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That the following real estate:
NE SE (UND 1/72 INT 40 AC) SEC 2 TWP 28 RNG 23, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
Subject to Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Mineral Reservations of record, if any
Parcel # 0000-02-028-023-0-022-00
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 25th day of September, 2026. The undersigned having received a bid of $500.00 on the above-described real estate will sell said property at said respective offer to NICHOLAS ABERNATHY.
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 19th of AUGUST, 2026
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SW NE (UND 1/2 OF 1/4 INT LT 1 (UND 1/2 OF 1/12 INT SEC 13 TWP 29 RNG 22, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
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Parcel # 0000-13-029-022-0-001-00
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SE NE (UND 1/2 OF 1/10 INT - 40 AC) SE SE NE (UND 1/2 OF 3/20 OF 1/5 INT 10 AC) SEC 13 TWP 29 RNG 22, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
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Parcel # 0000-13-029-022-0-002-00
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Subject to Easements, Restrictive Covenants and Mineral Reservations of record, if any
Parcel # 0000-13-029-022-0-005-00
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Parcel # 0000-13-029-022-0-006-00
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S2 NW & LTS 2-3-4 (UND 1/2 OF 1/2 OF 1/4 INT 114.63 AC) SE NE (UND 1/2 OF 1/2 OF 1/10 INT 40 AC) SE SE NE (UND 1/2 OF 1/2 OF 3/20 OF 1/5 INT 10 AC) SEC 13 TWP 29 RNG 22, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
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Parcel # 0000-23-029-022-0-014-00
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DISTRICT COURT OF DELAWARE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In The Matter of the Estate of DORIS L. CRAWFORD, Deceased.

PB-2026-61

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against Doris L. Crawford, deceased are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral if any held by each creditor with respect to such claim to Personal Representatives Sharon C. DeChiara, Stanley E. Crawford, Jr., Lisa C. Gholston, and Gregory J. Crawford, at the office of Brandon A. Johnson, 405 S. Main, P.O. Box 6870, Grove, Oklahoma 74344, on or before November 4, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

S/ Brandon A. Johnson
Brandon A. Johnson, OBA#12721
BRANDON A. JOHNSON, P.C.
P.O. Box 6870
Grove, Oklahoma 74344
(918) 787-2255
brandon.a.johnson.pc@gmail.com
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTITIVES

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

CAPITAL ONE, N.A., successor by merger to Discover Bank
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHRISTIE ROBERTS aka CHRISTIE NAZZAL SOTO ROBERTS
Defendant

CASE NO.CS-26-127

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: CHRISTIE ROBERTS aka CHRISTIE NAZZAL SOTO ROBERTS
The Sheriff of OTTAWA County, Oklahoma, Greetings:
You will take notice that the Plaintiff, CAPITAL ONE, N.A., successor by merger to Discover Bank, filed its petition in the District Court of OTTAWA County, Oklahoma, against the above-captioned Defendant, CHRISTIE ROBERTS aka CHRISTIE NAZZAL SOTO ROBERTS, seeking a money judgment against Defendant, CHRISTIE ROBERTS aka CHRISTIE NAZZAL SOTO ROBERTS in the amount of $5219.11, and costs of this action, and unless Defendant answers said petition on or before the 11th day of November, 2026, said petition will be taken as true and judgment will be rendered for Plaintiff for $5219.11, and costs of this action.
Dated this 26th day of August, 2026
COURT CLERK Cassie Key
BY: P. Blalock
Court Clerk or Deputy Clerk
/s/ Stephen L. Bruce
Stephen L. Bruce, OBA #1241
Everette C. Altdoerffer, OBA #30006
Leah K. Clark, OBA #31819
Roger M. Coil, OBA #17002
Katelyn M. Conner, OBA #36601
Attorneys for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 808
Edmond, Oklahoma 73083-0808
(405) 330-4110
brucelaw@sbrucelaw.com

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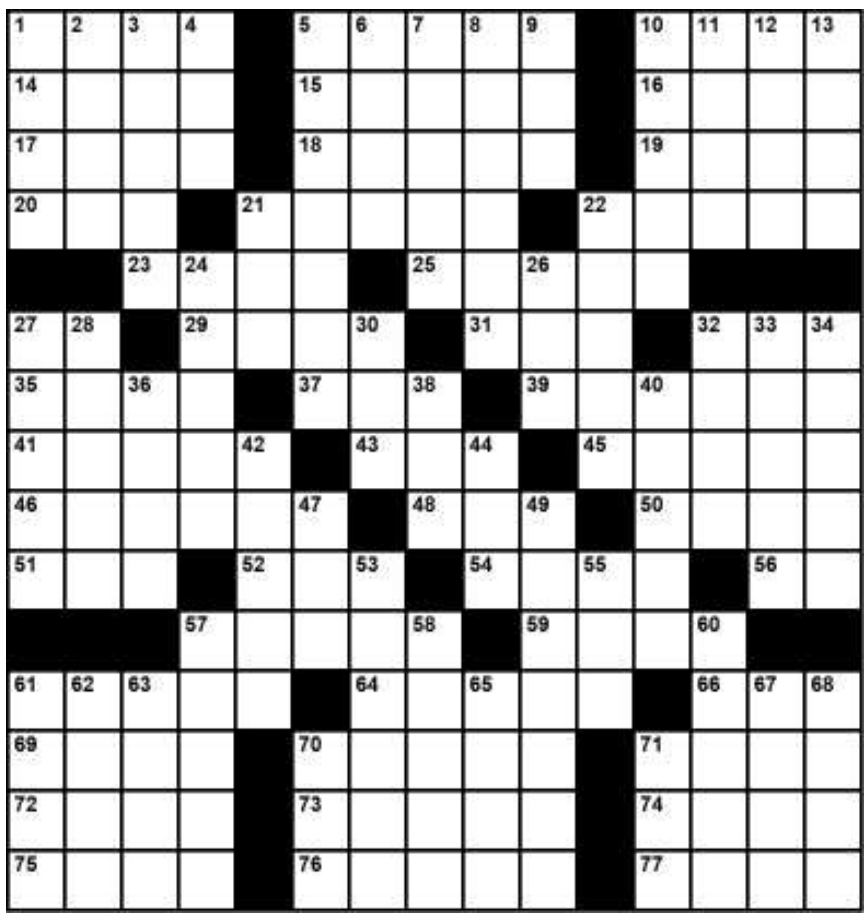
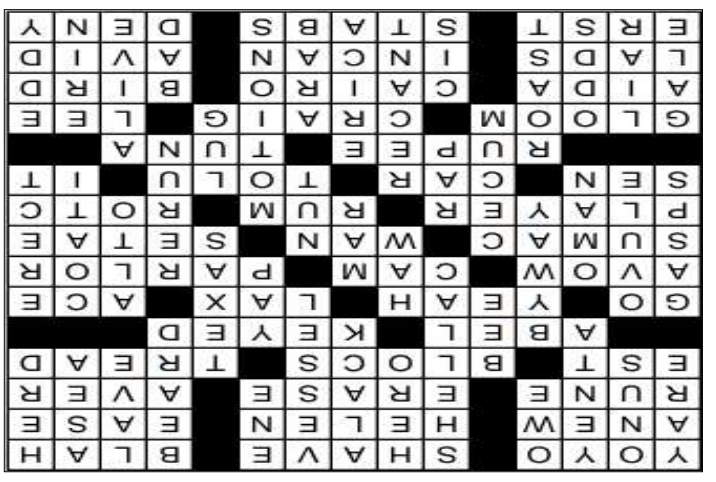


Across
1. Top on a string
5. Barbershop service
10. Dull as dishwater
14. From the top
15. Actress Hayes
16. Alleviate
17. Ancient inscription
18. Banish blunders
19. Affirm positively
20. Approx.
21. Political groups
22. Part of a tire
23. Cain's victim
25. Entered data
27. Move on
29. Informal assent
31. Far from strict
32. Air hero
35. Admit frankly
37. Car shaft
39. Kind of car or maid
41. It can be poison
43. Ashen
45. Stiff bristles
46. A 1965 U.S. open winner
48. Alcoholic drink
50. Campus org.
51. Bigwig in D.C.
52. Cable chaser
54. Fragrant gum
56. Animal magnetism
57. Currency of India
59. Blue fin
61. Dreariness
64. He wrote "Danger is My Business"
66. Actor Marvin
69. Actress Turturro
70. Africa's largest city
71. Canary or wren
72. Highland youths
73. Cuzco dwellers
74. Eager, and then some
75. Formerly, once
76. Dagger thrusts
77. Claim untrue

Down
1. Easily handled, as a ship
2. Encumbrance
3. Gossipy one
4. Be beholden to
5. Defeat decisively
6. Adds spirits
7. Partner of alas
8. Ship
9. Away from WSW
10. Abe's trademark
11. Rinse off
12. Drifting
13. Cattle group
21. Andy Taylor's aunt
22. Big state
24. Country lane
26. Bark shrilly
27. Convulsive breaths
28. Small egg
30. Comment to Dobbin
32. A chorister
33. Raccoon like carnivore
34. Not on all fours
36. Gulf sultanate
38. Scratch the surface
40. Old TV program
42. Large intestine cavity
44. Eccentric
47. Break dance music
49. Movements
53. Take back
55. Carry with effort
57. Bake
58. Feminist Jong
60. Breathing
61. Big blow
62. Dissembler
63. Bookie terms
65. Bedouin tribesman
67. A Walton
68. Macdonald's partner
70. Opposite of trans
71. Horrendous



SUDOKU

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	7		1	8				3
					5			
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Sudoku uses pure logic and requires no math to solve. It is a number-placing 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.

2	1	7	4	3	9	6	8	5
6	9	8	5	2	7	3	1	4
3	5	4	9	8	1	6	7	2
8	4	2	6	1	3	5	9	7
5	7	6	8	4	9	1	2	3
1	3	9	2	7	5	8	4	6
4	6	5	7	9	8	2	3	1
7	8	1	3	5	2	4	6	9
9	2	3	1	6	4	7	5	8

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DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on August 25, 2026. The agenda was posted August 24, 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 Jake Callihan-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 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 carried.

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 Commissioners' Assistant Kathy Parker, Undersheriff Joe White, Emergency Management Director Jeff Reeves, Carolyn Boothe, Monkey Island Fire Chief Carl Tesreau, Jay Fire Chief Brandon Alexander, Rocky Carroll, D.A. Doug Pewitt, Mike Major, Sheriff Ray Thomas, Jake Simmons from Tri-State Truck Center, Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt, Matt Kaplin of Brucker Trucking, and Assessor Larena Ellis Cook introduced themselves. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes.

AGENDA #3- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve the minutes for the regular meeting dated August 18, 2026. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan -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. 2025-2026 - Hwy-ST 658, WT EQUIPMENT, 1684.06, PARTS; Mtg Cert 29, HARVEST FIELDS VENDING, 12.49, RENT; Rural Fire-ST 1508, JON S MID AMERICA INC., 2273.91, FIRE DEPARTMENT TOOLS; SH Svc Fee 490, 4 STATE CHIROPRACTIC, 85.00, PHYSICAL 491, 4 STATE CHIROPRACTIC, 85.00, PHYSICAL; 2026-2027 - Delaware County Economic Development-ST 2, DELAWARE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, 28612.51, DCEDA SALES TAX; General 553, PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, 184.74, LEASE/PUR 554, MCI, 73.52, LONG DISTANCE SERVICE 555, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS, 288.74, COPIES 556, QUILL CORPORATION, 44.98, OFFICE SUPPLIES 557, PRICE, JAY J., 665.00, TRAVEL 558, PLANETVIEW GSI, 14625.00, SOFTWARE 559, THE AMERICAN, 442.80, PUBLICATIONS 560, HOMETOWN BOTTLED WATER SERVICE, 11.00, WATER 561, O-REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC., 98.61, BATTERY 562, AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA., 2021.57, ELECTRIC SERVICE 563, OSU COOP. EXTENSION SERVICE, 5523.80, MISC 564, GRAND TELEPHONE CO., 214.98, TELEPHONE SERVICE 565, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS, 30.00, SERVICE 566, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS, 153.00, SERVICE; Highway 298, KEMP STONE CO INC., 2909.47, BASE ROCK 299, 4 STATE CHIROPRACTIC, 100.00, PHYSICAL 300, LAKELAND OFFICE SYSTEMS, 101.25, PRINTER 301, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 273.45, ELECTRIC SERVICE 302, PRYOR ASPHALT, 13995.10, ASPHALT 303, 4 STATE CHIROPRACTIC, 85.00, PHYSICAL 304, EAGLE REDI-MIX, 8650.00, ROAD MATERIAL; Hwy-ST 67, WT EQUIPMENT, 8231.25, RENTAL 68, ADVANCED WORKZONE SERVICES, 768.00, SIGNS 69, PRYOR ASPHALT, 26667.20, ASPHALT 70, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 893.30, HOSES 71, SOUTHERN TIRE MART LLC, 275.80, TIRES; Mtg Cert 2, HAMBY, MEAGAN H., 40.28, TRAVEL; Resale 48, QUADIENT LEASING, 576.55, LEASE PAYMENT; Rural Fire-ST 159, LAKELAND-CPP, 376.31, BLANKET 160, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 255.90, ELECTRIC SERVICE 161, VERIZON, 175.80, MONTHLY SERVICE 162, ALERT360, 51.45, MISC 163, AEP, PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF OKLA., 1203.11, ELECTRIC SERVICE 164, COUNTY CLERK, 1571.79, REIMBURSEMENT 165, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 2327.52, LEASE/PURCH 166, GROVE EMS DISTRICT, 7500.00, TRUCK 167, RURAL WATER DIST. #10, 132.43, UTILITIES 168, SBA STEEL LLC, 158.02, RENT 169, COUNTY CLERK, 1571.79, REIMBURSEMENT 170, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 2494.78, LEASE/PURCH 171, BANK OF GRAND LAKE, 2764.63, LEASE/PURCH 172, COUNTY CLERK, 1571.79, REIMBURSEMENT 173, TWIN OAKS MART, 1096.35, BLANKET 174, PARTS CITY LTE, 98.05, BLANKET 175, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 596.83, ELECTRIC SERVICE 176, SST, 169.60, TELEPHONE SERVICE 177, FORGE BUILD O, 250.03, 178, COUNTY CLERK, 1571.79, REIMBURSEMENT 179, PARTS CITY LANGLEY, 91.19, BLANKET 180, W S DARLEY & CO., 239.18, PARTS 181, KATNER MILLS (NAPA), 267.86, BLANKET 182, LAKELAND-CPP, 105.29, BLANKET 183, REC/NE OKLA ELECTRIC COOP, 204.00, ELECTRIC SERVICE 184, DELAWARE COUNTY E-911, 6000.00, DISPATCH SERVICE 185, LINDLY'S HARDWARE LLC, 116.74, REPAIR 186, LINDLY'S HARDWARE LLC, 377.04, PAINT; SH Svc Fee 63, 4 STATE CHIROPRACTIC, 85.00, PHYSICAL 64, 4 STATE CHIROPRACTIC, 85.00, PHYSICAL 65, 4 STATE CHIROPRACTIC, 85.00, PHYSICAL 66, 4 STATE CHIROPRACTIC, 85.00, PHYSICAL 67, 4 STATE CHIROPRACTIC, 85.00, PHYSICAL; SW Mgmt 2, SOLID WASTE, 266870.30, SOLID WASTE SALES TAX; Use-ST 6, DELAWARE COUNTY E-911, 600000.00, DISPATCH SERVICE. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #5 – Not needed as no reports were submitted by officers.

AGENDA #6 - A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck 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 Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

Rocky Carroll said he wanted to make the commissioners aware that there has been some vandalism at a cemetery.

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 report by Human Resources Director Vicki Cossairt. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Cossairt reminded everyone this is election day and reminded elected officials to allow employees to vote according to the county's policy.

Cossairt reminded the elected officials there are caps on how much vacation and sick leave an employee may carry on the books. She said 240 vacation hours may be carried on an employee's books and 200 of those can be paid out when the employee leaves. She said 1040 sick hours can be carried, 960 of which can be paid back at retirement. Cossairt said time cards should list and reflect those hours and they should be reconciled every month. She said hours beyond these numbers will be lost as there is a cap.

Cossairt said some employees have received refunds from pharmacies for GLP products. She cautioned employees to be sure junk mail is junk. Cossairt said the health insurance increase she spoke about last week has been confirmed.

Cossairt offered condolences to Payroll Clerk Tayla Douglas and her family on the loss of her mother this morning.

AGENDA #9- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to dispose of equipment on behalf of Flint Ridge Fire Department: Inventory #s FDFR 701.1, FDFR 702.1, FDFR 701.8, FDFR 707.1, FDFR 701.7, FDFR 713.1 and FDFR 701.3. All surplussed on July 28, tabled from the Aug. 11 meeting to the Aug. 25 meeting by D.A. Doug Pewitt. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

Pewitt said this matter is with a district attorney investigator. He said he believes this is a documentation issue. Some of the equipment has not been found. He asked the matter be tabled for a month as he is short one investigator. A motion was made by Callihan and seconded by Beck to table the item until the Sept. 28 meeting. 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 increase amount to Advanced Tech from $20,710.44 (estimate) to $25,741.41 (actual bill). The bill for the finished job was more than the quoted estimate for cameras and alarm system at the fairgrounds. Callihan asked why the bill was more than the estimate. Poindexter said after the system was installed and running, there were some blind spots down the side of the building and the tech suggested adding a couple of cameras to get better coverage and he authorized that change. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #11- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible approval Patriot Day Prayer Service for the 25th anniversary of 9/11 on the courthouse lawn Sept. 11 from noon until 1 p.m. Coordinator Henry Magee wrote a note saying this will the 11th year in a row this service has been held on the courthouse lawn for unified public prayer and remembrance. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Callihan and seconded by Beck to approve the service. 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 affidavits for the August 31 payroll. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #13- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to receive and review E911 financial statements and auditor's report. 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 open sealed bids for dump trucks for District #2 with possible acceptance. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Bruckner's bid a 2019 Mack at $131,900. Three bids were received from Tri-State Truck Center: a 2020 Mack at $149,995; a 2025 Mack at $199,750 and a 2018 Mack for $135,905. Commissioner Callihan took the bids under advisement for review.

AGENDA #15- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to accept/reject bid for a skid steer/skid loader on behalf of District #2. County Bid #26-27/01. Commissioner Callihan said he chose the machine bid by L & L Outdoors in the amount of $55,000. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Callihan said he will pay cash for the equipment.

AGENDA #16- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action parameters for a burn ban in Delaware County. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. Poindexter said some neighboring counties have put on burn bans, but there are parameters associated with instituting a burn ban. One is the county must be listed as in extreme drought by the NWS, and today Delaware County is listed as moderate drought, so the statute is not met today. Callihan suggested leaving the item on the agenda. All agreed.

AGENDA #17- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign agreement to retain David Beck as Workforce Oklahoma Consortium member. 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 review with possible action financing for 2026 Mack truck for District #3. After reviewing quotes for financing from Welch State Bank, Grand Savings Bank, Bank of Grand Lake and Tri-State Truck Center, Beck chose Bank of Grand Lake because it had the lowest interest rate. 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 discuss with possible action Training Coordinator/Grant Assistant on an as-needed basis. Cossairt said she and Reeves propose looking for a candidate to work 8 to 10 hours per week on a trial basis. She said this person would need to be trained to teach CPR and Stop the Bleed and possibly other classes. The candidate would help search for grant opportunities and help with research on root causes of worker's comp investigations. She said they would like to post the job and see if there are any candidates out there. Reeves said one goal is to keep training for employees in-house. The position would pay $25 per hour. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried. All the commissioners liked the idea but Poindexter said he wanted to ask the accountant how to build it into the budget. The item was tabled to the Sept. 8 meeting.

AGENDA #20- No action was taken on this item today.

AGENDA #21- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to advertise for sealed bids on ariel photography and digital orthoimagery for the Delaware County Assessor Larena Ellis Cook. Persons interested in submitting a bid are to contact Michaele Baker, P.A., located in the Delaware County Clerk's Office, Jay, Okla. Bids will be opened and reviewed in meeting dated Sept. 15, 2026, at 9 a.m. Bids will be received no later than 3 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office, Jay, Okla., on Sept. 11, 2026. Board reserves the right to accept/reject any and all bids and the right to re-advertise. County bid #26-27/03. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #22- A motion was made by Commissioner Callihan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to adjourn at 10:05 a.m. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callihan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

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Grove man who stole from youth sports league fails to pay restitution

Bench warrant issued, suspended sentence revoked

A $10,000 bench warrant is issued for a Delaware County man after he allegedly failed to pay court-ordered restitution to a youth football league he admitted stealing from.

Charles Leon Smith, 40, pleaded guilty in 2024 to embezzlement after prosecutors said he stole $48,958.23 from the North Delaware County Athletic Association. He was ordered to repay the money and also pay $960 in fines and $440 in District Attorney supervision fees.

Court-ordered monthly payments of $510 were scheduled to begin Nov. 15, 2024.

In April 2025, Smith told probation officials he had started a job that required travel but would allow him to address his outstanding financial obligations, according to the motion to revoke.

In February, Smith promised to make a $1,000 payment. The following month, he told officials his bank account had been hacked and that he lost about $1,500, the motion states.

Smith later provided a September 2025 receipt showing a $400 payment and, in April, sent a photograph of a $600 money order marked for restitution. However, the District Attorney's Office reported it never received the $600 money order, according to the motion.

The Delaware County District Attorney's Office said Smith has paid only $400 toward restitution, leaving a balance of $48,552.43. The office also reported that he has not made payments toward court costs and fines.

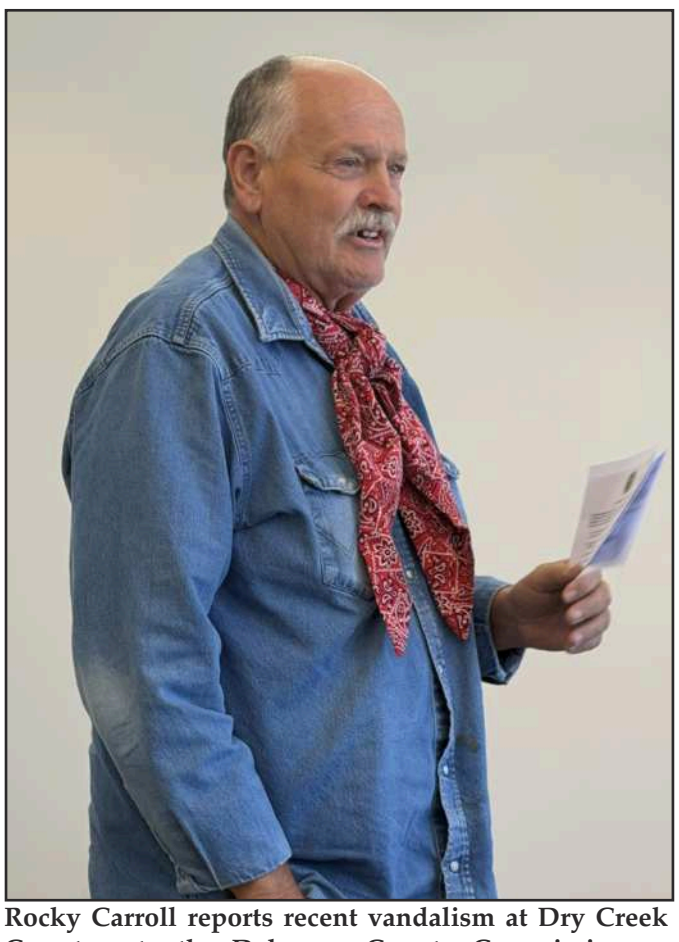
The motion also alleges Smith failed to participate in required treatment and rehabilitation programs, including a drug or alcohol assessment, a 10-hour DUI school, and a victim impact panel. He was also required to comply with an ignition interlock device for 12 months and complete 480 hours of community service, the motion states.

Smith served as board president of the North Delaware County Athletic Association and had sole control of the organization's account from May 2019 to February 2023. Investigators said he used money from the account to pay rent and personal bills and to make purchases at area shopping centers, grocery stores, and convenience stores.

Vandals destroy the gate to Dry Creek Cemetery on County Road 487 in Jay.

Dry Creek Cemetery hit by vandals

At Tuesday's meeting, Rocky Carroll reported to Delaware County Commissioners about recent vandalism at Dry Creek Cemetery. The report was taken by Delaware County Sheriff's Deputy Brett Visor.



Rocky Carroll reports recent vandalism at Dry Creek Cemetery to the Delaware County Commissioners.

The two-acre site has multiple graves of Cherokees from the early 1800s. According to Carroll, the Cherokee Nation transferred the deed to the county in 1914. It is located in Commission District 3.

In July, Dr. Lessley Hannah, accompanied by 16 students and family members, cleaned up the site. A front gate has since been destroyed. The Delaware County Commissioners own the cemetery. It is located near Lake Eucha Park off of Highway 69 on County Road 487 in Jay.

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