

LEGALS

February 9, 2026

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, February 9th, 2026 with the following members present: Chairman Mike Furnas, Commissioners Robert Clark and Scott Hilton. Notice of the meeting was posted at the south door of the Ottawa County Courthouse February 5th, 2026 at 9:39 A.M. Commissioners' Meeting Agendas and Minutes can also be found online at ottawa.okcounties.org.

1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of allegiance.
3. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve minutes of February 3rd, 2026. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

4. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve claims presented to the Board for payment: 2025-2026 CH Improv-S 114, CULLIGAN OF JOPLIN, 6987.00, WATER SOFTENER 115, BANCFIRST, 33360.67, BOND PAYMENT 116, AT&T, 448.46, PHONE BILL 117, AT&T, 904.23, PHONE BILL; General 1486, CAPITAL ONE, 217.06, OFFICE SUPPLIES 1487, CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES*, 263.00, SERVICE AGREEMENT 1488, MIAMI FIRE PROTECTION*, 130.00, INSPECTIONS 1489, MFA OIL COMPANY, 730.95, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE 1490, CODE3 SECURITY, 1458.56, SECURITY SERVICES 1491, KIM MCCORD, 165.00, OFFICE CLEANING 1492, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 10.25, BOTTLED WATER 1493, CAROLYN BEAVER, 100.00, OFFICE CLEANING 1494, OSU-CTP, 125.00, TRAINING 1495, BOLT FIBER, 519.72, INTERNET SERVICE 1496, BOLT FIBER, 227.47, INTERNET SERVICE 1497, SPARKLIGHT, 102.78, PHONE BILL 1498, OSU-CTP, 40.00, TRAINING 1499, OSU-CTP, 40.00, TRAINING 1500, PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC, 176.52, LEASE PAYMENT 1501, COMDATA, 254.69, FUEL 1502, COMDATA, 159.53, FUEL 1503, ADMIRAL EXPRESS INC*, 242.04, OFFICE SUPPLIES 1504, AT&T, 229.96, PHONE BILL; Health 135, OK NATURAL GAS CO, 255.87, UTILITIES 136, CITY OF MIAMI, 993.18, UTILITIES 137, VIP VOICE SERVICES, 2260.00, PHONE BILL 138, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 391.37, SUPPLIES; Highway 948, FASTENER SUPPLY COMPANY, 225.00, SUPPLIES 949, BO S TIRE, 785.00, REPAIRS 950, ACE HARDWARE, 102.81, SUPPLIES 951, CINTAS CORPORATION, 65.28, SUPPLIES 952, FLEETPRIDE INC*, 212.60, REPAIRS 953, MIDWEST MINERAL INC / BANK OF AMERICA, 4193.70, MATERIALS 954, OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 453.30, REPAIRS 955, WILLIAMS DIVERSIFIED MATERIALS, INC, 2368.35, MATERIALS 956, AGRILAND FS INC, 8393.68, FUEL 957, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 21.99, REPAIRS 958, WILLIAMS DIVERSIFIED MATERIALS, INC, 2118.75, MATERIALS 959, CINTAS CORPORATION, 10.45, MEDICAL SUPPLIES 960, REPUBLIC SERVICES #393*, 118.82, TRASH SERVICE 961, LAKE LAND PETROLEUM, 1581.21, FUEL 962, BOLT FIBER, 115.20, INTERNET SERVICE 963, WILLIAMS DIVERSIFIED MATERIALS, INC, 2639.40, MATERIALS 964, SCOTT SHARPENSTEEN, 800.00, REPAIRS 965, AG PARTNERS COOPERATIVE INC, 690.25, SUPPLIES 966, LOOPER GENERAL REPAIR*, 33.60, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 967, ACE HARDWARE, 47.96, SHOP SUPPLIES 968, KATNER MILLS*, 379.19, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 969, MIAMI INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY*, 126.61, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 970, U S CELLULAR, 133.96, CELL PHONE 971, HOMETOWN WATER & COFFEE SERVICE, 9.00, SUPPLIES 972, AUTOMOTIVE OF FAIRLAND*,

13.85, PARTS 973, LAKE LAND OFFICE SYSTEMS *, 48.19, CONTRACT BASE RATE CHARGE 974, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1983.73, LEASE PURCHASE 975, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1623.62, LEASE PURCHASE 976, WELCH STATE BANK*, 2178.67, LEASE PURCHASE 977, CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP, 4200.40, LEASE PURCHASE 978, AUTOMOTIVE OF FAIRLAND*, 16.78, PARTS 979, PREMIER TRUCK GROUP, 528.41, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 980, AMAZON SERVICES LLC, 70.71, SIGNS; Hwy-ST 371, SPRINGDALE TRACTOR CO., 824.92, REPAIRS 372, SPRINGDALE TRACTOR CO., 20116.15, REPAIRS 373, YELLOWHOUSE MACHINERY CO, 1148.52, REPAIRS 374, TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN, 110.96, REPAIRS 375, JOHN FABICK TRACTOR CO*, 818.99, PARTS 376, DUB ROSS CO INC*, 1971.08, CULVERTS 377, LAKE LAND PETROLEUM, 5300.00, FUEL; Mtg Cert 7, CAROLYN BEAVER, 150.00, OFFICE CLEANING; Rural Fire-ST 89, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1865.25, LEASE PAYMENT 90, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1317.24, LEASE PURCHASE 91, WELCH STATE BANK*, 744.17, LEASE PURCHASE 92, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1376.74, LEASE PURCHASE 93, WELCH STATE BANK*, 684.48, LEASE PURCHASE 94, WELCH STATE BANK*, 1177.03, LEASE PURCHASE 95, WELCH STATE BANK*, 461.91, LEASE PAYMENT 96, BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT INC, 13596.50, FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT; SH Svc Fee 136, CYNTOX LLC, 360.00, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 137, CYNTOX LLC, 360.00, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 138, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 762.23, PARTS 139, NORTHWEST CONTROLS SYSTEMS INC, 540.00, SERVICE CALL 140, O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, 333.94, PARTS. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

6. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Mike Furnas and Scott Hilton as Representatives to Grand Gateway Board of Directors. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

7. Motion by Hilton, second by Furnas, to approve Resolution 2026.2: Disposing of equipment. Requested by District #2. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

8. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Resolution 2026.3: Disposing of equipment. Requested by District #1. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

9. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve Ottawa County District #1 to take over lease payments at Welch State Bank for 2019 Caterpillar Grader S/N#ON9400123 loan #127025 from Ottawa County District #3. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

10. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to table Bid # 2025-2026.19: 2017 or newer used law enforcement pursuit vehicle on or after 9:05am. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

15. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve transfers of appropriation: Fund 0001 to 1103 in the amount of \$500,000.00. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

16. Commissioners' activity reports. District 1: Thanked District # 2 and #3 for their help while District # 1 has no equipment. Working on replacing equipment that was damaged by fire. Report of line-of-sight issues. Routine maintenance. District 2 Routine maintenance. District 3 Routine maintenance.

19. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to approve the following blanket purchase orders. #3028-#3032. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

20. Motion by Clark, second by Hilton, to adjourn. By vote: Furnas, aye; Clark, aye; Hilton, aye.

**Mike Furnas, Chairman
Robyn Mitchell,
County Clerk
Miami News Record**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR
OTTAWA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CIM TRUST 2025-NR1; Substituted Plaintiff,

vs.
BRENDA TURNER; TERRY TURNER; et al. Defendants.

**Case No. CJ-2025-33
Judge McAffrey, Jennifer
NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND
UNDER EXECUTION**

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M., at the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Lobby, 28 B. St. SE, in Miami, Oklahoma, the undersigned Sheriff will offer for sale and sell for cash to the highest and best bidder, subject to real estate ad valorem taxes, superior special assessments and all interests of record, if any, except the Mortgage and interests foreclosed herein on the following described real property, to-wit:

Lots One (1) and Two (2) in Block Whiteen (18), in the SHAPP-WHITEBIRD ADDITION to the Town of Quapaw, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 500 Kentucky, Quapaw, OK 74363 (the "Property")

Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the office of the Court Clerk in and for Ottawa County, Oklahoma, and pursuant to said judgment reserving the right of Substituted Plaintiff to recall said execution by oral announcement and/or order of the Court, prior to the sale, said judgment entered in the District Court in and for said County, State of Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2025-33, entitled U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2025-NR1, Brenda Turner; Terry Turner, et al., Defendants, to satisfy:

FIRST: The costs of said action accrued and accruing;

SECOND: The judgment and first lien of the Substituted Plaintiff, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2025-NR1, in the sum of \$51,281.25 with interest thereon at the rate of 6.75% per annum, as adjusted, if applicable, from August 1, 2024, until paid, plus deferred amounts totaling \$373.61; advances for taxes, insurance and preservation expenses, accrued and accruing; abstracting expenses, accrued and accruing; bankruptcy fees and costs, if any; and an attorney's fee, plus costs, with interest thereon at the same rate, until paid.

Persons or other entities having interest in the property, including those whose actual addresses are unknown and persons or other entities who have or may have unknown successors and such unknown successors are hereby notified are: Brenda Turner; Terry Turner; Occupants of the Premises.

The property has been duly appraised in the sum of \$42,000.00.

WITNESS MY HAND this 12th day of November, 2025.

/s/ David A. Dean
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A Professional Corporation
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SUBSTITUTED PLAINTIFF**

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WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBORAH D. POWERS A/K/A DEBORAH DEE DAIGH POWERS; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF DEBORAH D. POWERS; RANDY L. POWERS; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF RANDY L. POWERS; JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT; AND STATE OF OKLAHOMA EX REL. OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION Defendant(s).

**Case No. CJ-2025-43
Judge Jennifer McAffrey
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN to Deborah D. Powers; Spouse, if any, of Deborah D. Powers; Randy L. Powers; Spouse, if any, of Randy L. Powers; John Doe, Occupant; State of Oklahoma ex rel. Oklahoma Tax Commission, and their unknown successors and assigns, that on the 25th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., Sheriff's Office lobby at 28 B Street S.E., at the County Courthouse in Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell for cash at public auction to the highest and best bidder, with appraisalment, all that certain real estate in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, to wit:

LOTS 13 AND 14, BLOCK 62 IN THE CITY OF MIAMI, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 127 H Street N.E., Miami, OK 74354

subject to taxes and tax sales, said property being duly appraised at \$65,000.00.

Sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Sale issued upon a judgment entered in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2025-43, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is Plaintiff and Deborah D. Powers is/are Defendant(s) to satisfy said judgment in the sum of \$26,612.84 together with interest at 6.75% per annum from March 1, 2024, until paid, attorney's fee in the amount of \$3,650.00, late charges, all advances for taxes, insurance premiums, property preservation expenses, and other fees or expenses incurred prior to or during the pendency of this action, and costs of this action.

WITNESS MY HAND this 29th day of January, 2026.

/s/ David A. Dean
Sheriff

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR
OTTAWA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC; Plaintiff,

vs.

DEZIRAI MAE WITT; et al. Defendants.

**Case No. CJ-2025-79
Judge McAffrey, Jennifer
NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND
UNDER EXECUTION**

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of March, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office Lobby, 28 B. St. SE, in Miami, Oklahoma,

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**OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
WILL ROGERS TURNPIKE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSAL
MOWING CONTRACT NO. WR-M-26**

OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY NOW REQUIRES ONLINE BIDDING. To sign up for online bidding, contact Bid Express at www.BidExpress.com/users/new or call (888) 352-2439. All bids must be submitted over the Internet via Bid Express to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

NO BID WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 9:30 A.M. on the scheduled bid opening date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Proposals will be publicly opened at 10:35 A.M. via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting URL: <https://www.zoomgov.com/join/1611333577?pwd=ZiKaluDKuO8lam9RbsgYUuAKjJPP.1>
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Passcode: 694103

Proposals will be in accordance with the following:

- I. The bidder shall submit with the Proposal a certified or cashier's check or a bid bond or an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal to guarantee the bidder, if successful, will enter into a contract and obtain a bond in agreement with the requirements of the Specifications. The check shall be payable to the order of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.
- II. No bids which are tied to, or contingent upon. Other work with the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority will be accepted.
- III. Bidders shall familiarize themselves with the conditions and shall understand that full cooperation in executing the requirements of the Specifications and Special Provisions is expected.
- IV. The Proposal shall be prepared as directed by the 2010 Standard Specifications for Turnpike Construction.
- V. A set of bidding documents, including proposal forms, contract forms, Special Provisions, and 2010 Standard Specification for Turnpike Construction, may be examined at the Maintenance Division's office of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, located at 3500 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., OKC, OK 73111.
- VI. There will be a mandatory mowing pre-bid meeting scheduled at 10:45 A.M. on Friday, February 27, 2026, at the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority Administration Offices, 3500 North Martin Luther King Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73111.
- VII. The work to be performed under Contract Number WR-M-26 consists of:
Mowing, trimming, and possibly hay baling of designated right-of-way, interchanges, toll plaza areas, picnic areas, and median areas, to include hand trimming around bridges, guardrail, bridge headers, sign structures, trees and drop inlets as required.
Contract area will include 1,120 clear zone and interchanges acres and 2,270 acres outside the clear zone and interchanges from mile 32.6 on the Creek Turnpike to mile 329.6, on the Will Rogers Turnpike in Ottawa, Craig, Mayes, Rogers, Wagoner, and Tulsa Counties, Oklahoma.
- VIII. In awarding the contract, the Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to act for the best interests of the Authority without technicalities as to procedure. The Procurement Division Manager may award the Contract to more than one bidder by awarding the Contract(s) by item or groups of items, or may award the Contract on an ALL OR NONE basis, whichever is deemed by the Procurement Division Manager to be in the best interest of the State of Oklahoma. Contract awards will be made to the lowest and best bidder(s) unless the solicitation specifies that best value criteria is being used.
- IX. Policies of insurance will not be cancelled without first giving the OTA 30 calendar days advance notice. This statement must be on the Description of Operations section of the Certificate of Insurance.
- X. All the contractors that desire to provide the OTA with manual service work are required by state statute to complete an employee E-Verify Form.
- XI. Upon award of contract to a successful bidder, the contract will be completely and correctly executed by the contractor and returned to the Authority within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of award. The Authority will have thirty (30) working days from the date of award to complete its execution of the contract.

**OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
By: s/s Joe Echelle, Director** LPXLP

**STATE OF OKLAHOMA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Advertisement to Contractors
March 12, 2026 – 10:30 A.M. Bid Opening**

Plans and proposals for this bid opening will be available on February 19, 2026. No bidding proposals will be issued to any Contractor after March 11, 2026 10:30 A.M. The cost for each bidding proposal is \$50.00 + tax. State Standard Specifications may be purchased by contacting ODOT Business Services Center Branch (405) 521-4509. No refunds will be made for bidding documents or specification books purchased.

Sample proposals, preliminary plans, long form and short form notices, order forms, bid tabs and awards, can be accessed on ODOT's Website: <https://oklahoma.gov/odot/business-center/contracts-and-proposals.html>

Bids must be prepared in accordance with the State Standard Specifications. Unless otherwise specified, bids for all projects must be submitted over the internet to Bid Express (<https://www.bidx.com>) using AASHTOWare Project Bids. Instructions for using Bid Express, Project Bids, and the electronic bidding process are available from the Office Engineer Division. When written bids are allowed, sealed proposals may be delivered directly to the Office Engineer Division prior to the scheduled bid opening. For written bids, do not disassemble the bidding proposal in any way.

Any firm bidding a project as a joint venture, that has not been previously approved by the department, must complete the "Request for Joint Venture" form, which is posted on the ODOT website, prior to bidding.

Unless otherwise specified in the proposal, all bids must be submitted with a proposal guaranty equal to 5% of the bid total.

Questions and comments regarding the March 12, 2026 bid opening will be accepted until February 27, 2026. Please submit your questions through the ODOT pre-bid email address: ODOT-Prebid.Question@odot.org. Responses will be posted to the "Pre-bid Questions and Answers" section of the ODOT Contracts & Proposals webpage as they are received. It is recommended that interested contractors visit the "Pre-Bid Questions and Answers" link regularly in order to stay informed of the latest information: <https://oklahoma.gov/odot/business-center/contracts-and-proposals.html>.

Unless otherwise noted in the proposal, upon award of the contract to the successful bidder, the contract will be completely and correctly executed by the contractor and returned to the Department within ten (10) working days from the date of award. The Department will have fourteen (14) working days from the date of award to complete its execution of the contract.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) ensures that no person or groups of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, retaliation or genetic information, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services, or activities administered by ODOT or OTA, their recipients, sub-recipients, and contractors. To request an accommodation please contact the ADA Coordinator at (405) 521-4140 or the Oklahoma Relay Service at 1-800-722-0353. If you have any ADA or Title VI questions email ODOT-ada@odot.org.

Description of work and location of project:
STP-218C(120)3P JP NO. 36167(04)C Call Order: 312 SH-25 CRAIG
STP-218C(121)3P JP NO. 36168(04)C Call Order: 312 SH-25 CRAIG AND OTTAWA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
- By: TIM J. GATZ, Director. LPXLP

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Cole leading bipartisan push to uncover history of state's Indian boarding schools

Gavin Norman
Gaylord News

Oklahoma has been home to 76 Indian boarding schools, more than any other state in the nation. That history is now at the center of a new bipartisan push in Washington to uncover decades of hidden tribal history; history that has been long withheld by religious institutions and the federal government.

The legislation, titled the "Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act of 2026" (H.R. 7325), has been reintroduced to the U.S. House of Representatives. Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) and Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS) are the two main sponsors of the legislation. According to Cole, the bill aims to form an official commission to investigate past federal actions that forcibly enrolled nearly "86 percent" of Indigenous school-age children into the boarding school system.

"For years, Indian boarding schools forcibly removed Native children from their families, stripped them of their heritage, and, in many cases, took their lives," Cole said. "Yet, for far too long, little has been known about these Indian boarding schools, and these stories have been kept in the shadows. This silence cannot go on. We must bring light to this dark chapter in our nation's history."

Davids, whose grandparents

survived the boarding school system, emphasized that the trauma is not a piece of the past, but a living force in tribal communities.

"I would not be here without the resilience of my ancestors and those who came before me – including my grandparents, who survived federal Indian boarding schools," Davids said. "Their experiences are not distant history; they shape our families and communities today. Establishing a Truth and Healing Commission would bring survivors, experts, federal partners, and tribal leaders together to fully understand what happened to our relatives and to take meaningful steps toward a more honest and hopeful future."

While this 2026 push is picking up momentum, it follows years of legislative difficulties, primarily centered on the investigative ability to gather evidence.

Previous iterations of the bill, such as H.R. 5444, faced opposition over the inclusion of subpoena power. Opponents in the past have argued that granting such authority made the commission adversarial rather than healing.

At this point, researchers have located fewer than 40 percent of boarding school records from the hundreds of federal, state, and religious institutions.

In Oklahoma, many boarding schools were run by religious organizations through federal funding, and thousands of pages of student rosters and health reports

remain behind the closed doors of private entities that are not subject to standard federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

Advocates such as the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) insist that without this legislation, the truth remains trapped in church and private archives. NABS took to social media to release a statement in support of the bill.

"This critical legislation acknowledges the devastating legacy of the federal Indian boarding school era and charts a path toward truth, justice, and healing for Native peoples and all Americans. For more than a century, government-funded and church-run boarding schools sought to erase Indigenous identities, languages, and cultures-leaving generational trauma that continues to this day," the NABS wrote.

Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. of the Cherokee Nation has been a consistent supporter of federal transparency, recently linking the need for historical honesty to the defense of tribal sovereignty.

"In the Cherokee Nation, our advocacy for our citizens has always been about restoration, accountability, and looking out for one another as Cherokees," Hoskin said.

The proposed commission would have a six-year timeline to locate and identify marked and unmarked burial sites. In



Photo courtesy of The Oklahoma Historical Society

Students of the federally run Pawnee Indian School in Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Oklahoma, at least 50 burial sites have already been identified, with many more expected as research continues. The commission would be given subpoena power under the new bill, which was specifically designed to overcome the legislative blockades that have prevented tribal citizens from identifying where their family members were buried.

H.R. 7325 was referred this month to the House Committee of Education and the Workforce, along with the Committee on Natural Resources. The legislation calls for a possible \$90 million in funding to hold convenings across all 12 Bureau of Indian Affairs regions. The funding is meant to guarantee researchers have the resources to gain access to the estimated 100 million pages of documents that have yet to be uncovered.

Two boarding schools, Riverside Indian School in

Anadarko, and Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, continue to operate in Oklahoma today, tracing their roots back to the 19th-century federal system. Today, these schools emphasize self-determination and cultural preservation; they are the remaining links to an era with such hidden history.

In Oklahoma, where the boarding school system was the most prevalent, the proposed commission aims to obtain all records surrounding these educational institutions. The legislation looks to provide a formal record on the impact these schools had on tribal nations, as well as to their citizens. The bill is currently pending approval from the Committee of Education and the Workforce, and the Committee of Natural Resources; it has not yet been scheduled for a vote on the House floor.

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the undersigned Sheriff will offer for sale and sell for cash to the highest and best bidder, subject to real estate ad valorem taxes, superior special assessments and all interests of record, if any, except the Mortgage and interests foreclosed herein on the following described real property, to-wit:

Lot 14, Block 5 in the WEA ADDITION, PLAT NO. 3 to the City of Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded Plat thereof, commonly known as 820 C St. NW, Miami, OK 74354 (the "Property")

Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the office of the Court Clerk in and for Ottawa County, Oklahoma, and pursuant to said judgment reserving the right of Plaintiff to recall said execution by oral announcement and/or order of the Court, prior to the sale, said judgment entered in the District Court in and for said County, State of Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2025-79, entitled PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Billy Witt; Dezirai Mae Witt, et al., Defendants, to satisfy:

FIRST: The costs of said action accrued and accruing;

SECOND: The judgment and first lien of the Plaintiff, PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, in the sum of \$106,282.43 with interest thereon at the rate of 6.99% per annum, as adjusted, if applicable, from February 1, 2024, until paid; advances for taxes, insurance and preservation expenses, accrued and accruing; abstracting expenses, accrued and accruing; bankruptcy fees and costs, if any; and an attorney's fee, plus costs, with interest thereon at the same rate, until paid.

Persons or other entities having interest in the property, including those whose actual addresses are unknown and persons or other entities who have or may have unknown successors and such unknown successors are hereby notified are: Dezirai Mae Witt; Occupants of the Premises; GL Grand View, LLC d/b/a Grandview Village.

The property has been duly appraised in the sum of \$67,000.00.

WITNESS MY HAND this 10th day of December, 2025.

/s/ David A. Dean
Sheriff

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE CJ-2025-89

Notice is given that on the 25th day of March, 2026, at 10:00

am, in the Lobby of the Sheriff's office, in the City of Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff will offer for sale and sell, with appraisal, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in Ottawa County, Oklahoma,:

Lots 16, 24, 25 and 26 in Block 4 in Grand Lake Shores, Unit 1, an Addition in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the Recorded plat thereof

subject to unpaid taxes, and all amounts set forth in the judgment granted herein, said property having been duly appraised at \$35,000.00. Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2025-89, titled PennyMac Loan Services, LLC vs Unknown Successors of Allen L. Nusser, Deceased and Unknown Successors of Leoda Laura Nusser, Deceased, being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest in lien in the subject property.

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

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1 Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS OF JOSEPH H. SABO, DECEASED, et al.
Defendant(s)

No: CJ-2025-137 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Dennis James Malloy, if living, and his Unknown Successors if Deceased and Spouse of Dennis James Malloy

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by the above named Plaintiff, and that you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before March 30, 2026, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered, foreclosing any interest you may have in the following-described real estate (property) situated in Ottawa County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

A tract of Land Located in the

E/2 E/2 SE/4 SW/4 and W/2 W/2 SW/4 SE/4 of Section 3, Township 26 North, Range 23 East of the Indian Meridian, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, More particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section 3; Thence South 89°24'00" East on the South Line of Section 3 a distance of 2491.36 Feet for a Point of Beginning, Thence South 89°24'00 East 400.00 Feet, Thence North 00°36'00" East 871.20 Feet; Thence North 89°24'00 West 400.00 Feet; Thence South 00°36'00" West 871.20 Feet to the Point of Beginning

for the sum for:
Reason:
Unpaid Principal Balance Amount:
\$325,913.14
Date of Default
November 24, 2020
Interest Due From
October 24, 2025
Interest Rate(s)
5.56000 %
*or as adjusted by the Note and Mortgage

including all advances by Plaintiff, if any, for taxes, insurance premiums, or expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, all costs of this action, reasonable attorney's fees and costs as the Court may allow, and the costs of foreclosing your interest in the property and ordering said property sold with or without appraisal as Plaintiff may elect, all of which you will take due notice.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 27th day of January, 2026.

Ottawa County Court Clerk,
Cassie Key
By: /s/ P. Blalock
DEPUTY COURT CLERK

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-139 OF THE CODE OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, TO INCLUDE THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS RM-1

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The zoning map of the City of Miami, Oklahoma, as defined in Section 26-139 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miami, Oklahoma, be and

the same is hereby amended to rezone as RM-1 the following described real property:

A tract of land in lot 7, Block 5 of INTERURBAN VIEW ADDITION to the City of Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded Plat thereof, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:
Beginning at the Southwest corner of lot 7;
thence North along the West boundary 80 feet;
thence East 130 feet;
thence South 80 feet;
thence West 130 feet to the point of beginning.

PASSED this 17th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Brian Estep
Brian Estep, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:
/s/ Melissa Moore
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED:
/s/ Misty Barnes
Misty Barnes, City Attorney

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC; Plaintiff,

vs.

PENNY J. LITTLEJOHN; et al.
Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2025-156 Judge McAffrey, Jennifer NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: PENNY J. LITTLEJOHN, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, HER HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS AND THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS; HER SPOUSE, IF MARRIED

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by Plaintiff in the above cause in the District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, entitled PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, Plaintiff v. Penny J. Littlejohn, et al., Defendants, and that you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on or before the 7th day of April, 2026, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and a judgment will be entered for the sums due under the Note and Mortgage which are the subject of said suit in the amount of \$121,556.75 with interest, attorney fees and all costs and a Decree ordering foreclosure of said Mortgage, barring your interest in the following described real property:

Lot 6 and the West 35 feet of

Lot 7, Block 12 in the TOWN OF FAIRLAND, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 606 West Church Avenue, Fairland, OK 74343 (the "Property")

DATED this 11th day of February, 2026.

COURT CLERK OF Ottawa County
By: /s/ P. Blalock
Deputy Clerk

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-139 OF THE CODE OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, TO INCLUDE THE REZONING OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS RM-2

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The zoning map of the City of Miami, Oklahoma, as defined in Section 26-139 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miami, Oklahoma, be and the same is hereby amended to rezone as RM-2 the following described real property:

Lot 3 AND the North 45 feet of Lot 4, Block 6 in JOHNSON'S ADDITION to the City of Miami, Ottawa County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

PASSED this 17th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Brian Estep
Brian Estep, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:
/s/ Melissa Moore
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

APPROVED:
/s/ Misty Barnes
Misty Barnes, City Attorney

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RODNEY F. CHANNEL, Deceased

CASE NO: PB-2025-00060 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against RODNEY F. CHANNEL, 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 the Administrator, LOREN E. BOYCE (a/k/a LORENE E. BOYCE), c/o her attorney, SUSAN A. MUSCARI, PO BOX 452409, GROVE, OK 74345, on or before the following presentment date: the 12th day of May, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Loren E. Boyce
LOREN E. BOYCE,
Administrator

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHNETTE L. FREEZE, Deceased

Case No. PB-2026-6 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: The Creditors of Johnette L. Freeze, Deceased

All persons having claims against Johnette L. Freeze, 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 the named Personal Representative at the law office of John W. Thomas, Attorney at Law, 207 East Central, Miami, Oklahoma 74354, on or before the following presentment date: April 20, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Trudy Lennemann
Trudy Lennemann, Personal Representative

John W. Thomas,
OBA #22445
DAVIS and THOMPSON, PLLC
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