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Chairman Justin Meek prepares to convene a meeting of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission on Friday, Dec. 19, 2025.

## ETHICS COMMISSION RESTORES OLD REPORTING SYSTEM, EYES RECOVERY FROM COMPANY

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What's old is new again, at least when it comes to keeping tabs on political campaigns and lobbyist activities in Oklahoma.

Ending months of near-darkness amid a now-defunct shift to a new database built by a Texas vendor, the Oklahoma Ethics Commission relaunched its original Guardian System on Dec. 19 after voting "to terminate the contract with RFD and Associates Inc." and "to retain the Attorney General's Office to determine what legal and equitable remedies if any we can pursue."

The decision means the public and those regulated by the commission can again visit [Guardian.ok.gov](http://Guardian.ok.gov) to review or submit campaign finance filings, lobbyist registrations and other information.

"Our responsibility is to administer Oklahoma's campaign-finance laws accurately, lawfully, and transparently

— especially during an election season," executive director Lee Anne Bruce Boone said in a brief press release.

During the Dec. 19 meeting, Bruce Boone presented commissioners with background about how RFD and Associates met "none" of the project deadlines for Guardian 2.0's launch. After commissioners voted to terminate the company's contract and review whether the state can recover any of the \$825,000 already paid on the failed project, RFD chief operating officer Scott T. Glover frowned as he left the State Capitol and declined to answer questions.

"I don't have any comments right now," Glover said.

Meanwhile, the commission received a smattering of public feedback about proposed rule changes, which would increase cash contribution limits, add new reporting requirements for so-called "dark money" organizations and modify other guidelines. No action was taken on the proposed changes Dec. 19.

## LEGALS

### OERB Refund Notice

Contributors to the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (OERB) have until March 31, 2026 to file for a refund of the 2025 assessment.

Contributors to the Committee for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources, or SOER, have until March 31, 2026 to file for a refund of the 2025 fee.

To request the appropriate refund forms, call 405-601-2851 or write to 500 NE 4th St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73104.

Each refund request must include completed forms, a notarized refund affidavit and documentation of assessments. Requests must be postmarked by March 31, 2026.

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contractors for the complete construction of a Training Community Building located at 10051 S 608 Rd, Miami, OK 74354. The project outputs include an 11,625 sq ft facility with a 250 sq ft interior safe room, a 1,200 sq ft sidewalk, and 1,000 sq yds of car parking, featuring a wood frame, brick siding, and vinyl windows. Interested parties are to provide bids to furnish all labor, quality control, materials, supplies, and supervision to complete the project. All bids from General Contractors shall be whole and assume all sub-contracts and divisions of labor. The project must be completed within the agreed number of calendar days starting from the Notice to Proceed issued by Modoc Nation.

with tribal projects (0-30 points) • General Contractor's experience with tribal nations, communication plan, site control plan, and minority subcontracting plan (0-30 points) • Design-Build team's experience working together (0-5 points) • General requirements and overhead percentages (0-5 points) • Proposed completion schedule with critical path items (0-5 points) • Proof of insurance and ability to provide 100% payment and performance bond (0-5 points) • Active UEI SAM.gov registration with "No Exclusions" (0-5 points) • Approach to Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) and contingency plan (0-5 points)

100% payment and performance bond required. Certificate of Liability Insurance for the full contract price, naming Modoc Nation as certificate holder or additional insured required at contracting. Design-Build lead must be registered on SAM.gov with no exclusions before contracting.

Modoc Nation reserves the right to select a Design-Build team from the responses, with or without conducting interviews. A Design-Build team will be notified with an Intent to Negotiate to produce design documents up to 35%, a guaranteed maximum price estimate, and a construction schedule prior to a fully negotiated contract. Assumptions and clarifications are to be included in the 35% contract package. If pricing and scope cannot be negotiated, Modoc Nation may release the Design-Build team and move to another contractor. The Design-Build contractor assumes risk before a fully executed contract and will fully ensure the project until the keys are handed over to the Owner. For selection consideration, please mail or deliver SIX (6) hard copies of the RFQ response/proposal, including all evaluation criteria items in order, to Modoc Nation Headquarters, 22 N. Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, OK 74354, ATTN: Ms. Francesca Smith and co Troy Littleaxe. Hard copies must be in hand by the RFQ deadline. Each RFQ will be time-stamped. Email pdf form to [Francesca.smith@modocnation.com](mailto:Francesca.smith@modocnation.com) and CC: [Troy.Littleaxe@modocnation.com](mailto:Troy.Littleaxe@modocnation.com).

Build America, Buy America (BABA): This project is subject to the Buy America Preference under the Build America, Buy America Act (2 CFR Part 184) and HUD guidance. The Contractor shall ensure that all iron and steel products and specified construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States unless an authorized waiver applies. If HUD determines that this project qualifies for an applicable waiver, including a general tribal waiver or a project-specific waiver, the Buy America Preference requirements shall be waived to the extent authorized by HUD. The Contractor shall cooperate with the Owner in documenting the basis for any waiver and maintain such documentation for at least three years after project completion.

RFQ submissions are DUE by Feb 11, 2026, at 2:00 PM CST.

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MODOC NATION REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
New Construction-Design Build PROJECT: HUD-ICDBG Award # 23GC4020380 Training Community Center 1/11/2026

Modoc Nation is seeking qualifications from qualified

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• Verifiable Indian Preference for both firms (0-10 points)  
• Architect's/Engineer's qualifications and experience

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
IN AND FOR  
OTTAWA COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF JOSEPH PHILLIP FRY, also known as JOE P. FRY,

## Representative targets school library material standards

Rep. Chris Banning (R-Bixby) filed legislation prohibiting obscene materials in Oklahoma public school libraries. House Bill 2978 would update state law governing school library media programs by prohibiting the acquisition of materials that meet Oklahoma's legal definition of obscenity. Banning said the measure removes "references to subjective community standards and instead

relies on established statute, creating a consistent statewide framework for school library decisions."

"This legislation provides a straightforward statewide rule that helps ensure school libraries stay within the definition of education. According to Black's Law Dictionary, education is defined as providing proper moral, intellectual, and physical instruction,"

Banning said.

Under HB2978, school districts would follow the existing legal definition of obscenity outlined in Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes when acquiring library materials. Banning says this approach reduces confusion, limits conflict, and gives administrators clear direction while "preserving the innocence of our youth."



Oklahoma Highway Patrol releases the totals for narcotics seized by the department in 2025.

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

Deceased.

day of January 2026.

**PB-2025-27**  
(Domiciliary probate,  
Cherokee County, Kansas,  
CK-2024-PR-000021)  
NOTICE FOR HEARING  
FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION  
FOR ALLOWANCE,  
DETERMINATION OF  
HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND  
DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Vicki Ann Bradley, Executor of the Estate of Joseph Phillip Fry, a/k/a Joe P. Fry, deceased, having filed in this Court her Final Account and Petition for Order Allowing Final Account, Determination of Heirship, Distribution of Estate, and Final Discharge of said Executor, the hearing of same has been set by the Court for the 22 day of January, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at Courtroom 3, of the Ottawa County District Court, Miami, Oklahoma. All persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of said Joseph Phillip Fry, deceased, determined, and said estate be distributed to the heirs, legatees, and devisees thereof, and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED: 11/30/25

**/s/ R. Matt Whalen**  
Judge

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF MARY ANN  
SHUPE, Deceased

**Case No. PB-2025-00040**

#### ORDER OF CONTINUED HEARING

The Petitioner herein, LUCAS G. SHUPE, has filed in the above captioned Court a Petition for Final Decree of Distribution of Estate and Discharge of Personal Representative due to illness, and has requested a hearing date of February 12, 2026, at 11:30 a.m., before Judge Matt Whalen in the Courthouse in the City of Miami, County of Ottawa, State of Oklahoma at which time you may appear and show cause, if any, why said Petition should not be granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 7th

Pursuant to Order of said Court made on the 7th day of January 2026, notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of February 2026, at 11:30 a.m. of said day has been appointed as the time of hearing said Petition at District Court in the Courthouse in the City of Miami, County of Ottawa, State of Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court this 7th day of January 2026.

**/s/ R. Matt Whalen**  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Court Clerk

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