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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

(Published in the Afton Fairland American October 30, November 6 and 13, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA JERRY M. JOHNSON, Plaintiff.

The Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, Assigns JAMES JOHNSON, G. Deceased. Defendants.

#### No. CV-2025-97 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, and assigns of James G. Johnson deceased

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the above styled case and Court, and you must answer the Petition filed herein on or before the 11th day of December, 2025, or the allegations will be taken as true. and judgment will be rendered in favor of the plaintiff and against you as defendants determining the heirs at law of James G. Johnson deceased, insofar as the following property is concerned:

An undivided one-half interest in Lot 16 in Block 5, SHAPP-WHITEBIRD ADDITION to the Town of Quapaw, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof,

and granting plaintiff such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

Dated this 28th day of October,

CASSIE KEY, COURT CLERK OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA By:/s/ Amanda Severs Charles W. Chesnut, OBA #1648 Attorney for Plaintiff

34 First Avenue N.E Miami, Oklahoma 74354 918-542-1845 **PUBLIC NOTICE** 

## (Published in the Afton Fairland

American November 6, 13 and NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE

#### **PURCHASED BY OTTAWA COUNTY AT RESALE**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Oklahoma Statute 68SS3135 That the following real estate: NW4 (UND 1/9 OF 1/24 INT 160 AC) SEC 28 TWP 29 RNG 23, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Subject to Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Reservations of record, if any Parcel # 0000-28-029-023-0-017-

under provisions of the resale tax laws, will be sold for cash by the undersigned in the office of the County Treasurer in the Ottawa County Courthouse at the hour of 10:30AM to the highest competitive bidder on the 2nd day of December, 2025. The undersigned having received a bid of \$100.00 on the above-

described real estate will sell said

property at said respective offer to

DUSTIŃ FRAZIER. The make of said bid, if no higher bids be received on the date last given. In any event such sale will be subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners of Ottawa County, and the cost of this notice and all other expenses incident to the sale of said property must be paid by successful bidder in addition to the amount of bid.

Kathy Bowling Ottawa County Treasurer

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Dated the 30th day of October,

(Published in the Afton Fairland Àmerican November 6, 13 and 20, 2025)

#### NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE **PURCHASED BY OTTAWA COUNTY AT RESALE**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Oklahoma Statute 68SS3135 That the following real estate: S 1/2 NE SEC 20 TWP 29 RNG 23 Picher Misc. Tr. UND 1/2 OF 3/20 OF 1/10 INT, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the

recorded plat thereof. Subject to Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Mir Reservations of record, if any Mineral Parcel # 6710-20-029-023-0-019-

by Ottawa County Acquired under provisions of the resale tax laws, will be sold for cash by the undersigned in the office of the County Treasurer in the Ottawa County Courthouse at the hour of 10:30AM to the highest competitive bidder on the 2nd day of December, 2025. The undersigned having received a bid of \$100.00 on the above-

virtual data room.

Acquired by Ottawa County described real estate will sell said property at said respective offer

> **DUSTIN FRAZIER** The make of said bid, if no higher bids be received on the date last given. In any event such sale will be subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners Ottawa County, and the cost of this notice and all other expenses incident to the sale of said property must be paid by successful bidder in addition to

> the amount of bid. Dated the 4th day of November, Kathy Bowling Ottawa County Treasurer

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in the Afton Fairland American November 6, 2025) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY,

OKLAHOMA THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF MIAMI.

a National Banking Association, Plaintiff,

KIMBERLY DAWN HURST AND KATHRYN JANSEN, her

spouse; SHAUNA KAY GLAZIER AND WILL GLAZIER, WIFE AND HUSBAND; and

the unknown successors of DALE HURST, deceased; and THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ex rel. **OKLAHOMA TAX** COMMISSION, Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2025-87
NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION
TO CONFIRM SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Kimberly Dawn Hurst and Kathryn Jansen, her spouse; and Shauna Kay Glazier and Will Glazier, wife and husband; and the unknown successors of Dale Hurst, deceased, and the State of Oklahoma

ex rel. Oklahoma Tax Commission You are hereby notified that in the above styled action in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, wherein The First National Bank and Trust Company of Miami was plaintiff. and Kimberly Dawn Hurst, et al, were defendants, the Sheriff of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, by

The South 25 feet of Lot 4 and the North 30 feet of Lot 5 in Block 6 in the WARTHEN-PITTMAN ADDITION to the Town of Commerce, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the

Commerce, Oklahoma 74339) on the 29th day of October, 2025 two-thirds of the appraised value of the property of \$27,000.00. A Motion to Confirm this Sale

Clerk. A hearing on the Motion to Confirm Sale will be held before the Honorable R. Matt Whalen, Judge of the District Court, in District Court Room Number 3, in the Ottawa County Courthouse at Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, on the 20th day of November, 2025, at 1:15 P.M. You must appear at that time and present any objections which you may have to the sale or sale proceedings. Otherwise the Motion to Confirm Sale will be sustained and the sale confirmed.

34 First Avenue N.E Miami, Oklahoma 74354

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**NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE** 

virtue of an Order of Sale of this District Court, sold the following described real estate:

recorded plat thereof. (Street Address: 118 N. Elm St., to Daniel Richard Harter for the sum of \$28,500.00 to be paid in cash or certified funds. This sum was the highest and best price for the real estate and was more than

has been filed with the Court Dated this 3rd day of November.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen Judge of the District Court Charles W. Chesnut, OBA #1648 Attorney for Plaintiff

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#### **PURCHASED BY OTTAWA COUNTY AT RESALE**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Oklahoma Statute 68SS3135 That the following real estate: N/2 SE SEC 20 TWP 29 RNG 23 Picher Misc. Tr. UND 1/2 OF 1/2 OF 3/20 OF 1/10 INT, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Subject to Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Mineral Reservations of record, if any Parcel # 6710-20-029-023-0-045-

Acquired by Ottawa County under provisions of the resale tax laws, will be sold for cash by the undersigned in the office of the County Treasurer in the Ottawa County Courthouse at the hour of 10:30AM to the highest competitive bidder on the 2nd day of December, 2025. The undersigned having received a bid of \$100.00 on the abovedescribed real estate will sell said property at said respective offer

DUSTIN FRAZIFR The make of said bid, if no higher bids be received on the date last given. In any event such sale will be subject to approval by the **Board of County Commissioners** of Ottawa County, and the cost of this notice and all other expenses incident to the sale of said property must be paid by successful bidder in addition to the amount of bid. Dated the 4th day of November. 2025.

Kathy Bowling Ottawa County Treasurer

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** (Published in the Afton Fairland

American November 6 and 13, IN THE DISTRICT COURT

OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
In the Matter of the Estate of ELIZABETH S. DUFFELL,

Deceased

No. PB-2024-66 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 Heirship, Distribution of this estate, and Discharge of such Personal Representative. Hearing of the same has been fixed for the 1st day of December, 2025, at 1:15 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 3rd day of November,

/s/ R Matt Whalen Judge of the District Court Charles W. Chesnut, OBA #1648 Attorney for Personal Representative

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- **10.** Advance an argument
- **14.** Black in poetry
- **15.** French farewell
- **16.** Brad or spike 17. Cafe card
- **18.** Prickly pods
- 19. Dosage unit
- **20.** By ten times as much
- **22.** Perfume allure
- **24.** Chapter 11 cause
- **25.** Dress **26.** Spouse's family
- **29.** Bit for Fermi
- **31.** Ball VIP **34.** Castle ditch
- **35.** Figurative use of a word **36.** Big whoop
- **37.** Ring combatant
- **39.** Soaked
- **40.** Country near Fiji **42.** Avail oneself of
- **43.** Express a view 45. Cools
- 46. Always, in verse **47.** Blue fin
- 48. Candid
- **50.** A pop **51.** Bivouac setup
- **52.** Seeming **54.** End, for one
- **57.** Bee, to Opie
- **60.** Final, for one

**58.** Everett of "Citizen Kane"

- **62.** Cross the creek **63.** Land, to Ovid
- **64.** Creeping palm
- **65.** Rhone city **66.** Aerated beverages
- **67.** Autocrat of yore
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- **4.** Cover with a flood **35.** Ann, to Abigail
- **6.** Blue, in a way
- **9.** Inge play
- **11.** Monsoon weather **51.** Coronet
- **13.** Conduit fitting
- **26.** Permeate
- **27.** Gallows sight

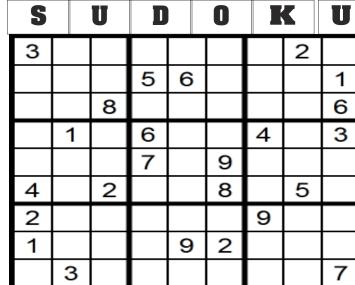
- 3. Bar follower
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- **8.** Above, in poems
- **10.** Let off the hook
- **23.** Celestial body
- **28.** Not as strict **29.** Activity area

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- **31.** Do the tango
- **33.** Be immodest
- **41.** Salve
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- **49.** Ace, when not eleven **50.** Church plates
- **53.** Computer menu choice
- **56.** Calif. county

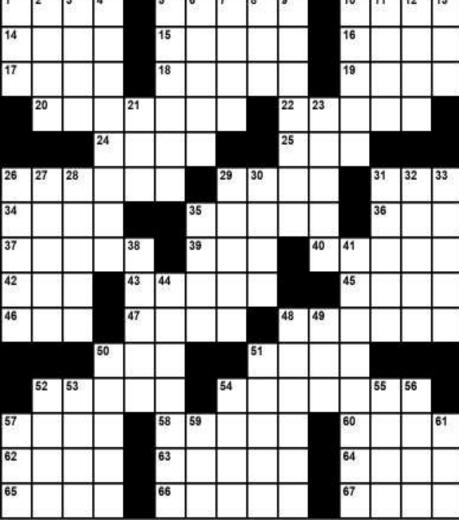
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Sudoku uses pure logic and requires no math to solve. It is a numberplacing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the number 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains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

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- 1. Dreamer's letters
- **5.** Skewered meals
- **7.** Canary or wren
- **12.** Gold leaf
- **21.** Less than many

- **32.** Cutting parts
- **38.** Fixed routines
- **48.** Plants for tinting
- **52.** Docking spot
- **54.** Byron's title

**55.** Bygone alliance

- **57.** Boring tool
- **59.** August one **61.** Cal. page

**Cherokee** (Continued from pg. 1) -

A seamless immediate transition of eligible SNAP recipients, at their option, to the tribe's federally funded Food Distribution Program, which has months of reserves available through its eight grocery store-style sites located in rural areas of the tribe's 7.000-square-mile reserva-

\$4.5 million in direct payments to impacted Cherokee Nation citizens living within the reservation and contiguous counties receiving SNAP at levels based on average monthly SNAP payments in Oklahoma, around \$185 per individual.

\$1.25 million in grants to food banks and similar food security non-profits within the reservation and in surrounding areas.

\$255,000 in grants to the CCO-participating tribe's organizations within the reservation for various local food security programs.

prepared to continue its federally funded WIC program for an additional month with tribal dollars if the federal shutdown continues past mid-November.

"These programs are contingent on the federal government's shutdown at the time of payment," said Hoskin. "If the government quickly reopens. Cherokee Nation will suspend these actions and save its strategic reserve funds for the future."

Hoskin's declaration also notifies the Council of the Cherokee Nation of his intent to seek funds from the tribe's Sovereign Wealth Fund should the federal shutdown continue past Nov. 7.

"We cannot bail out the federal government of all its fiscal dysfunction," Hoskin said. "But, as a responsible government, we can and must steer some of our reserve funding immediately to stem the needless hunger this fed-

Additionally, the tribe is eral shutdown will impose in the coming weeks."

> Tribal officials will immediately contact food security non-profits in the region to discuss the grant of funds and develop an online application for eligible citizens.

> Christian Help Center Food Pantry director Patricia Dalke expects the fallout to be brutal. The Grove-based food pantry serves 600 families each month, and she expects to see double the number of people seeking food next

> Cherokee Nation citizens are encouraged to update their Gadugi Portal profiles in anticipation of available benefits to SNAP participants, and to visit Cherokee Nation Human Services office to learn more about switching to the Food Distribution program. The Gadugi portal can be accessed at gadugiportal. cherokee.org/, and Cherokee Nation Human Services can be reached at 918-453-5422.

## Legal

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Published in the Afton-Fairland American Thursday, November 6 2025 DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

MINUTES

October 28, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Reg-ular Session at 9:00 a.m. on October 28, 2025. The agenda was posted Oct. 27, 2025, at 8:40 a.m. and placed in the kiosk on the courthouse lawn as well as the county website. Commissioner David Poindex-ter-Chairman, Commissioner Jake

Members of the Board present were Callihan-Member, Commissioner David Beck-Member and County Clerk Barbara Barnes. The Board of Delaware County Commissioners is hereby authorized to act on the fol-

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Poindexter followed by the flag salute and roll call. All mem-

bers 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

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, Commissioners' Assistant Kathy Parker, Rocky and Connie Carroll, Undersheriff Joe White, ADA Pam Ireland, Carolyn Boothe, Emergency Management Director Jeff Reeves, Election Board Secretary Crystal January, Jack Wood, County Clerk Deputy Teresa Gross, Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt, David Chissoe, Tra cy Walker and Luke Elliott of Delaware County Health Department, Mike Major, Leach Firefighters Tom Pearce, Jim Sixkiller and Robert Miller, and Asst. Bernice Fire Chief Justin Tesreau 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 October 21, 2025. Roll call: Commissioner Poindex-ter-yes; Commissioner Callihan -yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes.

Motion carried. AGENDA #4- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and second-

ed by Commissioner Beck to approve payment of claims submitted by the County Clerk. 2025-2026 - CBRI 10, PRYOR ASPHALT, 1086.74, ROAD PRYOR ASPHALI, 1086, 74, ROAD MATERIALS; CCSI 4, TURN KEY HEALTH CLINICS, 11197.75, MISC; General 1011, LEAF, 289.26, LEASE PAYMENT 1012, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS 262.49, COPIES 1013, MCI, 75.12 LONG DISTANCE SERVICE 1014, LINDLY S INC., 937.36, MISC 1015, O-REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 44.45, SUPPLIES; Highway 634, GMSA, 79.41, MONTHLY SERVICE 635, AT&T MOBILITY, 362.03, MONTHLY SERVICE 636, ULL CORPORATION, 128.96 QUILL CORPORATION, 138.86, OFFICE SUPPLIES 637, AAV-COR, 560.00, DRUG TESTING 638, GRAND SAVINGS BANK, 19260.19, LEASE PAYMENT 639 WELCH STATE BANK, 2197.49, LEASE PAYMENT 640, BECK, DAVID E., 135.24, TRAVEL 641, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS. 101.25, PRINTER 642, QUILL CORPORATION, 56.98, OFFICE SUPPLIES 643, KIRBY SMITH MACHINERY INC., 8444.00; Hwy ST 190, WARREN CAT, 9828.00, RENTAL 191, YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY, 4000.00, RENTAL 192, PRYOR ASPHALT, 763.75, ROAD MATERIALS 193, KEMP STONE CO INC., 4083.49, MISC 194, KEMP STONE CO INC., 2842.45, BASE ROCK 195, KEMP STONE CO INC., 2838.75, ROAD MATERIALS 196, P & K EQUIP-MENT INC., 778.41, CYLINDER 197, LAKELAND-CPP, 2659.00, FUEL 198, PRYOR STONE INC., 6500.16, ROAD MATERIALS; Rural Fire-ST 444, AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA., 175.28,
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REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 512.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE 447, GMSA, 51.50, MONTHLY SERVICE 448, W S DARLEY & CO., 1461.86, FIRE DEPT EQUIP 449, AT&T MOBILITY, 280.28, MONTHLY SERVICE 450, MFA OIL, 710.97, FUEL 451, BRUCK-NER TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, 247.63, REPAIRS 452, STOLZ TELECOM, 4668.75, FIRE DEPT

EQUIP 453, TWIN OAKS MART, 647.79, BLANKET 454, PARTS CITY LTE, 24.97, BLANKET 455,

SST, 159.60, TELEPHONE SER-

VICE 456, LAKELAND-CPP, 260.19, BLANKET 457, BOLT FI-

BER, 77.15, MONTHLY SERVICE

458, PETE'S CUSTOM SERVICE, 500.00, GENERATOR 459, JAM SERVICES AND REPAIR, 3000.00, EQUIPMENT 460, HONEY DO, 1000.00, PAINTING SERVICE 461, HONEY DO, 1000.00, LA-BOR 462, PETE'S CUSTOM SER-VICE, 800.00, MAINTENANCE 463, STILL FIRE SERVICES LLC, 1062.76, REPAIRS 464, PARTS CITY LTE, 519.98, BATTERY 465, THE BURROWS AGENCY, 157.00. INSURANCE 466, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 395.00, ELEC-TRIC SERVICE; Sheriff-ST 268. OKLAHOMA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 1014.00, SUBSCRIP-TION; SH Svc Fee 152, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 337.45. OFFICE SUPPLIES 153, HOME-LAND STORES INC., 101.93, JAIL SUPPLIES; SH Tng 5, HILTON GARDEN INN, 252.66, TRAINING 6, MEDIA TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, LLC, 475.00, TRAINING; Use-ST 14, KEMP STONE CO INC., 66161.38, ROAD MATERIALS 15, STOLZ TELE-COM, 62192.22, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #5 - Not needed because no reports were submitted by offi-

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. There were none.

AGENDA #7- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to hear report by Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Cossairt said the county has 137 employees this week. Since last week, three offers have been extended for employment, one new hire is in process and there was one termination. Longevity award checks will be distributed Nov. 20. She reminded elected officials to send in their paperwork for safety awards, which will be distributed on the Dec. 15 check. Cossairt said a new law makes in a crime for a driver to have a phone in their hand in a school or work zone. Cossairt said the county has nine jobs posted. Two are seasonal for application only and seven are open.

AGENDA #8- 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 #9- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign affidavits for the October 31 payroll. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beckves. Motion carried.

AGENDA #10- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve an intrafund transfer from Use Tax M&O to Use Tax Personal Services in the amount of \$80,000 per County Commissioner Chairman David Poindexter. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commis-

AGENDA #11- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to receive and file copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance and current list of Board of Directors and Officers for the Bernice Fire Department as follows: Amanda Markey - Mayor; Peggy Weaver, Lisa Niles, Annette Wells - Members; Fire Chief - Carl Tesreau; Asst. Chief - Justin Tesreau; Requisitioning Officers - Carl Tesreau Barbara Barnes: Receiving Officers - Justin Tesreau, Sherrie Whitson; Inventory Officers - Harley Beehler, Gavin Stone. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #12- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign completed bound county budget. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beckves. Motion carried.

AGENDA #13- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action Health Department remodel project per ADA Pam Ireland, Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-ves. Motion carried. Poindexter asked the Health Department officials to comment. He said he has not had time to look at the various contracts. Ireland said her task was to get the building's ownership on the right place in the contracts as the county owns the building and not the health department. Walker said there are four agreements to sign. The construction contract with Crossland Construction, the bond and insurance and the architects proposed plans. He said there will be more contracts to sign later as this is the planning phase. Chissoe said the Health Department state attorneys have approved the agreements. A motion was made by Poindexter and seconded by Callihan to table the item one week to the Nov. 4 meeting. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-ves: Commissioner Callihan-ves: and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #14- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to open and review all bids received with possible acceptance for the Leach Fire Department for site clearing, construction of driveway and concrete pad. Bid #25-26/05. Four bids were received: C&D for \$63,750: Dirt Doctors for \$48,745: Ward Recycling for \$24,960 and J Bell Construction for \$97,500. The fire department will review the bids with acceptance at a later date. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion

AGENDA #15- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve Bank of Grand Lake lease/ purchase documents on the purchase of a new 3,000-gallon tanker truck purchased from Fire Master for the Bernice Fire Station. State contract bid #25-05-0524. Tesreau said the final inspection was performed last Tuesday and the truck is good to go. The cost of the truck is \$438,386 with annual payments of \$65,653.15. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #16- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve a resolution authorizing application for a REAP grant to purchase SCBA packs for the Eucha Fire Department per Fire Chief Toby Buzzard. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beckves. Motion carried.

AGENDA #17- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to accept/reject bid for 2026 resale title search on behalf of the Delaware County Treasurer. County bid 325-525/03. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Treasurer Deputy Lesley Simpson was present to accept the bid from Grand River Abstract. A motion was made by Callihan and seconded by Poindexter to accept the bid from Grand River Abstract on behalf of the County Treasurer. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Cal-lihan-yes; and Commissioner Beckyes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #18- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action employee awards per Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt.
Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Cossairt read the commissioners a proposal for employee awards which will be for performance, not monetary and have a nominal value. Last year the employsairt said she received more thank yous and feedback for the hams than any other extra employee perk. She said Ricky Branch of the State Auditor's Office approved this program, which must be approved each year. Cossairt said she got a quote from the vendor who provided hams last year, and it is \$3,800. A motion was made by Callihan and seconded by Beck to provide employee awards not to exceed \$4,000. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #19- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to deposit check from City of Tulsa for patrol by the Sheriff's Office at Lake Eucha. 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 adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion

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## New tourist destination is proposed at the Grove Industrial Park

ment Authority (EDA) approved the concept for an Oklahoma Dreams Flower Farm, which will be a "youpick-it" flower and berry garden on about 37 acres.

Brandon Reynolds and his wife are proposing an outdoor experience for all ages, allowing visitors to pick their own flowers, including Zinnias, Dahlias, Snapdragons, Daffodils, Sunflowers, and others. They plan to grow strawberries, blackberries, and raspberries as the farm develops. The farm will host

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and cater for date nights, dinners, and fundraisers along with school groups.

"Our commitment to organic practices and supporting healthy lifestyles will benefit our entire community," Reynolds said. "This business model is not only profitable, but is also enjoyable. Our goal is to make this flower farm a sustainable and thriving community asset."

They will lease about 37 acres on property owned by the GDA located on Industrial Road near the Society Awards. They are proposing a lease agreement of \$3,700 per year for a three-year term, with the option to purchase property at the end of

There are at least 14 flower farms in Oklahoma including ones in Guthrie, Paul's Valley, Tuttle, Harrah, Coweta, Enid, and Norman.

Northwest Arkansas and Missouri also have you-pickit operations. In northwest Arkansas, there are operations in Mountain Home, Paragould, Salem, Tupelo, and Wynne, along with several others. In southwest Missouri, operations are in Cassville, Nixa, Republic, Ozark, Springfield. Verona, Oronogo, and Rogersville, among

Several in the state are on historic Centennial Family Farms in Oklahoma. These self-serve operations combine the flower farm with the convenience of a park setting. They encourage visitors to create their own special moments among the flowers. They emphasize accessibility and relaxation, allowing guests to stroll the grounds at their own pace while selecting flowers for their perfect

The Industrial Park site is in the floodplain, and is not conducive as a building site. Reynolds said he will build a storage shed on site and will need city water.

"It will be the biggest one around the region," Reynolds said. "There won't be anything like it for the public to enjoy. There's a lot of big flower farmers, but they don't they do not give it access. You do not get to enjoy the farm."

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