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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Oklahoma Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Advertisement for Bids Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that Ottawa Rural Water District #4 hereinafter called the "Owner" will receive sealed bids at the Ottawa RWD#4 office at 19055 S. HWY 125 Fairland Oklahoma, until 2:00pm on April 30th, 2026.

Item No.	Quantity	Unit	Item Description
1	950 Ea.	Water Meter	AMR
2	950 Ea.	18" Meter Box	
3	950 Ea.	Meter Box Lid	
4	950 Ea.	Tandem Coppersetter	
5	1 Ea.	Drive B System Tablet and Software	
6	1 Ea.	Installation	(per specifications)

All bids received at said time shall be publicly opened and read aloud. All work shall be performed and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Plans and Specifications prepared by LeBlanc Engineering, and on file in the office of the Ottawa County RWD #4.

The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

- Ottawa County RWD #4 19055 S. HWY 125 Fairland, Oklahoma 74343
- LeBlanc Engineering 1536 Echota Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74644

A complete set of Plans and Specifications to prospective bidders may be obtained at above described office upon payment of \$0.00. Please email Cason LeBlanc at Cason@leblancengineering.com to request plans and specs.

Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials in accordance with said specifications and furnish the required bonds within ten (10) days after the acceptance of his bid.

The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds. Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a DW-412 Noncollusion Affidavit and a DW-413 Business Relationships Affidavit in writing displaying that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express or implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. A Maintenance Bond guaranteeing the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year, after the acceptance of the work by the Owner, will be required.

This project is to be financed by a loan from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board through the Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and shall be referred to as DWSRF Project No. P40-2005801-01.

A. Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or physical handicap. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

B. "Each bidder must fully

comply with the requirement, terms and conditions of the Department of Environmental Quality Small, Minority, Women's Businesses Requirements including affirmative steps to contract with small, minority and women's businesses during the performance of this contract. The bidder commits itself to the affirmative steps to contract with small, minority and women's businesses contained herein and all other requirements, terms and conditions of these bid conditions by submitting a properly signed bid.

Requirements are contained in DEQ Guidance and Procedures, DW-700."

C. "All bidders must comply with the Anti-Kickback Act and the Contract Work Hours Standards Act."

D. "Davis Bacon Act wage rules shall apply. All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of Chapter 3 1 of Title 40, United States Code. The Department of Labor provides all pertinent information related to compliance with labor standards, including prevailing wage rates and instructions for reporting. For more information please refer to <http://www.sam.gov>."

E. "American Iron and Steel provisions also apply to projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1452(a)(4), requiring that all iron and steel products used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a public water system are produced in the United States."

F. System for Award Management (SAM) registration is required for all DWSRF program applicants and Awardees (Entities, prime contractors, subcontractors, vendors) in order to be awarded contracts by the DWSRF program. SAM replaces Central Contractor Registration/Federal Agency Registration, Online No formal pre-bid meeting will be held. Bidders are to acquaint themselves with the scope of work, specifications, meters and all appurtenances described herein.

-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

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

AGENDA #5 - This item was not needed as no monthly reports were submitted by officers.

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 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 hear Human Resources report by HR Director Vicki Cossairt. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

Cossairt reminded everyone Friday is a holiday and the courthouse will be closed. Elected officials slated for filing must do so this week from April 1 to April 3. Election Board Secretary Crystal January said today is the last day to change your party affiliation for the upcoming primary. She restated filing will be done in her office Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Early voting is this week for school elections and some bond questions.

Cossairt said public employees have student debt relief available. She gave elected officials printed information to pass on to any employee who might need the service. Cossairt said the county has had a couple of injuries lately and she and Emergency Management Director Jeff Reeves will be doing root cause inquiries this morning to determine the cause of the injuries and if anything can be done in the future to prevent the injury from happening again.

AGENDA #9- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve contracts for Delaware County Election Board for fiscal year 2026-2027, tabled from the March 24 meeting. January said the contracts are for postage and printing. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #10- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign agreement between the county and ODOT for project #IP-31224(04) Bridge #30 in District #1. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Poindexter said the Cherokee Nation is helping finance this project which is part of three projects on Stand Watie Road that will cost approximately \$3 million.

AGENDA #11- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve a bid from Bear Lake Contracting LLC for Flint Ridge 1 Amended Lots 9 and 10 in Block 6 of the Highland Area in the amount of \$40 on behalf of the County Treasurer. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #12- No action was taken on this item. AGENDA #13- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to receive and forward to the District Attorney's Office case #CJ-2026-13, NEO Concrete Materials, Inc. vs. Palm's Concrete LLC, Et Al. ADA Ireland said she got a notice this case has been dismissed without prejudice, meaning it is over. 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 adjourn the meeting at 9:13 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



CASA of Northeast Oklahoma CASA KIDZ Fundraiser 2026

For information - [www.casaneok.org](http://www.casaneok.org)

There is still time to make a difference!

April is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time for communities across the nation to come together and raise awareness so that every child has the opportunity to grow up free from abuse and neglect.

A sure sign April has arrived is when CASA KIDZ start appearing in various business windows and locations around Ottawa County. Each year, during the month of April, CASA of Northeast Oklahoma hosts their annual CASA KIDZ (formerly known as the Paper Doll Project) where area businesses, organizations, churches, and individuals are asked to sponsor "foster" CASA KIDZ. CASA KIDZ are wooden cutouts of a small child, size 3T to 4T, which they name, dress, and display in their business or public location. This brings awareness to the plight of children living in foster care and the need for additional CASA volunteer advocates, while raising needed financial support so CASA of Northeast Oklahoma can recruit and train enough CASA volunteer advocates so every child can have one available to be assigned to their case.

"We changed the name to CASA KIDZ because we think it better explains why the wooden cutouts of children are displayed each year. Each wooden cutout symbolizes the stories of children in our community living in foster care and are a reminder that there are children every day looking for a safe and permanent loving home where they can be secure, grow, and thrive. Something most people take for granted," said Executive Director of CASA of Northeast Oklahoma Emily Bowling.

CASA KIDZ is held each year in Ottawa County and the other five counties (Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Rogers, and Washington) in northeast

Oklahoma. CASA provides services to children living in foster care. The county raising the most money is awarded the traveling trophy which can display for the next year.

"While the wooden cutouts wear a size 3T or 4T, we want to remind everyone foster children come in all sizes. Foster children may range from birth through 18. We are asking for donations of new clothing with the tags still attached, because we see the great pride these children take in receiving a new piece of clothing, some for the first time. All clothing will stay in the county in which it is collected," said Bowling.

"We find that CASA KIDZ is a community favorite project. We have five sponsorship levels, so everyone has the opportunity to join in and show their support for children living in foster care," said Bowling.

Sponsorship levels: \*Platinum - \$1,000 (sponsor receives 5 CASA KIDZ), \*Gold - \$750 (sponsor receives 4 CASA KIDZ), \*Silver - \$500 (sponsor receives 3 CASA KIDZ), \*Bronze - \$250 (sponsor receives 2 CASA KIDZ), \*Individual - \$100 (sponsor receives 1 CASA KIDZ). The good news is there is still time to join in. Just contact Mark at 918-694-2510 or [mark@casaneok.org](mailto:mark@casaneok.org) and let him know you want to participate and he will make sure that your CASA KID or CASA KIDZ are delivered right away.

"I wish I could tell you we have enough CASA volunteer advocates to meet the need for the number of foster children who need them, but we don't, not even close," said Bowling. "Last year we provided advocacy services to 160 children on 86 cases with 56 volunteers. 57% of those children were aged 0-5, which is statistically the most vulnerable age group for abuse and neglect. These are

the children who may not have a voice yet or are just finding their voice, so advocacy for them during a time of abuse and neglect is vital.

"We need more volunteers and funding to be able to recruit, train, and supervise those volunteers so no child does not have a CASA volunteer available to provide a voice for them in court. That's why in 2026 our goal is to recruit 26 new CASA volunteer advocates through our '26 In 2026' campaign to help meet the need. A simple number with a substantial impact."

For more information about CASA of Northeast Oklahoma and volunteer and donation opportunities, visit [casaneok.org](http://casaneok.org) or call 918-923-7276.

Incorporated in May 1995, CASA (then Tri-County CASA) was formed serving Craig, Mayes, and Rogers Counties. It is now a regional program serving six counties (Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Ottawa, Rogers, and Washington) in northeast Oklahoma, plus the Shawnee Tribal Court. In 2025, CASA of Northeast Oklahoma celebrated its 30th year anniversary of providing advocacy services and making a difference. CASA of Northeast Oklahoma's mission is to "advance the welfare of northeast Oklahoma children through best interest child advocacy and family strengthening efforts that are individualized and culturally sensitive, and envisions a world where every abused and neglected child has a CASA volunteer appointed to represent their best interests; where all children have a safe, permanent, and nurturing home and where they can thrive. CASA of Northeast Oklahoma is a member of the National CASA/GAL Association for Children, Oklahoma CASA Association, and Ottawa County United Way.

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