage, quick decision-making, and commitment to public safety.

"Deputy Blumenthal is highly deserving of this honor," Drummond said. "He is an exceptional law enforcement officer whose bravery ended a tremendously perilous situation that threatened communities across multiple counties. I congratulate Deputy Blumenthal and thank him for his service."

A third-generation law enforcement officer who has served Oklahoma communities since 2017, Blumenthal demonstrated exceptional courage during a multi-agency, high-speed pursuit late last year. The armed suspect, who had a history of violence, had stolen a vehicle and endangered citizens across multiple counties and cities for nearly an hour. The suspect rammed through roadblocks, struck a police vehicle, and drove past Blumenthal's own residence at over 100 mph while the deputy's child played in the front yard.

When the pursuit ended at the suspect's residence, Blumenthal and another deputy pursued him on foot through challenging terrain. The suspect concealed himself in tall grass in an apparent ambush attempt, then suddenly stood and drew two pistols, pointing them toward the deputies. Blumenthal made the split-second decision to use deadly force, neutralizing the threat and ending the dangerous situation.

Blumenthal was chosen from regional winners. He represented the Southwest Region. Other regional winners recognized for extraordinary public service were:

- Investigator Darren Gordon of the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office – Northwest Region
- Officer Nicholas Winters of the Coweta Police Department – Northeast Region
- Deputy Chief Gary Colley of the Stringtown Police Department, Sheriff Kody Simpson of the Atoka County Sheriff's Office, Lt. Jimmy Taylor of the Atoka Police Department, and Detective Aaron Thomas of the Stringtown Police Department – Southeast Region

Regional winners were selected by judging panels of city, county, tribal, and state criminal justice professionals.

Sgt. Zachary Havenar of the Oklahoma Department of Tourism was named the Lethality Assessment Protocol Officer of the Year, recognizing his commitment to domestic violence victim safety and trauma-informed use of the LAP screening tool.

The ceremony also featured the presentation of the inaugural Johnny Christian Award, honoring the legacy of Bryan County Sheriff Johnny Christian, who served Oklahoma law enforcement for more than 25 years. Marton "Bo" Williams of the Cherokee Nation Marshal Service received the award, which recognizes an officer who embodies Sheriff Christian's integrity, leadership, and dedication to mentoring others.

Drummond said he created the Officer of the Year program to recognize and celebrate the best and brightest of Oklahoma's remarkable federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies.



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