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NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE PURCHASED BY OTTAWA COUNTY AT RESALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Oklahoma Statute 68SS3135
That the following real estate:
LT 1, BLK 80 Original Plat I, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
Subject to Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Mineral Reservations of record, if any
Parcel # 3520-00-080-001-0-000-00
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 10:30 AM to the highest competitive bidder on the 3rd day November,2026. The undersigned having received a bid of $300.00 on the above-described real estate will sell said property at said respective offer to
KATHY WETHEY
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 6TH day of October, 2026

Tabitha Reeves
Ottawa County Treasurer

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LT 1, BLK 9 Cardin, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
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Parcel # 6010-00-009-001-0-000-00
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 10:30 AM to the highest competitive bidder on the 5th day of November ,2026. The undersigned having received a bid of $125.00 on the above-described real estate will sell said property at said respective offer to
SUSIE JO CRAWFORD STONE
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.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of THOMAS L. DETHERAGE, Sr., Deceased.

No. PB-2026-44

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Thomas L. Detherage, Sr., deceased, that on the 13th day of October, 2026, Luther Jay Detherage, produced and filed in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Thomas L. Detherage, Sr., deceased, along with a Petition asking that this Will be admitted to probate, that Letters Testamentary issue to Luther Jay Detherage, as the Personal Representative named in the Will, and for a judicial determination of the heirs, devisees, and legatees of the decedent.
Pursuant to the Court's Order, this Petition for Probate of Will will be heard before the Honorable R. Matt Whalen, Judge of the District Court, in District Court Room Number 3 of the Ottawa County Courthouse, Miami, Oklahoma, on 29th day of October, 2026, at 1:30 P.M., at which time and place any heir, devisee, or legatee of this decedent may appear and show cause, if any they have, why this Petition should not be granted.
Dated this 13th day of October, 2026.

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

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DELAWARE COUNTY

DAVID POINDEXTER, DISTRICT ONE
JAKE CALLIHAN, DISTRICT TWO
DAVID BECK, DISTRICT THREE
DRAWER 550
JAY, OK 74346
#13

MOTION MADE BY Callihan SECONDED BY Beck

THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2 SCBA PACKS, BOTTLES & MASKS, FOR THE KENWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT. PERSONS INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING A BID ARE TO CONTACT FRANCES FANNING, P.A. LOCATED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, JAY, OK. BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 10/30/26 AT 4:00P.M. IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, JAY, OK. BIDS WILL BE OPENED AND REVIEWED IN REGULAR MEETING DATED 11/03/26 AT 9:00A.M. BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT/REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.
BID# 26-27/05.
POINDEXTER Y CALLIHAN Y BECK Y
WITNESS OUR HANDS THIS 13th DAY OF October, 2026
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DELAWARE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

S/David Poindexter
DAVID POINDEXTER, CHAIRMAN
S/Jake Callihan
JAKE CALLIHAN, MEMBER
S.David Beck
DAVID BECK, MEMBER
ATTEST: S/Barbara Barnes
BARBARA BARNES-COUNTY CLERK

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DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 6, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on October 6, 2026. The agenda was posted October 5, 2026, at 8:40 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 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. Commissioner Callihan was absent.
AGENDA #1 - A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter 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; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #2-A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to approve introductions and announcements. In addition to the commissioners and Commissioners' Assistant Kathy Parker, Emergency Management Director Jeff Reeves, Carolyn Boothe, Mike Major, Case Hampton of Bank of Grand Lake, Election Board Secretary Crystal January, Amber Dudley, Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt, District Attorney Doug Pewitt and Ira Holt of Kenwood Fire Department introduced themselves. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes.
AGENDA #3- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to approve the minutes for the regular meeting dated September 29, 2026. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #4- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to approve payment of claims submitted by the County Clerk. 2025-2026 - General 3539, QUADIENT LEASING, 469.23, LEASE PAYMENT; Highway 2077, BOLT FIBER OPTICS SERVICES, 325.97, INTERNET SERVICE 2078, CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY, 207.32, FIRST AID SUPPLIES; Hwy-ST 664, WARREN CAT, 6427.80, PARTS; 2026-2027 - CBRI 8, EAGLE REDI-MIX, 28760.00, CONCRETE; General 933, THE PAPERCLIP OFFICE SUPPLIES, 779.85, PAPER PRODUCTS 934, PARKER, KATHY L., 60.65, MILEAGE 935, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 0.01, INSURANCE 936, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 83.34, INSURANCE 937, HARVEST FIELDS VENDING, 12.50, WATER/RENT 938, QUILL CORPORATION, 192.57, OFFICE SUPPLIES 939, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 0.01, INSURANCE 940, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 19.53, INSURANCE 941, GOINS, VINCENT G., 730.36, REVAL TRAVEL 942, CHARBONNEAU, JEFFREY DAVID, 700.72, TRAVEL 943, CHARBONNEAU, JEFFREY DAVID, 698.56, TRAVEL 944, HILTON GARDEN INN OKC MIDTOWN, 440.00, LODGING 945, SCOTT, SAMMI B., 228.00, REVAL TRAVEL 946, BOLT FIBER OPTICS SERVICES, 3949.99, INTERNET 947, GRAND COUNTRY PEST CONTROL, 325.00, EXTERMINATION 948, THE AMERICAN, 658.40, PUBLICATIONS 949, T-N-T PLUMBING, 367.78, PLUMBING SERVICE/REPAIRS 950, BUTLER BAPTIST CHURCH, 25.00, RENTAL 951, OZARK LEASING A PROGRAM OF DE LAGE, 179.30, LEASE 952, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 209.85, TELEPHONE SERVICE 953, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 11.00, WATER 954, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 358.95, ELECTION SUPPLIES 955, QUADIENT LEASING, 165.96, LEASE PAYMENT 956, MCCORD, ROBERT D., 3850.00, JANITORIAL SERVICE 957, STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR, 16717.20, AUDIT 958, KELLPRO INC., 1966.99, COMPUTER 959, MIKE BLEVINS AUTO & EQUIPMENT REPAIR, 1338.50, MISC 960, VALVOLINE INSTANT OIL CHANGE, 963.08, OIL 961, KELLPRO INC., 991.99, PRINTER 962, LOWES BUSINESS ACCT/SYNCB, 212.66, MISC; Health 45, ALLSTATE TERMITE & PEST SOLUTIONS, 45.00, EXTERMINATION 46, RITE-TEMP REFRIGERATION, 424.00, REPAIR; Highway 499, REFLECTIVE APPAREL FACTORY, 362.78, SHIRTS 500, ULINE INC, 442.20, MISC 501, P & K EQUIPMENT INC., 288.00, MISC 502, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 358.80, REPAIR 503, BRUCKNER'S TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, 792.87, DEF 504, AAVCOR, 110.00, RANDOM DRUG TESTING 505, ATTN FLEX ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION, 0.02, INSURANCE 506, GRAND SAVINGS BANK, 19260.19, LEASE PAYMENT 507, WELCH STATE BANK, 2197.49, LEASE PAYMENT 508, YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY, 14200.00, RENTAL 509, BECK, DAVID E., 78.28, MILEAGE 510, BECK, DAVID E., 34.35, MILEAGE 511, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS, 101.25, PRINTER; Hwy-ST 138, INDUSTRIAL TRUCK EQUIPMENT, 743.02, MISC 139, LAKELAND-CPP, 2298.00, FUEL 140, NOVUS WINDSHIELD REPAIR, 407.63, WINDSHIELD REPAIR 141, BLEVINS LOGGING & TREE SERVICES, 3250.00, TREE REMOVAL 142, LINDLY'S HARDWARE LLC, 9541.79, CHAINSAW 143, LAKELAND-CPP, 10524.58, FUEL 144, WHEELER METALS INC., 3780.00, MISC 145, WHEELER METALS INC., 4140.00, PIPE 146, LAKELAND-CPP, 6005.91, FUEL; Mtg Cert 5, HARVEST FIELDS VENDING, 12.49, RENT; Resale 73, THE GRAND LAKER/DELAWARE COUNTY JOURNAL, 88.16, ADVERTISEMENT; Rural Fire-ST 328, BERNICE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY, 35.33, UTILITIES 329, BOLT FIBER, 96.93, MONTHLY SERVICE 330, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 738.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE 331, DELAWARE COUNTY E-911, 500.00, DISPATCH SERVICE 332, SBA STEEL LLC, 158.02, MONTHLY SERVICE 333, THE BURROWS AGENCY, 1651.00, INSURANCE 334, AT&T MOBILITY, 332.32, INTERNET SERVICE 335, SBA STEEL LLC, 158.02, RENT 336, SBA STEEL LLC, 158.02, RENT 337, O-REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 381.07, BLANKET 338, MFA OIL, 3442.04, FUEL 339, OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, 100.00, INSURANCE 340, J AND J CUSTOM FIRE, INC, 6333.00, MISC 341, LITTLE KANSAS TIRE LLC, 1558.00, TIRES 342, NORTHEAST TECHNOLOGY CTR, 2600.00, TRAINING; SH Svc Fee 105, LOVERS LANE HOSPITALITY LLC, 249.52, LODGING 106, FIRST RESPONDER OUTFITTERS, 395.98, UNIFORMS-DCSO 107, FIRST RESPONDER OUTFITTERS, 395.98, UNIFORMS-DCSO 108, FIRST RESPONDER OUTFITTERS, 395.98, UNIFORMS 109, FIRST RESPONDER OUTFITTERS, 395.98, UNIFORMS 110, FIRST RESPONDER OUTFITTERS, 395.98, UNIFORMS 111, AAVCOR, 40.00, DRUG TESTING 112, AAVCOR, 40.00, RANDOM DRUG TESTING 113, LINDLY'S HARDWARE LLC, 60.69, SUPPLIES. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #5 – A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to approve all monthly reports submitted by officers. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Reports were submitted by the Election Board, Treasurer, County Clerk, Health Department and Assessor.
AGENDA #6 - A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter for approval of citizen's comments. All comments must pertain to today's agenda items. Speakers should hold their comments to three minutes. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Mike Major said regarding item #16, it seems there is always another expense at the fairgrounds. He wants the commissioners to "establish a budget" and work within it.
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 Beck-yes. Motion carried. There was none.
AGENDA #8- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to hear report by Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Cossairt said option period for insurance is underway and she has already seen many of the employees. She said annual drug scans and physicals for the CDL drivers are complete and TB tests are set up to be completed. She reminded everyone that October is flu shot month if they are inclined to take them.
AGENDA #9- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to open sealed bids on 2026 resale title search on behalf of the County Treasurer's Office with possible acceptance. County bid #26-27/04. One bid was received from Grand River Abstract for $100 per search. Deputy Lesley Simpson was present to represent the treasurer and she said they would like to accept the bid. A motion was made by Poindexter and seconded by Beck to accept the bid from Grand River Abstract. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #10- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to discuss with possible action dues for National Association of Counties for calendar year 2027 in the amount of $808. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Poindexter and seconded by Beck to pay the dues. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #11- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to discuss with possible action annual Performance Award per Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt. Cossairt said the resolution to approve the Rewards and Recognition Program must be approved each year. She said this is the first step in getting hams for each employee for awards. A motion was made by Poindexter and seconded by Beck to accept the Employee Rewards and Recognition Program for this year. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #12- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to set additional pay date for longevity pay on November 19, 2026. Cossairt said this amount is paid in paper checks and must be issued at a different time that the regular payroll dates. This year the county will pay out approximately $104,000 in longevity pay. Cossairt said some of the long-term employees receive several thousand dollars. She said this is a good incentive program. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #13- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to discuss with possible action purchase of Knox boxes for all county buildings at an estimated cost of $3,815 per Emergency Management Director Jeff Reeves. Reeves said the Knox box is put on the outside of a building to provide limited access so the fire departments can get inside the buildings in case of a fire. He said these are used universally. Reeves suggested Knox boxes be installed on the courthouse, fairgrounds event center, bank building and all the county barns. Barnes said Paul from Air Wise had asked for something like this. Reeves said he and Scott Hankins will install the boxes. A motion was made by Poindexter and seconded by Beck to purchase the Knox boxes using funds from the Use Tax account. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #14- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to sign Guy Engineering contract for right of way acquisition for Bridge #30 over unnamed creek in District 1. Poindexter said this is paid by state money and involves no cost to the county. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #15- No action was taken on this item.
AGENDA #16- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to discuss with possible action quote from Advanced Tech for sound system and Smart TV for the fairgrounds per Commissioner Poindexter. Poindexter said this is an extra that was not in the construction contract. In an effort to get some of the OSU training brought closer to Delaware County, he asked what is needed to conduct classes. OSU staff said the sound system and Smart TV will allow their staff to conduct classes in the Delaware County fair events center. A motion was made by Poindexter and seconded by Beck to approve the quote in the amount of $6,617.12 from Advanced Tech, to be paid for from the Use Tax account. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #17- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to approve an interfund transfer from Leach Fire Department capital outlay to Leach Fire Department M&O in the amount of $30,000, per County Clerk Barbara Barnes. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
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AGENDA #18- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to discuss with possible action preventative maintenance contract with Air Wise Heating and Air in the amount of $420.94 per month or $5, 051.25 for the entire year. Barnes said this is a $45 per month increase over last year. Everyone agreed Paul Turner does a fine job and always comes when he is called. A motion was made by Beck and seconded by Poindexter to pay the yearly amount. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #19- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to receive and file copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance and current list of Board of Directors and Officers for the Lakemont Volunteer Fire Department as follows: Jimmy Whited – President; Lennie Martin – Vice President; Kirsten Rowe – Secretary/Treasurer; Jerry Swanson, Jessica Jennings – Members; Fire Chief – Josh Rowe; Assistant Chief – Kirsten Rowe; Requisitioning Officers – Josh Rowe, Jessica Jennings, Barbara Barnes; Receiving Officers – Kirsten Rowe, Dakota Jennings; Inventory Officers – Garland Dempsey, John Whited. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #20- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to receive and file officers for Delaware County District #2 for fiscal year 2026-2027 as follows: Requisitioning Officers – Jake Callihan, Tim Atwood; Receiving Officers – Scott Hankins, Stan Weaver, Elizabeth Clark; Inventory Officer – Scott Hankins. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.
AGENDA #21- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to sign purchase agreement with Bank of Grand Lake for a Caterpillar 2026 roller, Model CB4.0 from Warren Cat on Sourcewell #179279 in the amount of $77,993 on behalf of District #1. Case Hampton said the monthly payment is $1,391.33.

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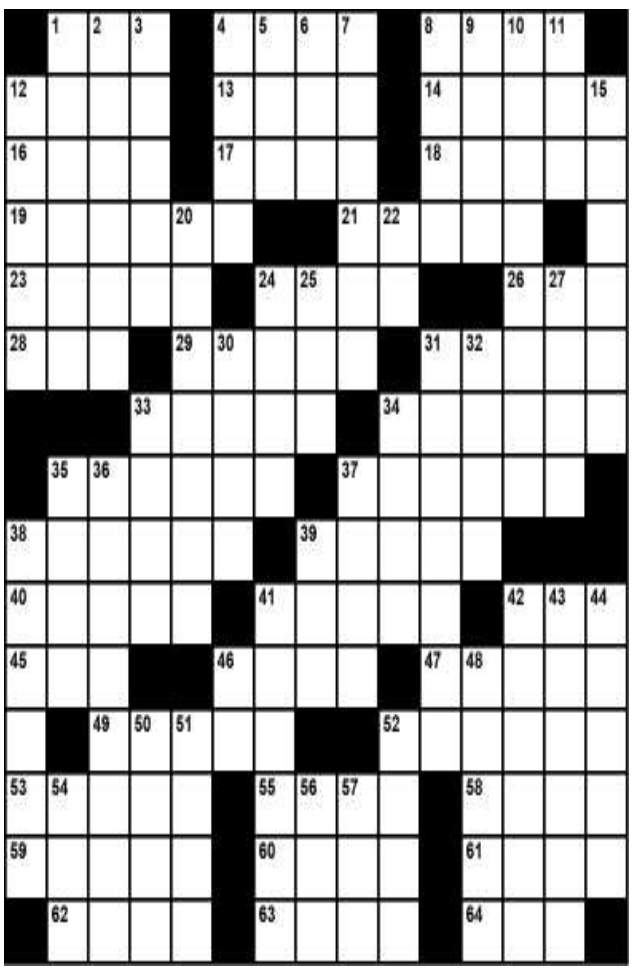

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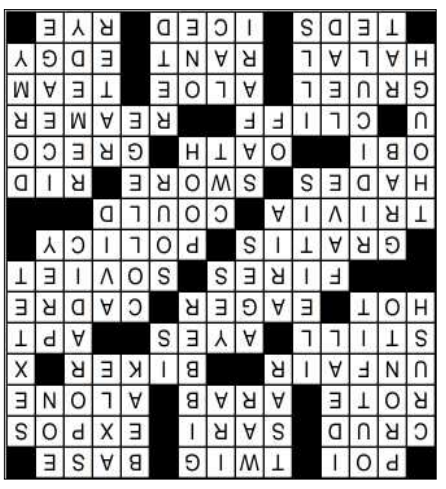

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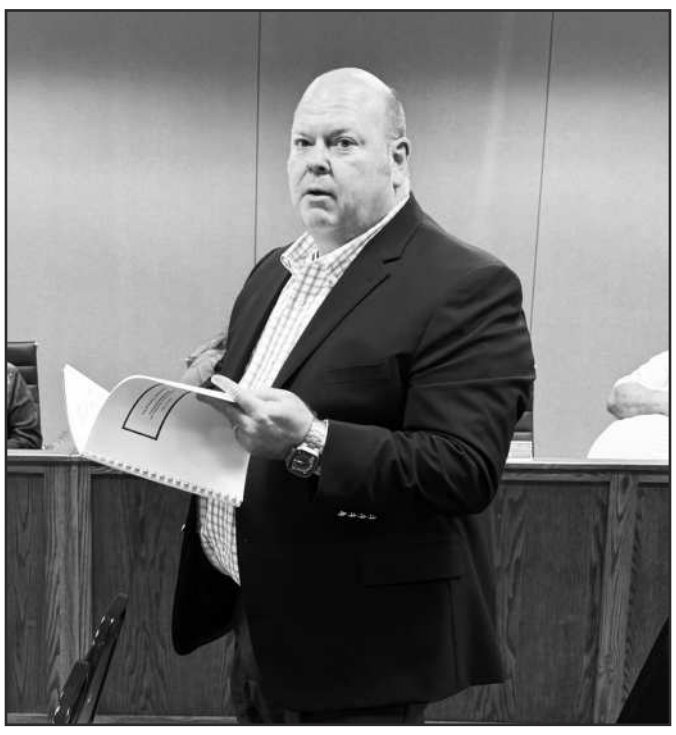
GMSA receives good news on 2024-25 audit

Kirk Vanderslice, a representative from Hinkle & Co., the city's audit firm, told the GMSA (Grove Municipal Services Authority) Board Tuesday, Oct. 6, that their report on internal control over financial reporting test review was "in compliance."

The audit noted that the city received $1.12 million in federal grants during the fiscal year. Most of those expenditures were for the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

In other discussions, board members applauded staff for their work on road paving and water plant and sewerage plant operations.

During public comment, Kathy Powell said she lives in Springfield, Missouri, and inherited a house in Grove from a relative. She objected to the $35.50 minimum water charge, which increased from $17.05 Aug. 1. Although she had not used any water, she said she has paid nearly $100 over the past three months and asked whether the charge could be adjusted.



Kirk Vanderslice presents audit findings for the GMSA 2024-25 fiscal year, informing the GMSA Board they "were in compliance."

Chairman Andy Stewart said it was the consulting firm that realized they would have to eventually replace the plant and pipes, and this increase was their recommendation.

Ed Trumbull, a board member, said he was paying $50 a month for a similar situation for a house he owned in Adair County. They thanked her for coming to the meeting but made no adjustment.

City of Grove achieves lower ISO rating

Grove Fire Chief Mike Reed announced at last Tuesday's Grove City Council meeting that his district has lowered the ISO rating from 3 to 2.

ISO evaluates the quality of public fire protection in more than 47,500 fire protection areas across the United States and assigns a grade from 1 to 10. Insurance companies use the PPC to help establish fair premiums and municipalities use it as a benchmark for measuring the effectiveness of their fire-protection services.

ISO reviews the fire prevention and fire suppression capabilities of fire protection areas. The evaluation includes the fire department, water supply system, emergency communications, and community efforts to reduce the risk of fire.

Reed told the council that in March he asked for a re-evaluation of the ISO rating based on increasing the water supply.

"I believe it will affect commercial insurance a little more than residential," Reed said.

Amy Miller did the re-evaluation on a 105-point scale. The City of Grove scored 81.7 on a scale that includes 50 points for the fire department, 40 points for water, 10 points for what the 911 center is doing, and then there's a bonus of 5.5 that you can give for community risk reduction.

"I just want to say it's not easy to get, especially with a footprint the size of your community," Miller said. "I was looking at my districts and of the about 400 departments that I'm in charge of, only about 5% have a Class 2 rating."

In other action, the council appointed Stan Beard to the GMSA term which ends in September. Beard replaces Justin Wadley. Beard has lived in Grove for four years. He has 35 years of business experience.

The council set Nov. 3 as a public hearing for a dilapidated building. The property is at 1562 N. 100th Street.

The council adopted a contract with Algoquin Consultants for a Cultural Resource Survey for the new bike park for $13,475, and a contract with Kaylyn Gardner Cleaning Services of Enid for janitorial services on city property for $5,188 a month.

They also approved two events. One for a fishing tournament, the Bassmaster College Series April 29 to 30, involving 150 to 200 boats, for $18,000. They also approved an indoor carnival for the Expo Center Jan. 27-30, for the Jumpin' Jiiminy Carnival. The Convention and Tourism Board also approved splitting the $17,926 cost with the city.

The council also approved a contract with Monson Siding and Roofing at a cost of $246,000 for the roofing of three structures at the Public Works Department. Four bids were received.

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residence.

Danielle Bigelow, B.J.'s sister, said she learned after the shooting that the shooter was seen fleeing the rural Sandusky residence in a flatbed truck.

"She [the shooter] said she was having a potential heart attack and was driving to the hospital, while the ambulance was on the way to her house to tend to B.J." Bigelow said. "She eventually had an ambulance pick her up because of chest pains."

"I do not feel like my brother is getting fair justice," Bigelow said. "Nobody even knows about him or that he even existed."

Shooter not in custody

"I want the woman who killed my son prosecuted," Jensen said.

Open Records requests sent to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Aug. 17, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, and Oct. 8, along with numerous telephone calls seeking an incident report of the shooting, have gone unanswered. Capt. Josh Bynum, Delaware County Sheriff's Office spokesman, texted Thursday, Oct. 8, that he is checking what he can release.

While certain records are unavailable during an open investigation, Oklahoma law requires law enforcement agencies to provide public access to certain records upon request. These records can include incident reports, arrest reports, and certain other documents.

For weeks, Georgia Jensen, BJ's mother, has repeatedly telephoned the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and the FBI for answers. Kayla McCleery, FBI spokeswoman, confirmed the shooting death of Jensen, saying the investigation was referred to the FBI due to the enrolled tribal status of one or more parties involved.

"At this time there is not a suspect in custody, but the investigation remains ongoing," said McCleery.

"I know nothing about my son's death," Jensen said. "I didn't get any information or help in getting his body back to Idaho. Everyone I speak to at the sheriff's office tells me they can't help me or worse yet – they ignore me."

After weeks of little to no communication, Jensen said she finally spoke with FBI victim coordinator Michelle Norris.

"She told me someone would be reaching out in a few weeks and they will inform me of any arrests and future court dates," Jensen said.

Jensen said she is considering reaching out to Attorney General Genter Drummond's office about Marsy's Law. Marsy's Law ensures "victims of crime have meaningful and enforceable constitutional rights in the criminal justice system." Oklahoma voters overwhelmingly passed Marsy's Law Nov. 6, 2018.

The Jensen family has since received B.J.'s ashes.

The Old Time Gathering & Music Festival by Jana Jae at Har-ber Village

Music lovers, history enthusiasts, dancers, and families are invited to experience a weekend of traditional music, heritage, and community during The Old Time Gathering and Music Festival, hosted by renowned violinist Jana Jae at Har-Ber Village Museum.

The celebration begins on Friday, October 16, 2026, at Snider's Camp from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., where attendees can enjoy an evening of old-time music, fellowship, and entertainment in a relaxed outdoor setting.

The festival continues on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Har-Ber Village Museum Event Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests will enjoy a full day of live performances, traditional music, cultural experiences, and opportunities to connect with musicians and fellow festival-goers.

Special entry fee of $5 for this full day of fun. Extended hours of operation, with the museum open until 6 p.m. The museum will have live demonstrations of heritage skill from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The weekend concludes with a lively Contra Dance from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., offering participants of all experience levels the chance to enjoy a cherished folk-dance tradition. Beginners and seasoned dancers alike are encouraged to join the fun.

The Old Time Gathering and Music Festival celebrates the rich heritage of American traditional music while bringing together generations through performance, education, and community engagement. Hosted in the unique setting of Har-Ber Village Museum, the event provides a memorable experience that honors the past while creating new traditions for the future.

Event Schedule

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• Contra Dance | 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Community members, visitors, and music enthusiasts are encouraged to attend and enjoy this special celebration of old-time music and dance.

For additional information about The Old Time Gathering and Music Festival, visit https://har-bervillage.com/calendar-of-events.

Har-Ber Village Museum is a member of Green Country Tourism, which promotes attractions, events, communities and tourism-related businesses across 18 counties in northeast Oklahoma. Through regional marketing, visitor resources and strategic partnerships, Green Country Tourism inspires travel and showcases the unique experiences that make the region a premier destination.

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The loan is for five years at 3.85% interest. Poindexter said he paid off a balance with payments that were twice as much. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #22- A motion was made by Commissioner Beck and seconded by Commissioner Poindexter to adjourn at 9:52 a.m. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

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