

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS

In accordance with 62 O.S. 2021, § 354, notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 31 of Ottawa County, Oklahoma will receive bids by sealed bid, facsimile bid, electronic (Parity®) bid or similar secure electronic bid on the 5th day of February, 2026, until 11:45 o'clock a.m., and the Board of Education will award said Bonds at 12:00 o'clock p.m. on the 5th day of February, 2026, at the Administration Building, Fairland Public Schools, 302 West Washington Ave., Fairland, Oklahoma, for the sale of \$415,000 of taxable Building Bonds of said School District, which Bonds will mature \$415,000 annually in two (2) years from their date until paid. Said Bonds shall be sold to the bidder bidding the lowest rate of interest the Bonds shall bear and agreeing to pay par and accrued interest for the Bonds. Each bidder shall submit with his bid a sum in cash, cashier's or certified check, electronic (wire) transfer or surety bond payable to the Treasurer of the District, equal to two (2%) percent of the amount of his bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.

WITNESS my official hand and seal this 12th day of January, 2026.

(SEAL)

/s/ LAVINA COX

Clerk, Board of Education

PUBLIC NOTICE

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DELAWARE COUNTY**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**

MINUTES

January 20, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Regular Session at 1:00 p.m. on January 20, 2026. The agenda was posted Jan. 15, 2026, at 4:11 p.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 Callahan-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 Callahan 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 Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #2-A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve introductions and announcements. In addition to the commissioners and county clerk, Commissioners' Assistant Kathy Parker, Emergency Management Director Jeff Reeves, Brandon Alexander, Rocky and Connie Carroll, County Clerk Deputy Teresa Gross, Carolyn Boothe, Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt, ADA Pam Ireland, and Assessor Larena Cook introduced themselves. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

Poindexter said he attended a jail

management seminar last week in OKC with statewide participation. He said he learned some interesting statutory guideline and jail layout ideas for expansion, some using modular buildings. He said ACCO is having a courthouse security seminar June 8-10. Callahan said his office is open in the new location for the first time today. The office is moved and operating but not all the equipment has been moved.

AGENDA #3- A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve the minutes for the regular meeting dated January 13, 2026.

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

AGENDA #4- A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve payment of claims submitted by the County Clerk - 2025-2026 - Delaware County Economic Development ST. 7, DELAWARE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, 7241.60, DCEDA SALES TAX; Donations 23, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, 18099.45, FAIR GROUNDS PROJECT; Emergency Mgmt. 27, CURTISS TATE TIRES AND SERVICE, 20.00, TIRE REPAIR 28, MIDWEST CARD & ID SOLUTIONS, 2010.00, RENEWAL; General 1787, THE PAPERCLIP OFFICE SUPPLIES, 409.90, SUPPLIES 1788, VERIZON, 120.03, MISC 1789, ESRI INC., 120.00, STORAGE 1790, THE AMERICAN, 317.18, PUBLICATIONS 1791, AADVANTAGE LAUNDRY SYSTEMS, 119.00, LEASE 1792, PRESTO-X, 1008.00, INFESTATION 1793, OSU-CTP, 65.00, TRAINING 1794, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 128.90, OFFICE SUPPLIES 1795, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 8.00, WATER 1796, THE PAPERCLIP OFFICE SUPPLIES, 535.15, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 1797, DIAMOND DRUGS INC., 1420.26, INMATE MEDICATION 1798, HOMETOWN BOTTLED

WATER SERVICE, 30.75, LEASE 1799, OKLAHOMA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 1014.00, SUBSCRIPTION 1800, FUELMAN OF OKLAHOMA, 11004.58, FUEL 1801, AEP(LEASE), 200.00, LEASE 1802, LEAF, 954.27, MISC 1803, BRIXKEY, JULIE, 510.75, TRAVEL 1804, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 167.84, TELEPHONE SERVICE 1805, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS, 58.86, SERVICE 1806, STAPLES, 63.33, OFFICE SUPPLIES 1807, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS, 30.00, SERVICE; Health 122, HOWARD, HALEY, 66.50, TRAVEL 123, US CELLULAR, 43.79, CELL PHONE 124, GOFF, DEBRAH J., 900.00, JANITORIAL SERVICE 125, EDWARDS LAWN SERVICE, 500.00, LAWN CARE 126, VERIZON BUSINESS, 76.00, MONTHLY SERVICE 127, VIP VOICE SERVICES, 2311.89, MONTHLY SERVICE 128, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 355.63, OFFICE SUPPLIES; Highway 1048, WARREN CAT, 339.84, FILTERS 1049, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 253.84, SUPPLIES 1050, POINDEXTER, DAVID C., 42.00, TRAVEL 1051, GMSA, 116.04, MONTHLY SERVICE 1052, QUILLY CORPORATION, 239.28, OFFICE SUPPLIES 1053, AAVCOR, 80.00, RANDOM DRUG TESTING 1054, GRAND TRUE VALUE RENTAL, 10.00, RENTAL 1055, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 3407.90, LEASE/PURCHASE 1056, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 1916.41, LEASE/PURCHASE 1057, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 2566.24, LEASE/PURCHASE 1058, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 2621.17, LEASE/PURCHASE 1059, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 1867.81, LEASE/PURCHASE 1060, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 1766.98, LOAN 1061, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 2620.37, LOAN 1062, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 4163.03, LOAN 1063, JAY UTILITIES AUTHORITY, 364.20, UTILITIES 1064, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 557.36, ELECTRIC SERVICE 1065, BRUCKNER'S TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, 272.27, PARTS 1066, J & J AUTO SUPPLY, 641.41, MISC 1067, UNIFIRST CORP, 919.50, UNIFORMS 1068, LINDLY S INC, 29.98, MISC 1069, PARTS CITY LTE, 372.15, MISC 1070, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 275.44, ELECTRIC SERVICE; Hwy-ST 331, MONSON SIDING & ROOFING, 13200.00, LABOR 332, SOUTHERN TIRE MART LLC, 4251.28, TIRES 333, LAKELAND CPP, 4365.00, FUEL 334, SNB BANK, 11592.68, LEASE 335, COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK OF OKARCHE, 6090.00, LEASE 336, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 1806.06, LEASE PAYMENT 337, WELCH STATE BANK, 5203.71, LOAN 338, TIM S ELECTRIC INC., 17600.00, ELECTRICAL SERVICE/REPAIR 339, ASCO EQUIPMENT, 288.64, PARTS 340, LAKELAND CPP, 3627.20, FUEL; Law Library 4, LAW

LIBRARY REVOLVING FUND, 4684.51, SUBSCRIPTION; Rural Fire-ST 756, LAKELAND CPP, 50.79, BLANKET 757, VERIZON, 175.80, MONTHLY SERVICE 758, LAKELAND CPP, 582.85, BLANKET 759, ADT SECURITY SERVICES INC, 402.48, MONTHLY SERVICE 760, CARDS NEO, LLC, 114.21, SANITATION 761, BOLT FIBER, 170.14, MONTHLY SERVICE 762, AT&T MOBILITY, 202.70, MONTHLY SERVICE 763, GMSA, 77.25, MONTHLY SERVICE 764, ESO SOLUTIONS INC, 484.21, SUBSCRIPTION 765, WELCH STATE BANK, 1203.23, LEASE/PURCHASE 766, WELCH STATE BANK, 1422.90, LEASE/PURCHASE 767, GRAND TELEPHONE SERVICE 768, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 2327.52, LEASE/PURCHASE 769, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 160.03, ELECTRIC SERVICE 770, O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 113.54, BLANKET 771, SISCO TRUE-VALUE HARDWARE, 139.72, BLANKET 772, AT&T MOBILITY, 202.70, INTERNET SERVICE 773, RURAL WATER DIST. #10, 760.15, UTILITIES 774, SBA STEEL LLC, 158.02, RENT 775, BOLT FIBER, 174.20, WIRELESS SERVICE 776, THE AMERICAN, 55.82, PUBLICATIONS 777, KANSAS BUILDING SUPPLY INC., 68.66, BLANKET 778, KANSAS BUILDING SUPPLY INC., 5.88, BLANKET 779, KENWOOD WATER DISTRICT, 25.00, UTILITIES 780, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 176.47, ELECTRIC SERVICE 781, THE AMERICAN, 109.58, PUBLICATIONS 782, CASCO INDUSTRIES INC., 3307.00, FIRE DEPT EQUIP 783, K2 TOWERS III, 2782.26, RENT 784, WARDS RECYCLING, 24960.00, CONSTRUCTION 785, TWIN OAKS MART, 316.66, FUEL 786, KANSAS BUILDING SUPPLY INC., 2000.00, SUPPLIES 787, NEW-MAC ELECTRIC CO-OPERATIVE, 86.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE 788, LINDLY S INC, 4199.86, PROPANE 789, BOLT FIBER, 198.44, INTERNET SERVICE; SH Svc Fe 246, OKLAHOMA SHERIFF S ASSOCIATION, 1200.00, ANNUAL DUES 247, JOHN STEWART PSY. D. P. C., 145.00, MMPI 248, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, 22851.67, FOOD 249, ADAIR COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, 108.00, INMATE HOUSING; SW Mgmt. 8, SOLID WASTE, 229906.11, SOLID WASTE SALES TAX. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #5 - Was not needed as no monthly reports were submitted by officers.

AGENDA #6 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck for approval of citizen's participation or comments. All comments must per-

tain to today's agenda items. Speakers should hold their comments to three minutes. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. There were none.

AGENDA #7- A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to open the floor for new business. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #8- A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve hearing Human Resources report by HR Director Vicki Cossairt. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

Cossairt said a new IRS law allows county employees to use telehealth SwiftMD with no charge upfront. Employees may also pay with their HSA account. Vision Care Direct, a provider for county vision insurance, has changed its name to Unity Vision.

Cossairt said a new CDL driver has been licensed in District 2 and another candidate will complete the program in March.

AGENDA #9- A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck sign Highway Cash for February. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #10- A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign Highway Cash for February. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #11- A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to open and review all bids received with acceptance at a later date for the Jay Fire Department for a used pumper truck with trade in. Bid #25/26/10. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

One bid was received from Bank of Grand Lake. The amount financed of \$150,000 was bid at a

fixed rate of 3.98% with a payment of \$2,764.96 a month on a five-year note and \$2,059.14 on a seven-year note. The bid was take under advisement by Fire Chief Bandon Alexander.

AGENDA #12- A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan 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 CowSkin Fire Department as follows:

Frank Close - Chairman; Jon Cramer - Vice Chairman; Sandy Cooley Stuckey - Secretary/Treasurer; Steve West, Chris Wilkins, Rick Howard, Rich Bronson, Vince Gonzalez - members; Fire Chief - Will Harding; Asst. Chief - Dustin Fields; Requisitioning Officers - Will Harding, Barbara Barnes, Dustin Fields; Receiving Officers - Vincent Gonzalez, Kyle Butler, Sandy Cooley Stuckey; Inventory Officers - Rick Bronson, Vince Gonzalez, Steve West, Will Harding.

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

AGENDA #13- A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to receive and file a copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance and current list of Board of Directors and officers for the Grove Fire Department as follows:

Ed Trumbull - Mayor; Ivan Devitt - Vice Mayor; Andy Stewart, Martin Dyer - Councilmen; Peggy Steed - Councilwoman; Darrin Cook - City Manager; Laura Daville - Assistant City Manager; Fire Chief - Mike Reed; Asst. Chief - open; Requisitioning Officers - Mike Reed, Barbara Barnes; Receiving Officers - Frank Close, Jeremy Brown; Inventory Officers - Korey Beeck, Roman

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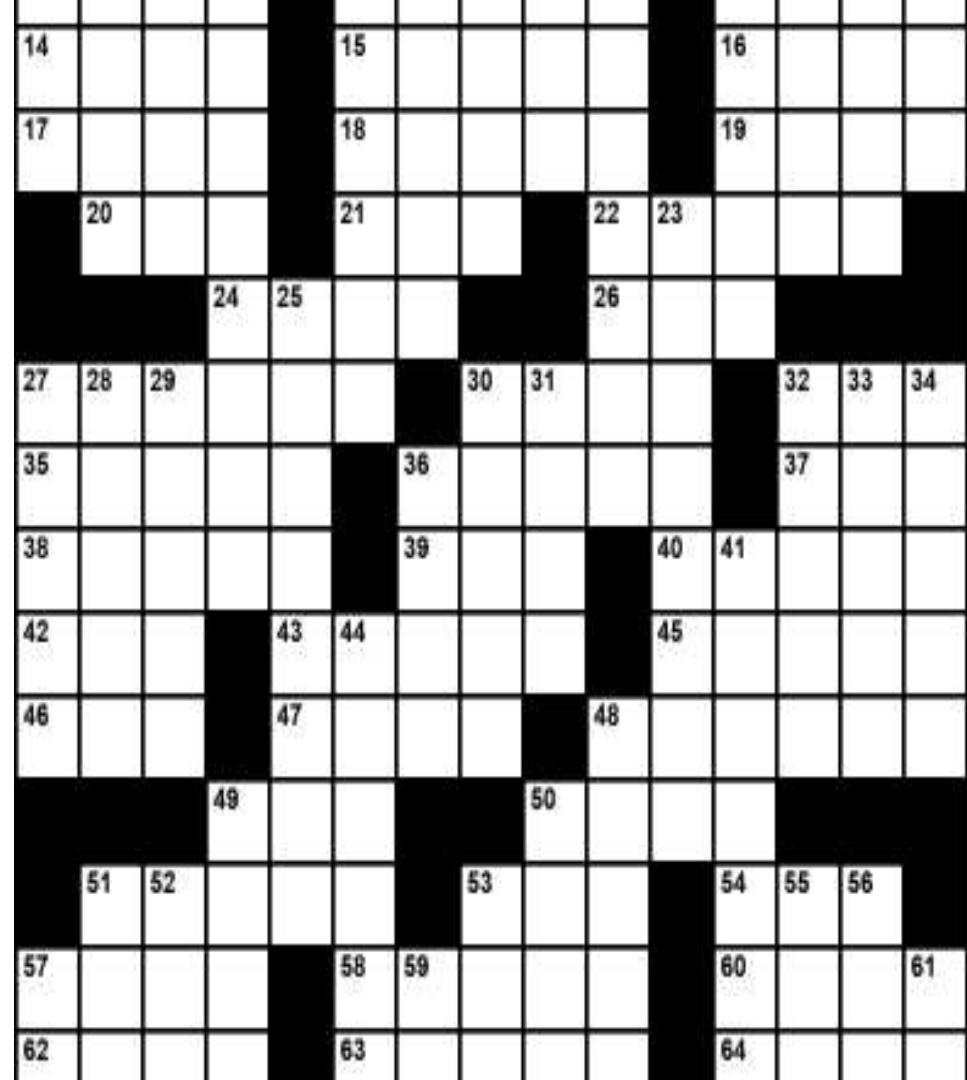
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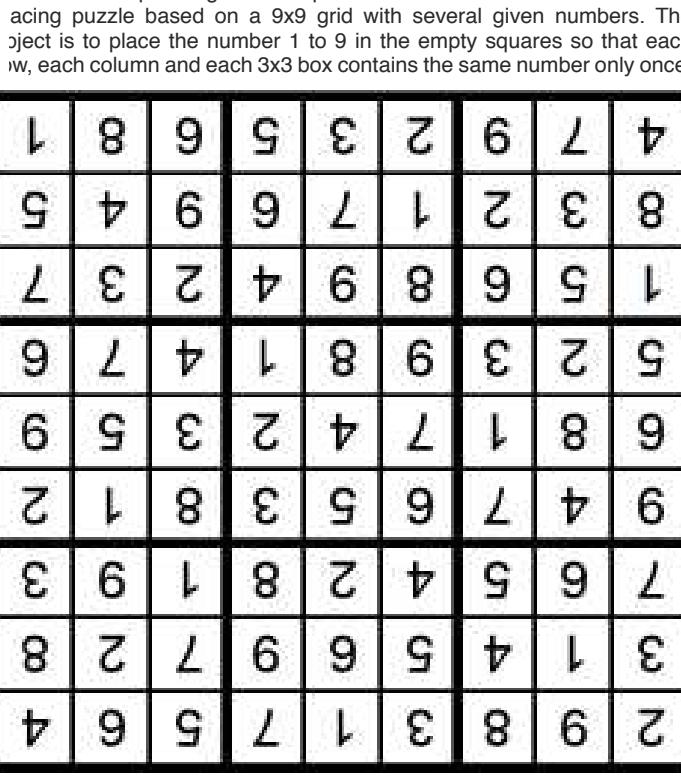
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50. Type of Sanskrit literature
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53. Hammer ball
55. Baseball team
56. Coffee type
57. Bunny leap
59. Skater Midori
61. Banned substance



Legals

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

AGENDA #14- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve an intrafund transfer in the amount of \$10,200 from the General Fund Contingency Account to the Assessor Personal Services account. Poindexter said the budget was approved before the assessor's last amendments were received. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #15- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve and intrafund transfer in the amount of \$6,200 from General Fund Contingency account to the Assessor Travel Account. Poindexter said this is also because Cook's last adjustment for amounts were not received until after the budget was approved. 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 an intrafund transfer in the amount of \$2,800 from General Fund Contingency account to the Assessor M&O account. 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 the surplus of a 2004 American LaFrance Eagle fire truck, VIN# 4Z3AACG94RN02656, on behalf of Bernice Fire Department. 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 adjourn the meeting at 1:22 p.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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
OTTAWA COUNTY,
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
WELCH STATE BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
OF EDNA M. WOODS,
DECEASED;
AND JOHN DOE AND JANE
DOE AS OCCUPANTS OF THE
PROPERTY, HEIDI WOODS,
AND IF MARRIED, THE
SPOUSE OF HEIDI WOODS,
Defendants.

Case No. CJ-23-61

ALIAS

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office at Miami, Ottawa County,

Oklahoma, the undersigned Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell for cash in hand, at public auction to the highest and best bidder, with appraisement, all that certain real estate in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

**Lot 3 and the West 70 feet of
Lot 2, Block 5 in the Miller's
Addition, To the City of Miami,
Ottawa County, Oklahoma,
according to the Recorded plat
thereof**

Subject to taxes and tax sales, if any, said property being duly appraised at \$72,000.00.

Sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Sale issued upon the judgment entered in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-23-61, wherein Welch State Bank is Plaintiff, and The Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Edna M. Woods, deceased; and John Doe and Jane Doe as occupants of the property, Heidi Woods, and if married, the spouse of Heidi Woods, are Defendants, to satisfy said Judgment of the Plaintiff in the sum of \$21,840.20, with interest thereon at the rate of 6.25% per annum, from January 26, 2026, which is equal to \$2.1716 per day, and the further sum of attorneys' fees in the amount of \$6,000.00 and all costs of this action, accrued and accruing.

Witness my hand this 27th day of January, 2026.

s/ Rocky Ferdig, Under Sheriff
Rocky Ferdig, Under Sheriff
Ottawa County, Oklahoma

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Afton resident Kathi Sikorski attends the celebration of polar bears at Har-Ber Village.

Natural History Taxidermy Bear Display sent off to two museums

A celebration for the final opportunity to locally view the Natural History Taxidermy Bear Display took place on Sunday, Jan. 18. Har-Ber Village Museum has decided to transfer the taxidermy bear pieces to partner institutions and redo the exhibit space for an expanded educational programming space. Har-Ber Village will continue to feature taxidermied animals native to Oklahoma as part of its natural history interpretation.

Har-Ber Village Museum announced the sendoff of its Natural History Taxidermy Bear Display as part of a transition aimed at preserving its historic collection and

expanding future educational opportunities.

Nicole Reynolds, Har-Ber Village's director said, "After careful consideration, the museum will be transferring ownership of several taxidermy pieces from its Natural History Display to two respected institutions;

to the Museum of Osteology in Oklahoma City and the Natural History Museum at the University of Central Oklahoma.

"This decision reflects Har-Ber Village's commitment to responsible stewardship and ensuring these historic pieces receive the specialized care, attention, and interpretive context they deserve."

By joining the collections of these partner museums, the taxidermy specimens will continue to educate and inspire visitors through new exhibits focused on natural history, extending their legacy to broader audiences.

As part of this transition, Har-Ber Village is re-envisioning the former exhibit space to create a new classroom environment designed to enhance educational programming.

The renovated space will support expanded offerings such as children's day camps, adult workshops, and retreat opportunities allowing the museum to better serve guests of all ages.

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Community Building. The Warming Center is at 104 W Third Street. Animals are welcome on a leash or in a crate.

Grove Police Chief Mark Morris said, "Our personnel are patrolling and looking for stranded motorists."

He also noted that when

people are inside for a while, domestic violence calls go up.

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amount of money from these opioid settlements.

Oklahoma has collected more than \$900 million in total from various drug manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacy chains to settle litigation related to the opioid crisis. A 2019 judgment of \$465 million against Johnson & Johnson was later overturned by the Oklahoma Supreme Court and is not included in the \$900 million total.

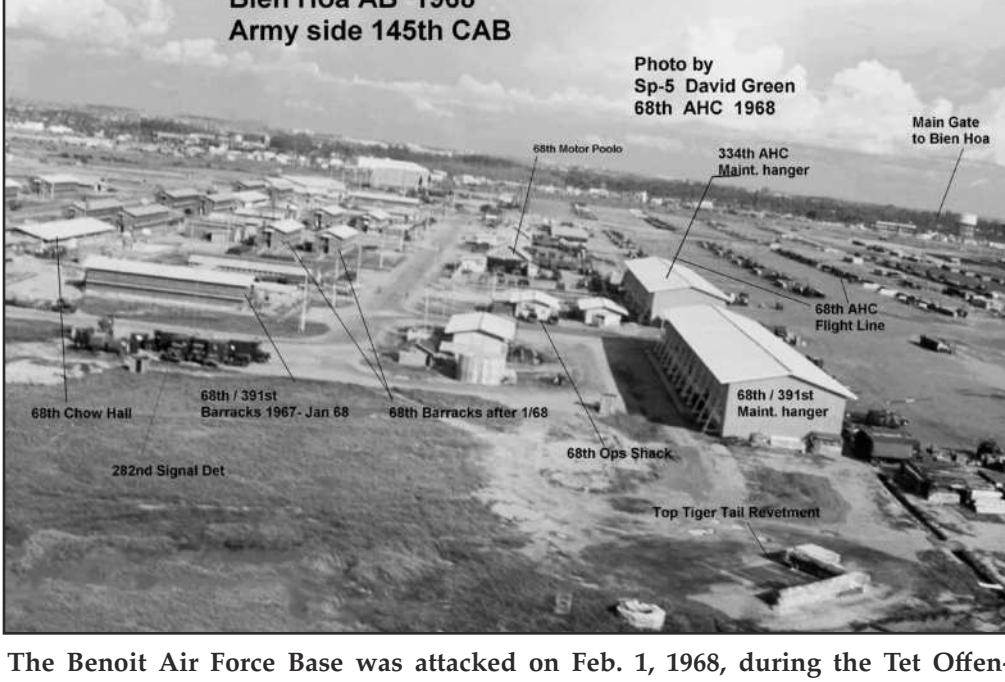
These funds are designated for opioid abatement,

including addiction treatment, prevention, and education programs. States are required to spend at least 70% of their share of the national settlements on future opioid remediation.

A maximum of 15% can be spent on opioid crisis-related reimbursement and administrative expenses for past expenses. A maximum of 15% can be spent on non-opioid remediation expenses, such as paving roads or other government supported work and activities.

The national total of the settlement exceeds \$58 billion, of which Walgreen's will pay more than \$5.67 billion and Walmart will pay more than \$2.8 billion.

How this money is dispersed and spent varies widely, but in every state and locality there is an opportunity to support harm reduction efforts. Engagement of local health departments in the planning of fund disbursement is central to make sure public health is prioritized.



The Benoit Air Force Base was attacked on Feb. 1, 1968, during the Tet Offensive when NLF forces, supported by large numbers of North Vietnamese troops, launched the largest and best coordinated offensive of the Vietnam War. During the attack, they drove into the center of South Vietnam's seven largest cities and attacked 30 provincial capitals ranging from the Delta to the DMZ.

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middle of the bomb dump. So, I stayed out there for a day and a half and then they moved me over to a quick reactionary force. So, I was in the middle of the north side of the base. If anything happened they could call us and then we would all jump in their trucks then go to wherever they needed extra help. And it took about a week before I got to go back to my regular job."

Lane joined the Air Force in June 1966, after graduating high school. He was sent to Amarillo Air Force Base to go through basic training. His first base was Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, Arizona. He was then sent to Benoit Air Force base in Vietnam.

When he returned to the states after one year, he went to Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas. He stayed out

a few years and then rejoined the 219th ENI squadron at Tulsa International Airport. He eventually became Chief of Quality Assurance for the ENI Squadron.

He now lives between Grove and Fairland at the Highway 125 Junction and Highway 59. His wife's parents were from Fairland. He and his wife started dating when they were sophomores.

"We will be married 60 years, but we've been together for 63 years."

Lane said, "When I was a little kid, I saw a movie called Strategic Air Command and it starred Jimmy Stewart and was dedicated to future airmen, so I knew at that time that that's what I wanted to do. I wanted to work on aircraft."

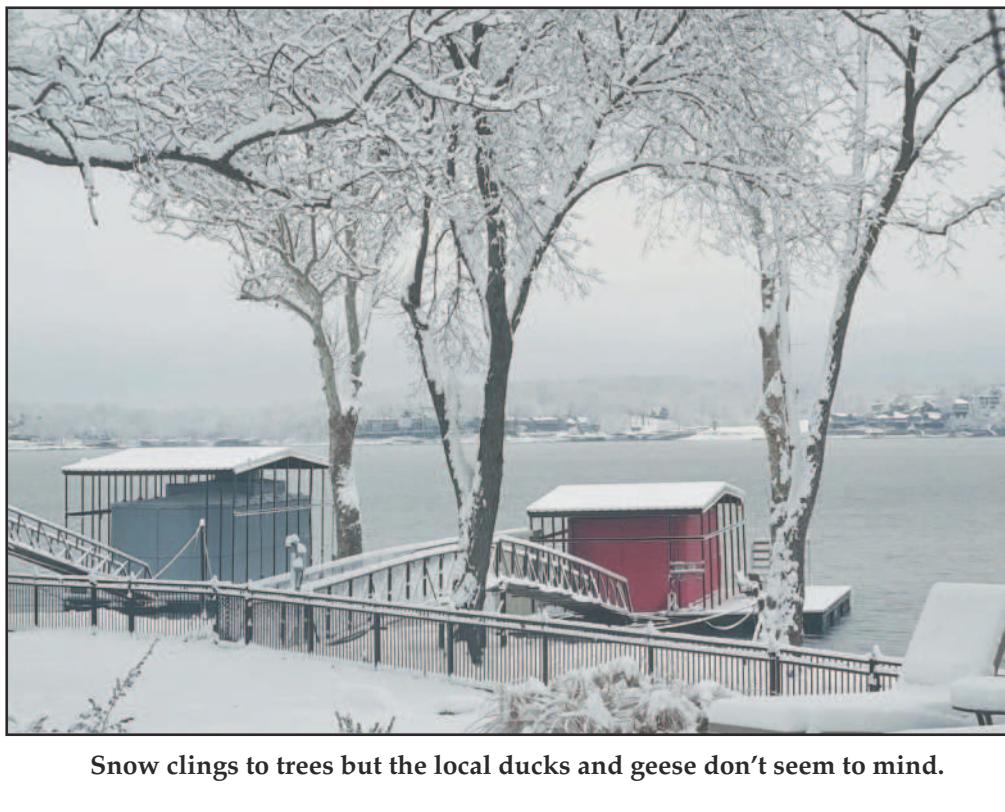
He was a member of the Air Force for nearly 29 years and

retired in 2006. Now he substitutes for the Grove School District.

Never to be one who sits around, Lane plans to be in Vietnam for two weeks and then plans to stop in the Philippines and stay there for more than two months.

Lane says he wants to help the country set up a school for electricians and linemen to improve their electrical grid. He is also retired from Northeast Oklahoma Electric, where he was a foreman and a serviceman.

"I just like to give back to the people of the world," Lane says. "I've been everywhere. I've done everything that I ever would. I am 79 years old. I will be 80 this year. If I can help in any way, do anything, that's what I want to do."



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