

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
(Published in the Afton-Fairland American Thursday, March 12, 2026 and Thursday, March 19)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of SHARON L. Miller, Deceased.**

**No. PB-2020-30**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, AND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above-captioned estate has filed in this Court the Final Account and Report of the administration of this estate, Petition for Determination of Heirship, Distribution of this estate, and Discharge of such Personal Representative. Hearing of the same has been fixed for the 2nd day of April, 2026, at 1:30 P.M., before the Honorable R. Matt Whalen, Judge of the District Court, in District Courtroom Number 3 of the Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in this estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such account should not be settled and allowed, the estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged. Dated this 5th day of March, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen  
Judge of the District Court  
Charles W. Chesnut, OBA #1648  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
34 First Avenue N. E.  
Miami, Oklahoma 74354  
918-542-1845

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN F. BANKS, Deceased.**

**No. PB-2022-52**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, AND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE**

Notice is hereby given that the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above-captioned estate has filed in this Court the Final Account and Report of the administration of this estate, Petition for Determination of Heirship, Distribution of this estate, and Discharge of such Personal Representative. Hearing of the same has been fixed for the 8th day of April, 2026, at 11:30 A.M., before the Honorable R. Matt Whalen, Judge of the District Court, in District Courtroom Number 3 of the Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in this estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such account should not be settled and allowed, the estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged. Dated this 10th day of March, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen  
Judge of the District Court  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
(Published in the Afton-Fairland American Thursday, March 12, 2026 INVITATION TO BID)

The Town of Afton is accepting bids for mowing property until March 25th for all 2026 mowings. Bids can be dropped off or mailed to 201 S 1st St, Afton, OK 74331. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Afton Town Hall at 918-257-4304.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
(Published in the Afton-Fairland American Thursday, March 19, March 26 and April 2, 2026)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**  
**Ralph F. Brandt, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**The Unknown Successors of Mildred I. Brandt, Deceased, Defendants.**

**No. CV-2026-24**  
**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The unknown successors of Mildred I. Brandt, deceased. You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the above styled case in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma. You must answer the Petition filed herein on or before the 30th day of April, 2026, or the allegations of plaintiff's Petition will be taken as true, and judgment will be rendered in favor of the plaintiff and against you as defendants, quieting the title of the plaintiff, Ralph F. Brandt, to the following described real estate:

The N½ of the S½ of the NE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 11, Township 27 North, Range 23 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Ottawa County, State of Oklahoma, according to the U.S. Government Survey thereof, (12701 South Highway 137, Miami, Oklahoma 74354) and granting plaintiff such other and further relief as may be just and equitable. Dated this 13th day of March, 2026.

**CASSIE KEY, COURT CLERK,**  
**OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**  
By: /s/ Lauren Davis  
Deputy

(SEAL)  
Charles W. Chesnut, OBA #1648  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
34 First Avenue N. E.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 10, 2026**

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2026. The agenda was posted March 9, 2026, at 8:43 a.m. and placed in the kiosk on the courthouse lawn as well as the county website. Members of the Board present were Commissioner David Poindexter-Chairman, Commissioner Jake Callihan-Member, Commissioner David Beck-Member and County Clerk Barbara Barnes. The Board of Delaware County Commissioners is hereby authorized to act on the following items:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Poindexter followed by the flag salute and roll call. All members were present.  
AGENDA #1 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to determine that notice of meeting and agenda for this meeting was properly posted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
AGENDA #2 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve introductions and announcements. In addition to the commissioners and County Clerk Deputy Michael Baker, Monkey Island Fire Chief Carl Tesreau, Emergency Management Director Jeff Reeves, ADA Pam Ireland, Jack Wood, Rocky Carroll, Mike Major, Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt, Undersheriff Joe White, Election Board Secretary Crystal January, and Carolyn Booth introduced themselves. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
AGENDA #3 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve the minutes for the regular meeting dated March 3, 2026. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan -yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
AGENDA #4 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve payment of claims submitted by the County Clerk. 2025-2026 - CBRI 23, SCURLOCK INDUSTRIES, 570.00, BOX CULVERTS 24, PRYOR ASPHALT, 20620.59, ROAD MATERIAL; Educational Trust 2, OBER & LITTLEFIELD CPA\_S PLLC, 2950.00, AUDIT; Emergency Mgmt 32, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 85.00, MISC; General 2406, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 71.70, TELEPHONE 2407, POINDEXTER, DAVID C., 69.60,

MILEAGE 2408, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 161.68, TELEPHONE SERVICE 2409, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 118.50, WATER/RENT 2410, ESRI INC., 550.00, ANNUAL FEE 2411, JONES, CALEB B., 50.03, INSPECTION 2412, CHARBONNEAU, JEFFREY DAVID, 436.10, TRAVEL 2413, HILTON GARDEN INN, 440.00, LODGING 2414, VALUEBASE, 5000.00, SOFTWARE 2415, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 70.00, INSURANCE 2416, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 180.66, INSURANCE 2417, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 126.98, TELEPHONE SERVICE 2418, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 44.90, TELEPHONE SERVICE 2419, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 75.00, INTERNET 2420, BOLT FIBER, 389.85, TELEPHONE SERVICE 2421, AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA., 5346.19, ELECTRIC SERVICE 2422, THE AMERICAN, 782.01, PUBLICATIONS 2423, THE AMERICAN, 487.62, PUBLICATIONS 2424, T-N-T PLUMBING, 679.26, PLUMBING SERVICE/REPAIRS 2425, JAY UTILITIES AUTHORITY, 2518.95, UTILITIES 2426, OBER & LITTLEFIELD CPA\_S PLLC, 2900.00, AUDIT 2427, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 8.00, WATER 2428, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 190.97, INTERNET/PHONE 2429, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 257.28, OFFICE SUPPLIES 2430, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 10.25, WATER 2431, LINDLY S INC., 65.39, MISC 2432, THE PAPERCLIP OFFICE SUPPLIES, 523.34, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 2433, THE PAPERCLIP OFFICE SUPPLIES, 68.00, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 2434, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 45.00, INTERNET 2435, O-REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 96.80, MISC 2436, OKLAHOMA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 1014.00, SUBSCRIPTION 2437, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 58.87, SUPPLIES 2438, BARTON, CANDACE, 2025.00, MISC 2439, CURTISS TATE TIRES AND SERVICE, 275.90, MISC 2440, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 714.13, TELEPHONE SERVICE 2441, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 41.00, LEASE 2442, J & J AUTO SUPPLY, 2811.85, MISC 2443, LITTLE KANSAS TIRE LLC, 260.00, MONTHLY SERVICE 2444, VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE, 848.66, OIL 2445, AEP(LEASE), 200.00, LEASE 2446, TURN KEY HEALTH CLINICS, 196.15, INMATE LABS 2447, BRIXEY, JULIE, 17.84, TRAVEL 2448, BRIXEY, JULIE, 35.89, TRAVEL 2449, DOWNING, BROOKE, 203.33, TRAVEL; Health 161, BRIDGES, SEAN, 336.40, TRAVEL 162, O HERIN, KRISTEN, 167.33, TRAVEL 163, AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA., 1038.11, ELECTRIC SERVICE 164, PITNEY BOWES, 1000.00, POSTAGE 165, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 738.67, OFFICE SUPPLIES 166, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 8.00, WATER/RENT 167, JAY UTILITIES AUTHORITY, 1640.57, UTILITIES; Highway 1355, JOHN FABICK TRACTOR CO, 276.60, MISC 1356, POINDEXTER, DAVID C., 285.65, TRAVEL 1357, CLEAN UNIFORM, 345.00, UNIFORMS

1358, KATNER MILLS (NAPA), 213.45, MISC 1359, O-REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 536.08, MISC 1360, LOWES BUSINESS ACCT/ SYNCB, 236.20, MISC 1361, SISCO TRUE-VALUE HARDWARE, 30.68, MISC 1362, CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY, 327.56, FIRST AID SUPPLIES 1363, CAPITAL TECHNOLOGIES, 1358.79, CAMERA 1364, LAKE LAND CPP, 1778.25, FUEL 1365, AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA., 248.85, ELECTRIC SERVICE 1366, JAY UTILITIES AUTHORITY, 1700.98, UTILITIES 1367, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 145.48, TELEPHONE SERVICE 1368, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 75.00, INTERNET 1369, DEL CO RURAL WATER DIST #3, 163.53, WATER 1370, LINDLY S INC., 37.00, PLUMBING SUPPLIES 1371, LINDLY S INC., 355.69, PLUMBING SUPPLIES 1372, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 33.05, INSURANCE 1373, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 4.00, INSURANCE 1374, JOE COOPER CHEVROLET, 45782.00, VEHICLE 1375, OTA PIKE PASS, 176.17, TOLL FEES 1376, UNIFIRST CORP, 1053.72, UNIFORMS 1377, CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY, 105.00, FIRST AID SUPPLIES 1378, BOLT FIBER, 27.58, INTERNET 1379, J & J AUTO SUPPLY, 1553.41, MISC 1380, UNIFIRST CORP, 914.30, UNIFORMS 1381, LINDLY'S HARDWARE LLC, 45.00, MISC 1382, PARTS CITY LTE, 820.77, MISC 1383, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 20.00, WATER/RENT 1384, AAVCOR, 80.00, RANDOM DRUG TESTING 1385, TRI-STATE TRUCK CENTER- JOPLIN, 573.33, PARTS 1386, EAGLE REDI-MIX, 9963.00, CONCRETE; Hwy-ST 434, OTA PIKE PASS, 5.40, PIKE PASS 435, LINDLY'S HARDWARE LLC, 1065.98, UNIFORMS 436, CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY, 114.27, MISC 437, EUCHA TIRE & FEED, 15.00, MISC 438, TH ROGERS LUMBER CO., 390.78, MISC 439, J & J AUTO SUPPLY, 3321.71, MISC 440, UNIFIRST CORP, 760.56, UNIFORMS 441, KEMP STONE CO INC., 16778.96, ROCK 442, GRAND LAKE GARAGE DOORS, 38175.00, EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION 443, HAMIL METALS, 5516.62, METAL 444, ODOT, 2181.31, LEASE PAYMENT 445, J & J AUTO SUPPLY, 910.79, MISC 446, B & L WATERWORKS SUPPLY INC., 741.10, PLUMBING SUPPLIES 447, SCURLOCK INDUSTRIES, 600.00, PIPE 448, ASCO EQUIPMENT, 1908.83, PARTS 449, SCURLOCK INDUSTRIES, 840.00, PIPE 450, SNB BANK, 11592.68, LEASE 451, COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK OF OKARCHE, 6090.00, LEASE 452, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 1806.06, LEASE PAYMENT 453, WELCH STATE BANK, 5203.71, LOAN; ML Fee 13, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 189.27, TELEPHONE SERVICE 14, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 65.00, INTERNET; Resale 194, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 174.68, INSURANCE; Rural Fire-ST 956, AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA., 142.48, MONTHLY SERVICE 957, BERNICE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY, 33.80, UTILITIES 958, FIRE MASTER FIRE EQUIPMENT INC., 4628.29, PARTS 959, MARMIC FIRE &

SAFETY CO., 694.00, PARTS 960, WEISS, SCOTT, 240.00, TRAINING 961, B & L WATERWORKS SUPPLY INC., 244.44, SUPPLIES 962, BOLT FIBER, 98.22, MONTHLY SERVICE 963, ALERT360, 49.07, MONTHLY SERVICE 964, BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT, 2720.57, FIRE DEPT EQUIP 965, DELAWARE COUNTY E-911, 500.00, DISPATCH SERVICE 966, THE BURROWS AGENCY, 1978.00, INSURANCE 967, DELAWARE COUNTY E-911, 500.00, DISPATCH SERVICE 968, SBA STEEL LLC, 158.02, MONTHLY SERVICE 969, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 935.08, REPAIRS 970, THE BURROWS AGENCY, 1046.00, INSURANCE 971, TWIN OAKS MART, 111.88, BLANKET 972, PARTS CITY LTE, 94.92, BLANKET 973, MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL GOV'T SOLUTIONS LLC, 115.58, FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDICAL SUPPLIES 974, LOWE S, 144.77, BLANKET 975, BOLT FIBER, 180.97, WIRELESS SERVICE 976, THE COLE ORGANIZATION, 350.00, INSURANCE 977, WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP INC, 2853.44, BUNKER GEAR 978, FIREPENNY, 3204.51, FD EQUIP 979, PARTS CITY LTE, 547.64, BLANKET 980, SST, 144.44, TELEPHONE SERVICE 981, STEVESON L.P. GAS, 995.00, BLANKET 982, SST, 189.59, TELEPHONE SERVICE 983, DINGES FIRE COMPANY, 18136.00, FIRE DEPT BUNKER GEAR 984, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 327.81, ELECTRIC SERVICE 985, O-REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 922.62, BLANKET

986, LINDLY S INC., 60.12, BLANKET 987, O-REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 1172.09, REPAIR 988, FROMAN OIL & PROPANE COS. INC., 871.90, PROPANE 989, O-REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 783.53, SUPPLIES 990, RURAL WATER DISTRICT #3, 25.00, MONTHLY SERVICE 991, NEW-MAC ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, 35.50, ELECTRIC SERVICE 992, THE BURROWS AGENCY, 10550.00, INSURANCE 993, DELAWARE COUNTY E-911, 500.00, DISPATCH SERVICE 994, LAKE-LAND CPP, 532.20, FUEL 995, DEL CO RURAL WATER DIST #3, 103.00, UTILITIES 996, ADT SECURITY SERVICES INC, 95.12, SECURITY SYSTEM/REPAIR 997, ADT SECURITY SERVICES INC, 83.97, SECURITY SYSTEM/REPAIR 998, ADT SECURITY SERVICES INC, 156.81, SECURITY SYSTEM/REPAIR 999, ADT SECURITY SERVICES INC, 153.08, SECURITY SYSTEM/REPAIR; SH Svc Fee 289, FIRST RESPONDER OUTFITTERS, 3131.64, UNIFORMS-DCSO 290, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, 307.07, COMMISSARY SERVICES 291, DELAWARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT., 20.00, TB TEST 292, CURTISS TATE TIRES AND SERVICE, 794.80, DCSO VEHICLE EQUIPMENT 293, CURTISS TATE TIRES AND SERVICE, 794.80,

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- Coin ceremony
- Patella
- Caesar's wound
- Balm ingredient
- never believe me
- Assistant
- Computer processor type
- Connecticut campus
- Extempore
- Deserving
- Cup's rim
- Common rental
- Cassowary cousin
- Hardly a long shot
- High carb entrees
- Contaminate
- Globe employee
- Arrived
- Chinese chairman
- British Monarch is its head
- Addition column
- Lowdown
- Right hand page
- Aussie's bob or quid
- Flustered state
- High highway speed
- Anomalous
- Kind of vein
- Brewery vat
- Peace Prize city
- Become aware of
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- Organ that produces fluid
- Record needle
- Asian cuisine
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- Cleansing agent
- Over 18 proof
- Cruel sort
- Feature of senior
- French farewell
- Jazz variety
- Calling company
- Artist Chagall
- Carving in relief
- Bank holding
- NATO, e.g.
- Analgesia target
- Bedaze
- Pulled candy
- New York island
- Flying speed word
- Add to the pot
- Common scent
- Helpful info
- Lattice
- Disappointments
- Contemptibly small
- A single time
- Recipients
- Fiber for rope
- Perfume resin
- Kind of plastic
- Ankara native
- Advance an argument
- Be a blacksmith
- Burglar's booty
- Acorn producers
- Luau wear
- Goodness gracious

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Sudoku uses pure logic and requires no math to solve. It is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the number 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

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Legals

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 DCSO VEHICLE EQUIPMENT 294, CURTISS TATE TIRES AND SERVICE, 794.80, DCSO VEHICLE EQUIPMENT 295, CURTISS TATE TIRES AND SERVICE, 444.91, TIRES 296, CURTISS TATE TIRES AND SERVICE, 915.90, MAINTENANCE 297, CURTISS TATE TIRES AND SERVICE, 573.95, MAINTENANCE 298, NEO COMPUTERS, 239.99, SOFTWARE 299, J & J AUTO SUPPLY, 1681.41, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE 300, DELAWARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT., 20.00, TB TEST; Health-ST 120, MISSOURI GREAT DANE/TOTAL TRAILERS, 3998.00, ACCESSORIES 121, FLOYD & DRIVER, 1132.50, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 AGENDA #5 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve all monthly reports submitted by officers. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Reports were submitted by the Court Clerk and Assessor.  
 AGENDA #6 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck for approval of citizen's participation or comments. All comments must pertain to today's agenda items. Speakers should hold their comments to three minutes. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Jack Wood said concerning the burn ban, even though rain has fallen, he said the local fire chief should decide if there is a burn ban. Wood said because the wind will be high today, the risk of fire getting out remains. Tesreau said the chiefs can advise there is a Red Flag weather situation, and the BOCC can base their decision on that.  
 AGENDA #7 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to open the floor for new business. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. There was none.  
 AGENDA #8 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve hearing Human Resources report by HR Director Vicki Cossairt. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 Cossairt offered her condolences to the Haney family on the passing of long-time Delaware County Judge Robert Haney. She said no public service is planned.  
 Cossairt said both TB and Covid cases have been recorded locally, so everyone should be vigilant and observe safe practices.  
 Cossairt reminded everyone the good things which have come from ARPA funds, including the 911 Center, records restoration, a new fairgrounds, and other improvements. She said all this would not have been possible without these government funds.  
 AGENDA #9 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign 308 apportionments. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 HIGHWAY  
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 1102-6-4300-1110 Highway Personal-Svc - D3 \$60,000.00 60,000.00  
 1102-6-4100-2005 Highway M&O - D1 \$21,542.80 21,542.80  
 1102-6-4200-2005 Highway M&O - D2 \$6,542.79 6,542.79  
 1102-6-4300-2005 Highway M&O - D3 \$9,542.79 9,542.79  
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 1221-2-3000-2005 SSF Delco Reward/Trash Cop \$97.50 79,026.03  
 7210-1-1400-2005 Court Clerk RMP \$2,314.25 2,314.25  
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 1223-2-0400-2005 SH Commissary Profit M&O \$4,200.56 4,200.56  
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 1313-6-8041-2005 Sale of County owned equipment \$100,000.00 100,000.00  
 1213-2-6300-2005 Flood Planning Comm \$500.00 500.00  
 1320-3-8029-2005 Solid Waste \$215,169.21 215,169.21  
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 1313-6-4100-2005 Roads/Bridges D1-Hwy ST \$72,861.10 72,861.10  
 1313-6-4200-2005 Roads/Bridges D2-Hwy ST \$72,861.11 72,861.11  
 1313-6-4300-2005 Roads/Bridges D3-Hwy ST \$72,861.11 72,861.11  
 1319-2-0400-2005 Sheriff Sales Tax - M & O \$131,149.99 131,149.99  
 TOTAL \$71,047.92 571,047.92  
 SPECIALS  
 AGENDA #10 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign payroll affidavits for the March 13 payroll. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 AGENDA #11 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action position for facilities/property manager and as needed custodian. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 Cossairt said Commissioner Callihan approached her about a facilities and properties manager because the county owns a number of properties such as the refurbished Delaware County School, the fairgrounds, the old District #2 barn, 911 and the land purchased adjacent to it, and the Arvest building. Someone must check on these properties and do maintenance. She said it should be decided if this is another position or if duties are added back to someone we already have. Cossairt said it's uncertain what will happen to our custodian as the contract runs out soon and will need to be rebid. Someone is needed to clean the fairgrounds and Cossairt said one possibility is an as-needed custodian. Local cleaning companies might be contracted for the job.  
 Poindexter asked if this will be a multi-purpose roll and if this person should also make repairs. Beck asked if this employee will be part-time or full-time. Cossairt said one custodian we already have has the knowledge, skills and abilities to do the job.  
 Poindexter said the first item is to find out what the custodian will do next time. The contract expires soon. The first step is to get McCord's plans and ask if Stoney Kirby is interested. Cossairt asked what to do about the fairgrounds. Callihan said the fair board is getting someone as needed to clean there. Cossairt said any contractors paid by the county must meet the requirements.  
 Cossairt said she will be gone on vacation next week.  
 AGENDA #12 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action estimate to cover benches in the commissioners' room from Spider Lift Boat Covers at a cost of \$2,700. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 Callihan said the benches were nasty and the two which were covered outside the courtroom are nice. A motion was made by Callihan and seconded by Beck to approve the \$2,700 quote to cover the cushions on the benches in the commissioners' room. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 AGENDA #13 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action letter to ODOT to change fencing at District #2 barn. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

yes. Motion carried.  
 Callihan said years ago when ODOT bought the right of way for the Highway 59 widening project, they agreed to replace the fencing as it existed. That was just a barb wire fence and now that his barn is at the old fairgrounds, he needs a more secure fence. With this letter, Callihan can negotiate with ODOT for the kind of fence to be built and the difference in price.  
 AGENDA #14 - A motion was made by Commissioner Poindexter and seconded by Commissioner Callihan to discuss with possible action estimate from 4-State Maintenance on floor sweeper for the fairgrounds. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 Callihan said he originally found a sweeper on Amazon which he was told is no good, so he asked the company who sold the county the floor cleaning machines for the courthouse. He showed the board literature for a 48-inch Tom Cat model that scrubs and vacuums and has many other functions. It runs on a rechargeable battery and is a ride-on machine. The machine is totally U.S. made and the estimate was less than \$18,000. Poindexter asked Callihan to get a specific amount.  
 AGENDA #15 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action purchase of scissor lift for the fairgrounds. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 Poindexter said he found several used lifts, but the BOCC needs to decide exactly what they want. After more discussion, the commissioners decided to get an inside/outside lift, staying under the \$25,000 limit to prevent the necessity for bidding. Beck said it should be stipulated the lift is to be used county-wide and not just at the fairgrounds. Since there is no immediate hurry, Poindexter will continue shopping for used lifts.  
 AGENDA #16 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve intrafund transfer from General Government Contingency Fund to Emergency Management, Human Resources and Retirement Fund in the amount of \$55,000 per County Clerk Barbara Barnes. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 AGENDA #17 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve and file officers for the Delaware County Court Clerk's Office for the remainder of fiscal year 2025-2026 and the upcoming fiscal year 2026-2027 as follows: Requisitioning Officers: Karma Sapp, Natasha Isaac, Rachel Karleskint, Nayell Emmons; Receiving Officers: Amber Moore, Jennifer Garcia, Ashlynn Roberson, Nakitia Smoke; Inventory Officers: Karma Sapp, Rachel Karleskint, Jennifer Garcia; Designee: Amber Moore. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 AGENDA #18 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action quotes from Techsico for fire detection systems. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. All commissioners want a chance to review the quotes.  
 AGENDA #19 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to transfer Ford Expedition surplus from Emergency Management to Flint Ridge Fire Department. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 AGENDA #20 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action generator quote for District 2 Barn. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 Reeves said he applied for a grant a year and a half ago from Oklahoma Emergency Management. At first there was no money, but last fall the funds came available. In the meantime, Callihan decided to move his barn, changing the parameters for the generator. Callihan made a motion, seconded by Beck, to approve the quote for \$48,285 from Generac for the machine. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 AGENDA #21 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action county burn barn. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 AGENDA #22 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.  
 DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ATTEST: BARBARA BARNES, COUNTY CLERK DAVID POINDEXTER, CHAIRMAN JAKE CALLIHAN, MEMBER DAVID BECK, MEMBER

# Candidate filing begins April 1st

Statewide election activity officially begins at 8 a.m. Wednesday, APRIL 1st, when the candidate filing period opens, the Secretary of the Delaware County Election Board said today.

Candidates for state offices file with the Secretary of the State Election Board. Candidates for county offices file with the Secretary of the County Election Board.

Delaware County Election Board Secretary Crystal January said the following offices are expected to be filled this year:

- County Commissioner Dist. 1
- County Commissioner Dist. 3

- County Assessor
- County Treasurer

Filing forms and information for county offices may be obtained by contacting the Delaware County Election Board at 918-253-8762 or delawarecounty@elections.ok.gov. The Delaware County Election Board is located at 225 S 5th St, Jay OK 74346 and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Filing packets for all offices are also available for download on the State Election Board's website at oklahoma.gov/elections.

The filing period closes at 5 p.m. Friday, APRIL 3, 2026.



## Make Easter Even Sweeter With a Show-Stopping Spring Dessert

(StatePoint) Looking for simple ways to elevate your Easter celebrations? This spring, home bakers are embracing bright colors, playful details and easy upgrades that turn classic treats into eye-catching centerpiece.

From pastel cupcakes and fruit-filled tarts to brunch-worthy pastries, festive finishing touches can instantly elevate your spread. The best part? With a few smart shortcuts and decorative flourishes, busy families can create desserts that look bakery-level beautiful—without spending all day in the kitchen.

One simple way to bring personality to seasonal treats is by incorporating PEEPS Marshmallow into your baking. Their signature Chick and Bunny shapes and cheerful hues make them a natural fit for everything from cupcakes and brownies to pastry creations and dessert boards. Just one or two on top can transform an everyday treat into a celebration-ready showpiece.

“Whether you’re hosting brunch or bringing dessert to share with friends and family, PEEPS can help tie your baking into the spring season,” says Caitlin Servian, brand manager at PEEPS. “Our classic Chicks and Bunnies add a playful finishing touch that instantly makes spring desserts feel special and unmistakably festive.”

Spring entertaining doesn't have to be complicated to feel memorable. By incorporating ingredients that reflect the flavors of the season, you can create desserts that spark smiles the moment they hit the table. To help inspire your celebrations, baking and hosting influencer Sheri Wilson is sharing her PEEPS Puff Pastry Baskets recipe featuring PEEPS POP-TARTS Frosted Strawberry Flavored Marshmallow Chicks.

Created in collaboration with POP-TARTS, the Frosted Strawberry flavor adds a sweet and fruity twist that pairs perfectly with fresh berries and whipped cream, making it an ideal treat that delivers both convenience

and wow-factor for any spring gathering!

**Makes: 4 baskets**  
**Prep time: 25 minutes**  
**Ingredients:**

- 4 sheets puff pastry, thawed
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 2 cups heavy cream, whipped
- 1 cup sliced strawberries, plus extra for garnish
- 1 package PEEPS POP-TARTS Frosted Strawberry Flavored Marshmallow Chicks
- Royal icing flowers, optional

**Instructions:**

- Unroll the thawed puff pastry sheets and cut out 8 rounds with a large circle cutter or mini tart pan. Place 4 rounds onto a lined baking sheet.
- Cut out the centers of the remaining pastry rounds with a slightly smaller cutter.
- Brush the larger rounds with egg wash, then place a pastry ring on top of each one. Brush again with egg wash. Top with a second pastry ring and brush again with egg wash. Poke the bottoms with a fork to prevent it from bubbling up while baking.
- To make the basket handles, slice 1/2-inch strips of pastry, then twist into a rope. Place onto a baking sheet in a half-moon shape and brush with egg wash. Bake for about 10 minutes at 400-420 degrees F or until puffed up and golden brown.
- Once baked and cooled, press the middles of each pastry basket down with a spoon. Fill with sliced strawberries and whipped cream.
- Top each one with a PEEPS Pop-Tarts Frosted Strawberry Flavored Marshmallow Chick, halved strawberries, and a royal icing flower. To complete each basket, gently press the pastry handles into the whipped cream.

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