

GOVERNOR J. KEVIN STITT'S



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*Days in Office:*

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# DEAR OKLAHOMANS,

We are one hundred days in, and I can confidently say that this administration has hit the ground running on delivering accountability, transparency and results.

Some people warned me that I would get frustrated at the slow pace of government. They were right; I have. But I have not let it slow me down, because you demanded a change in how we do business at the State Capitol. As your governor, I am committed to delivering a customer-centered government that is efficient and focused on delivering measurable outcomes with your hard-earned tax dollars.

Audits are underway; waste is already being identified; and more importantly, talented Oklahomans are stepping forward and raising their hand to come join us in this historic turnaround for our great state.


We have introduced the first budget in state history showing a full picture of the total tax dollars spent across state government. We are shaking up business as usual in state government by reforming five of the 12 largest agencies so state agency leaders are forced to answer to the executive branch and to the will of the people.

We have already identified and gone after several companies in high-taxed states to recruit their quality jobs to Oklahoma and grow our state. We have continued listening to you and stayed engaged in communities across the state, participating as a cabinet in more than 294 site visits in the administration's first 100 days.

Oklahomans, the needle is beginning to move, and I hope you are pleased with the accomplishments you will find in this report capturing our first 100 days in office.

We are on the path to becoming a Top Ten state, but I need you to stay engaged. This turnaround is only possible when we are all working together toward our shared vision to see Oklahoma celebrated as one of the best states in the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Stitt', written in a cursive style.

J. Kevin Stitt

Governor of Oklahoma

# ACCOUNTABILITY

The Stitt administration is committed to delivering accountability in state government, to delivering measurable outcomes with state services, and to ensuring every dollar matches the value and vision of Oklahoma becoming a Top Ten state.



However, we can only guarantee such accountability when state agencies understand that they exist to serve and answer to the people of Oklahoma. This will demand a long-term commitment and bold vision to change how Oklahoma's 400 agencies and commissions are comprised. The Stitt administration is committed to working with the Legislature in order to deliver needed oversight measures. In just the first 100 days, significant headway has been made, to include the following actions taken by the governor and his cabinet:

**Signed into law legislation that forces five of the 12 largest agencies to answer to the executive branch:** Past governors have produced blue ribbon studies showing that responsibility and power is spread so far and thin across state government that essentially no one is able to be held accountable by the voters. Within the first two months of the Stitt administration, the governor and the Legislature worked together to produce historic reform in five of the largest agencies.

This reform now allows the governor to fire poor performing agency directors and recruit the best talent to come serve in these critical leadership positions, answering directly to the executive branch for the first time in state history.

Additional accountability was included through the creation of new governing boards with representation from the executive branch, the State Senate, and the State House of Representatives. The boards will vote in public meetings on contracts, regulations, and other actions spearheaded by the agency director.

**Requested performance audits of nine agencies in order to bring to completion performance audits of the 12 largest agencies consuming 90% of the state budget:** The Stitt administration also requested two financial audits that were immediately implemented by the State Auditor and Inspector's office. The most notable audit underway, at the request of Governor Stitt, is an audit of the Medicaid rolls. Both Republican and Democrat states have conducted Medicaid audits to ensure the system is providing benefits to those who need it the most, while removing able-bodied individuals and addressing fraud.

**Issued an Executive Order to shine light on the \$1.2 million in taxpayer dollars being spent on contract lobbyists:** Within the first month, Governor Stitt issued an Executive Order requiring state agencies to disclose their contracts with external lobbyists, a request never made before by previous governors. The Executive Order also put a freeze on state agencies entering into new contracts, or altering their contracts, with external lobbyists.

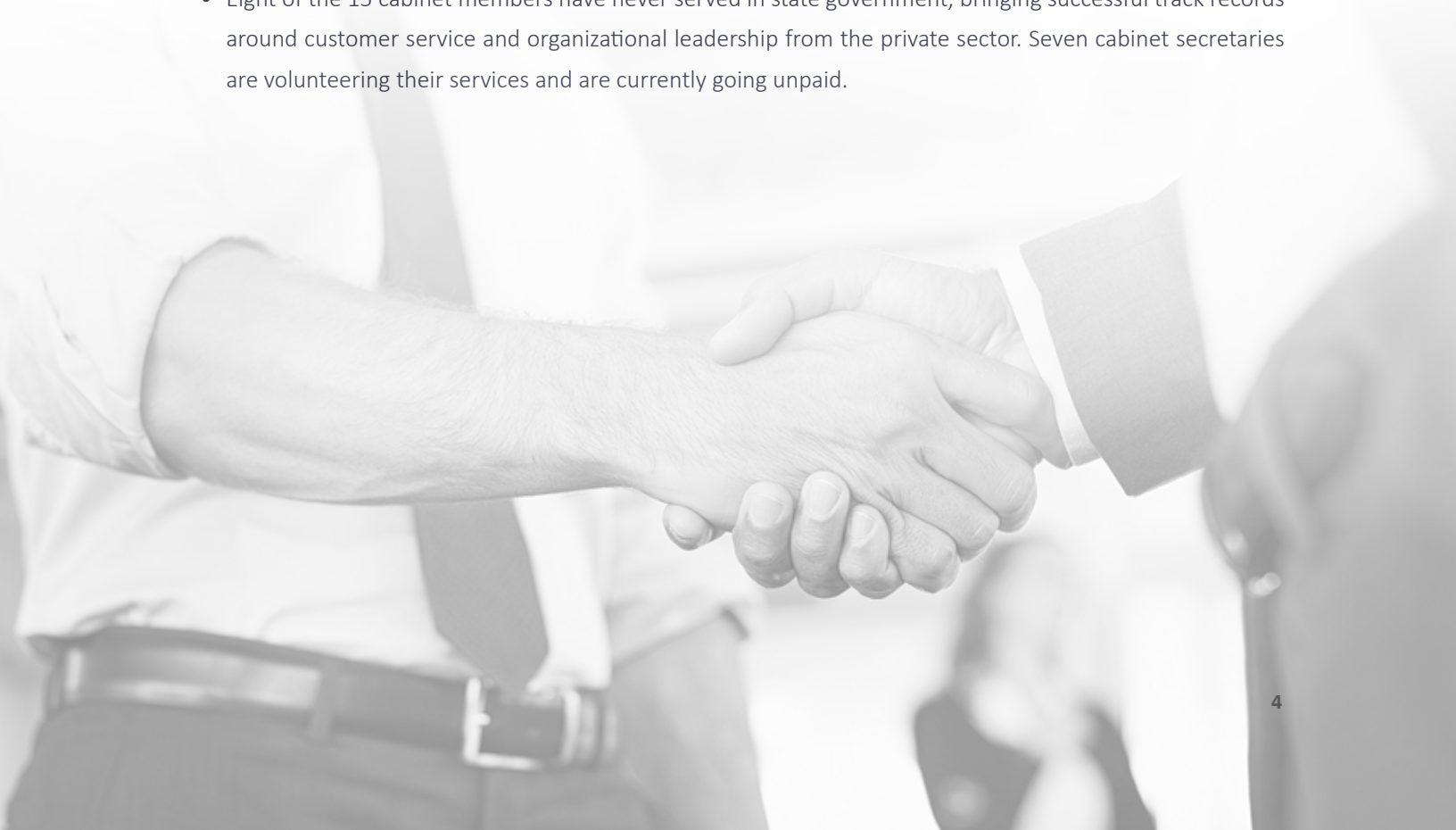
**Issued an Executive Order to sell the state plane serving the governor, which led to a larger consolidation of aviation equipment across state government.** In April, the state-owned aircraft servicing the governor's office sold for \$1.2 million. The Executive Order prompted the discovery of other state-owned aircraft, to include a King Air plane at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, which the governor has instructed it be auctioned off as well.

**Reduced the previous administration’s emergency supplemental budget request for Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) from \$23 million in October 2018 down to \$0:**

OMES is an interfacing state agency that provides IT, human resources and other services to state agencies. Prior to the Stitt administration taking office, OMES notified the Legislature that the agency needed an emergency injection of an additional \$23 million before the end of the fiscal year. Within the first two months, Governor Stitt’s new Chief Operating Officer John Budd dug in to the finances of the agency and brought the emergency request to \$16 million, and by April, COO Budd brought it down to zero by changing processes within OMES, renegotiating vendor contracts, and leveraging the agency’s revolving funds.

**Hired all 15 cabinet members who are tasked with delivering accountability and connecting all decisions back to spurring growth in Oklahoma.** Highlights from the cabinet include:

- Within the first 100 days, cabinet members have reached out to or met face-to-face with all their assigned agency heads and commission directors, with some directors saying it was the first time to be in contact with a governor’s cabinet member.
- Cabinet members are setting metrics in each agency that the agencies will publish and be held accountable to the public within the next year on a simple digital dashboard.
- The cabinet includes the first Chief Operating Officer, a position seen in other states providing support in managing the day-to-day work of agencies.
- The cabinet includes the first Secretary of Digital Transformation who is crafting a digital modernization plan to deliver efficiency, improve customer service, and create stronger accountability through data.
- Eight of the 15 cabinet members have never served in state government, bringing successful track records around customer service and organizational leadership from the private sector. Seven cabinet secretaries are volunteering their services and are currently going unpaid.





# BUDGET

Governor Kevin Stitt was elected on a mandate to get to the bottom of every tax dollar and to clearly communicate what his administration uncovers. Governor Stitt strongly believes this process requires looking at the full \$20 billion the state is spending, instead of only centering debate around 40% of the funds often identified as general revenue. It also demands better, real-time data that comes with a modernized online checkbook. In just the first 100 days, the Stitt administration has taken the following steps to deliver stronger budget practices and overdue transparency:

**Introduced the first governor’s budget that outlines total dollars spent by state government:** Previous governor’s budgets focused solely on roughly 40% of the budget, the portion of tax dollars appropriated by the Legislature. Governor Stitt’s budget also outlines federal dollars being spent to support state government as well as apportionments and fees, directly collected by state agencies. The governor’s budget was provided online the first of February for all Oklahomans to see while the Legislature began budget negotiations.

**Recalled the \$30 million dollars given to the Health Department in December 2018:** In his State of the State speech, Governor Stitt called for the Legislature to recall the \$30 million that had been provided to the Oklahoma State Department of Health to address a crisis under previous leadership that turned out to be an accounting error. The Legislature took quick action to claw back these funds.

**Secured \$5 million for the Quick Action Closing Fund:** Since the creation of this fund to help recruit job creators to Oklahoma, it has only received \$15 million in funding. When Governor Stitt came into office, the account was nearly empty. With the booming economy across the nation, Oklahoma needs to leverage this tool, used successfully in Texas and Arkansas, to attract well-paying jobs to the state.

**Advocated for a \$1,200 teacher pay increase,** which the House introduced as HB 1780 and passed with unanimous support in February. The Stitt administration believes the next step to move the needle in education outcomes is continuing to invest in the classroom teacher.

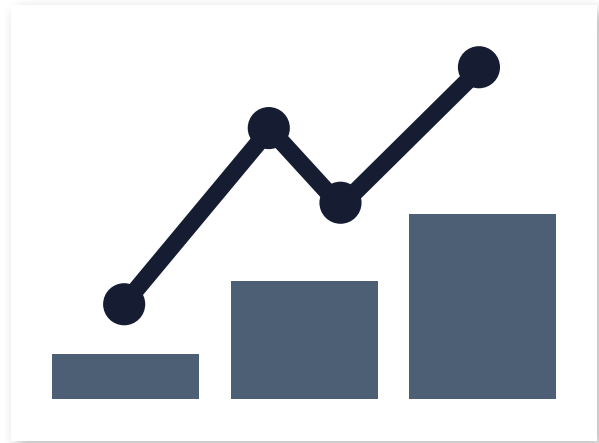
**Secured a vendor to relaunch Oklahoma’s checkbook online in conjunction with the State Treasurer’s office:** The Stitt administration reached out to West Virginia and Ohio to connect with the vendors who built their online state checkbooks, states that have an “A” rating in budget transparency. Development is underway for Oklahoma to have a similar website which will provide data in near real time and give Oklahomans an easy-to-navigate site so they can understand how money is being spent. Oklahoma’s current online checkbook received a D+ rating, landing it in the bottom ten in the nation for online budget transparency.



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# JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Governor Kevin Stitt has cast a vision that in all decisions his administration makes, there needs to be a direct connection to growing the state and diversifying the economy. Governor Stitt believes our state is at its best when people are gainfully employed, when wages are improving, and when people have freedom to innovate and access to opportunity. To send a message to the nation that Oklahoma is open for business, the Stitt administration has made the following progress in the first 100 days:

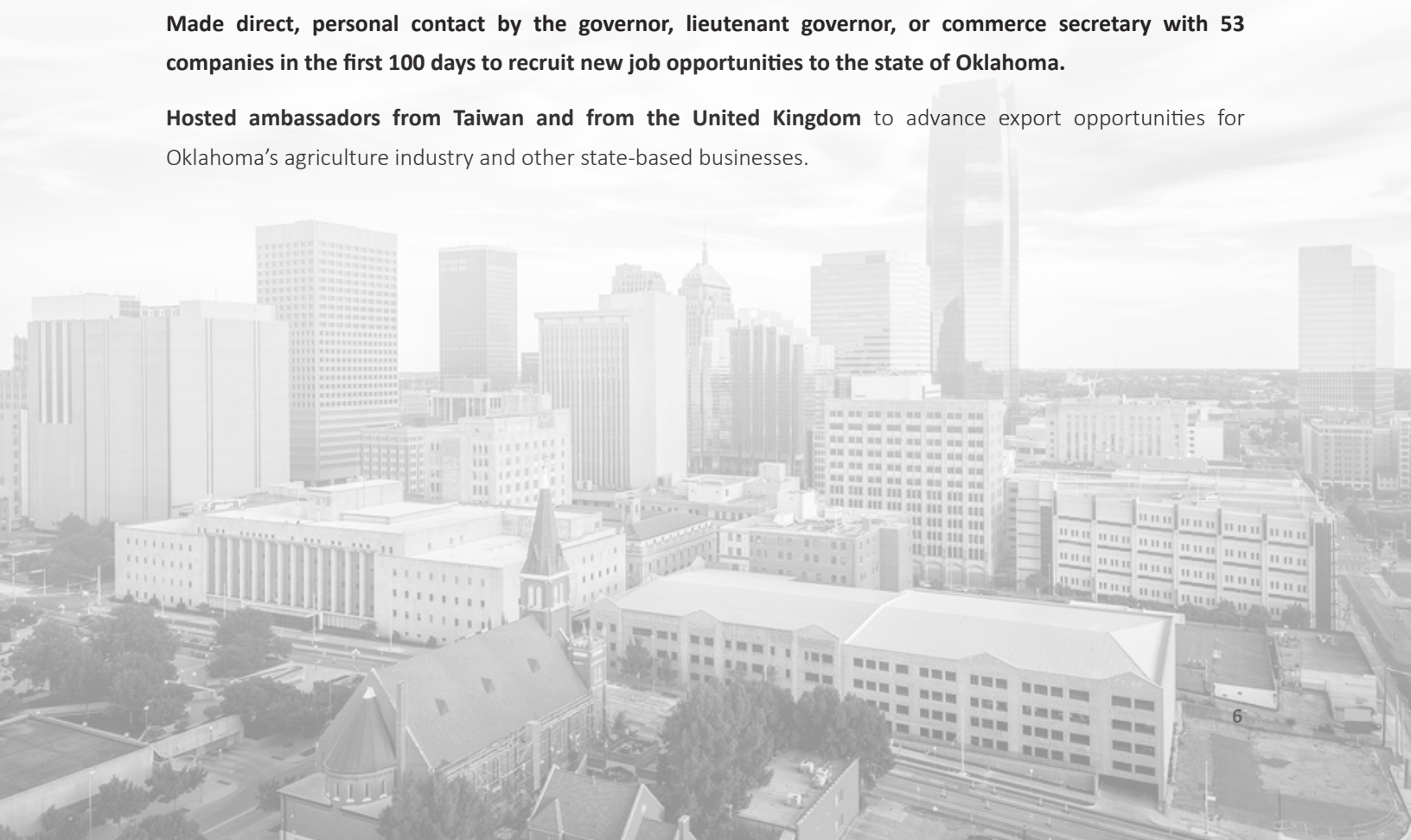


**Became the first state in the nation to align its state incentives with the federally designated opportunity zones created in the tax cut bill passed in Washington DC last year:** The Oklahoma Department of Commerce has already reached out to the 250 companies in Oklahoma that exist in a federally designated opportunity zones to alert them to the benefits of growing their business today.

**Established three economic growth advisory councils in the Oklahoma Department of Commerce:** the minority-owned business advisory council, the tribal business advisory council, and the nonprofit advisory council.

**Made direct, personal contact by the governor, lieutenant governor, or commerce secretary with 53 companies in the first 100 days to recruit new job opportunities to the state of Oklahoma.**

**Hosted ambassadors from Taiwan and from the United Kingdom** to advance export opportunities for Oklahoma's agriculture industry and other state-based businesses.



# DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

The Stitt administration is putting together a digital modernization plan for state government for the first time in Oklahoma's history. The governor has cast a bold vision to bring Oklahoma state government fully into the digital age to maximize services while creating an efficient process that allows state government to do it at the lowest possible costs. The following steps are underway to begin this bold digital transformation effort:



**Began the process to modernize state parks with parks now accepting credit cards in the field for the first time in state history:** Prior to this, transactions at state parks were cash only.

**Brought together multiple entities across state government to begin the process of a new branding campaign for the State of Oklahoma,** an initiative being led by Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell who is serving on the governor's cabinet as Secretary of Tourism and Branding.

**Began the beta test for digital driver's license,** allowing Oklahomans to have their license accessible on a smartphone app and moving Oklahoma closer to being Real ID compliant.

**Began the process to modernize the administrative rules website to make it more user friendly and transparent:** The high-trafficking website hasn't been updated in 19 years. The project will be accomplished without additional funding needs from the Legislature.

**Supported legislation to allow for remote notaries:** Authored by Sen. Paul Rosino, the Stitt administration is advocating for SB 915, which would allow notaries to perform their services online over secure audio video calls rather than in person. SB 915 has passed the Senate with unanimous consent.



# CULTURE

Governor Stitt believes the best solutions to fixing government come from the combined wisdom and experience of a team. This team is best built by staying plugged in to communities across the state, by recruiting new individuals to serve in state government, and by empowering current state employees to step forward with their talents and innovative ideas for change. He has made it a priority since day one to continue to hold community meetings across Oklahoma and to also get to know his colleagues at all levels of state government in Oklahoma City, soliciting everyone's input on creating desired goals and pursuing measurable results to make Oklahoma Top Ten.

**Toured 20 state agencies and a maximum-security prison:** Governor Stitt made it a priority to visit state agencies, shake hands with those he represents as head of the state, and learn from state employees' tenure in government. While walking the halls of several of the agencies, such as the Department of Education, he learned that he was the first governor to visit and go beyond the front lobby.

**Launched JumpStart Oklahoma, an initiative to engage state employees to send in ideas on how to deliver efficiencies and improve services across state government:** More than 1,900 ideas were submitted to the governor's office over the course of two months.

**Launched the first governor's relay in conjunction with the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon:** Governor Stitt often says that he never asks anyone to do anything he wouldn't do himself. To encourage Oklahomans to address the state's bottom of the list rankings in various areas related to health, Governor Stitt is participating in public sports activities, with the first one in partnership with the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon.

**Connecting with Oklahoma communities with more than 294 site visits across the state:** Between Governor Stitt (85 visits), Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell (126 visits), and the remaining 14 cabinet members, the Stitt administration is committed to staying connected and listening to Oklahomans every day.

- **Sec. Arthur** – Idabel, Oklahoma to meet with agriculture leaders
- **Sec. Wagner** – Kingfisher, Oklahoma for an energy site visit
- **Sec. Loughridge** – South OKC touring the Latino Community Development Agency to discuss health outcomes for Latino community
- **Sec. Gatz** – Muskogee, Oklahoma for a site visit
- **Sec. Pinnell** – Lawton, Oklahoma for the Lawton Tourism Summit
- **Sec. Buck** – Stillwater, Oklahoma spoke to Resilient Payne County about how to care for at-risk youth
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- **First Lady** – Tulsa, Oklahoma – toured Little Light House



- **Governor Stitt visit** – McLoud, Oklahoma Toured & Spoke at Mabel Basset Correction Facility
- **Governor Stitt visit** – McAlester, Oklahoma toured a maximum security prison
- **Governor Stitt visit** – Oklahoma City, Toured Southeast High school with SOS & Supt Sean McDaniels
- **Governor Stitt visit** – Owasso, Oklahoma – spoke to the Chamber of Commerce
- **Governor Stitt visit** – Jenks, Oklahoma – to meet with students and parent at Jenks Public School
- **First Lady** – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – participated in the Trama Informed Care Summit
- **First Lady** – Tulsa, Oklahoma – presented flag to Tulsa Police Special Operations Team



# GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

During the first 100 days in office, the governor's office has operated on the smallest budget since 1982. With a strong team of talented individuals, the governor's office has been able to achieve the following outcomes:

**Fulfilled 5 Open Records requests made since Governor Stitt took office, totaling 1076 pages.**

**GRANTED 35 PARDONS,  
32 PAROLES, AND 20  
COMMUTATIONS TO  
OKLAHOMANS.**

**Recruited and placed more than 117 Oklahomans in appointments** across state government to deliver oversight and accountability for government operations. Four of the appointments were made to higher education.

**Coordinating meetings with every House and Senate member for the governor at the mansion:** The governor is slated to have met with all 101 House and Senate members in small group settings to hear about their legislative priorities and their districts by the end of April.

**Implemented a new software called IQ,** which will ensure efficient and effective monitoring and response to constituents calls, e-mails, letters, and casework needs coming in to the governor's office. This software is commonly used across the U.S. in the federal and state government offices, but has never before been used in Oklahoma.

**Fulfilled 99 proclamations and 365 commendations and citations** recognizing Oklahomans for the great things they are doing as citizens of the state, and responded to more than 2,500 e-mails and 3,000 calls from constituents contacting the governor's office about policy interests or government service needs.



## OTHER

**Fulfilled a campaign commitment to sign into law legislation to allow for Constitutional Carry in the state of Oklahoma,** while also supporting additional measures to protect the rights of private property owners and public school buildings.

**Championed judicial reform,** legislation creating five judicial districts mirroring Oklahoma's congressional districts. The state is presently divided into nine judicial districts to reflect the number of congressional districts Oklahoma had in 1967. The legislation, which will be implemented into law later next year, will expand the pool of highly qualified candidates to seats on the Oklahoma Supreme Court and Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals.

**Received two State Supreme Court vacancies in the first two months in office:** Under the previous administration, only two Supreme Court vacancies took place in 8 years.

**Decreased the number of structurally deficient bridges in Oklahoma by 50 since 2018,** teeing Oklahoma up to become Top Ten in the nation for bridge conditions as early as summer 2019 under the leadership of Secretary of Transportation Tim Gatz.

**Toured three public school districts in the first 100 days,** to include visiting Broken Arrow Public Schools to celebrate Donna Gradel being selected as one of the four finalists to be National Teacher of the Year.

**Started the first Agriculture Youth Council comprised of 30 Oklahoma students from across the state,** an initiative led by Secretary Blayne Arthur at the Department of Agriculture.

**Launched a pilot program with the state of Kansas to study cattle traceability:** This is a public-private partnership to develop and test a purpose-built cattle disease traceability infrastructure in Oklahoma. In collaboration with the study underway in Kansas, the states will be leaders on the discussion and development of traceability on a national scale.

**Welcomed the Last Mile Program to Oklahoma:** Governor Kevin Stitt participated in the announcement that the Last Mile Program has arrived at Mabel Bassett Correctional Center. The nonprofit provides coding classes to individuals in incarceration and graduated 500 students in correctional facilities across the country.

**Hosted the First Lady Melania Trump on a visit to Tulsa,** greeted by First Lady Sarah Stitt.

