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The first insertion published on 5/6/26 and the last insertion published on the 5/6/26 in newspaper aforesaid. Affiant further states that said newspaper meets all the requirements of the laws of the State of Oklahoma with reference to legal publications.

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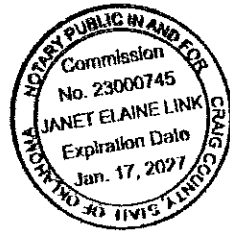
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Published in the Nowata Star on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. Pursuant to the notice requirements contained in Section 160.21 of the Oklahoma Wind Energy Development Act, 17 O.S. §§ 160.11-160.22 (OWEDA), the notice requirements contained at OAC 165:35-45-4 of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's (Corporation Commission's) Wind Energy rules, and the notice requirements contained at OAC 25:40-3-1 of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics' (ODAA) Wind Energy Rules, Hickory Creek Project, LLC, a subsidiary of Apex Clean Energy, hereby submits to the Nowata County Commissioners notification of its intent to build the Hickory Creek Wind Project ("Hickory Creek Wind"). Hickory Creek Wind is located in Nowata County, Oklahoma. Simultaneous to this notification, a copy was sent to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Notice has been timely sent to the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace & Aeronautics, formerly the OAC.

The Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") 7460-1 forms for Hickory Creek Wind were submitted to the FAA on March 25, 2025 and are attached hereto as Exhibit A. The project description depicting the boundary is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Hickory Creek Project, LLC hereby attests compliance with the provisions of 17 O.S. § 160.20 (A). Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding this filing.

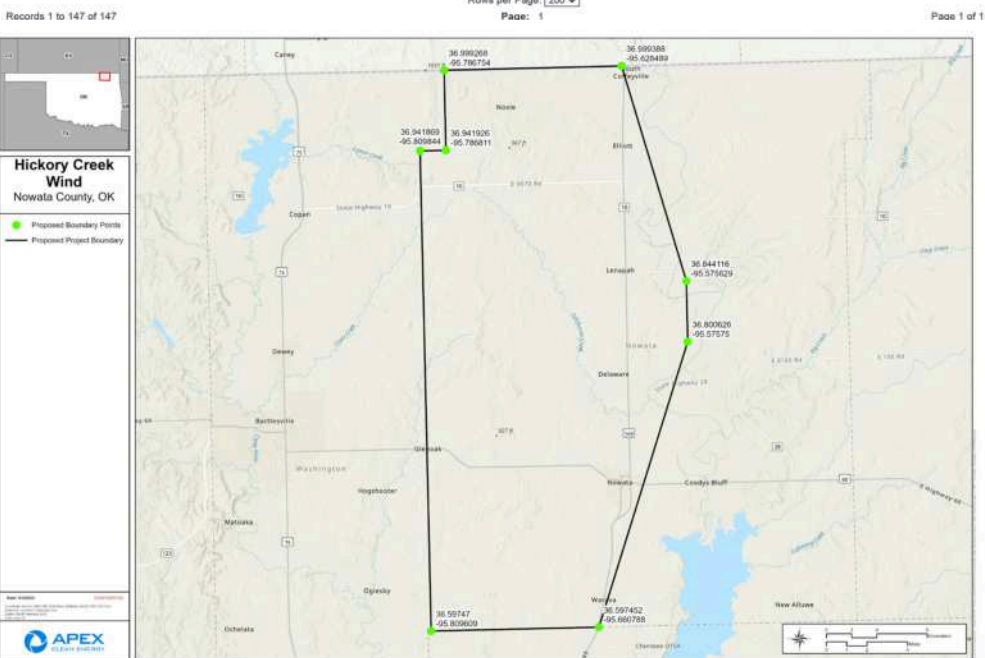
Sincerely, Jake Sexton, Development Manager. jake.sexton@apexcleanenergy.com. Cc: Mark Argenbright, Director, Public Utility Division

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Archive Search Results

Table with columns: Case Number, City, State, Latitude, Longitude, Site Elevation, Structure Height, Total Height. Contains 147 records of wind turbine data points.



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April 27, 2026: Chairman Paul Crupper called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Board had the flag salute; Laurie Summers led the prayer. Paul Crupper, Troy Friddle, and Brandon Wesson were present. Also, present was: Brian Courtswee Krig, Kurt Schultz Courtside Benefits, Lisa Robertson Courtside Benefits, Michaela Lowe Treasurer, Chris Clouse Assessor, David W. Neely, Election Board Secretary, Laurie Summers Emergency Manager and Kay Spurgeon County Clerk. Crupper moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026 regular meeting as read. Seconded by Friddle. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried. Unfinished Business: none. Old Business: There was nothing on the improvements to the courthouse.

Lisa Robertson, Courtside Benefits, stated that it was time for the renewal of the insurances. Robertson stated they were going into eight years working with Nowata County. Robertson presented the Board with price quotes from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma, Community Care and United Health Care. Robertson stated that they had gotten Blue Cross Blue Shield to agree to only a 6.5% but we are in a PPO so we can have a health plan that covers doctors in and out of the plan and it is not just in Oklahoma. Robertson stated that Community Care has made an offer that is considerably lower but they are an HMO so they could only use the doctors in Oklahoma and the one from United Health was way too high. Robertson stated that the Delta Dental rate did not change, on the VSP rate the Commissioners could decide to the slight cheaper renewal rate cost or stay with they amount they are paying now of \$9.11 but they would receive a better plan called VSP Light Care. Robertson stated that Mutual of Omaha is also staying the same. Friddle questioned what did the other two Commissioners think. Wesson stated he liked where we are but he would like to go with the 9.11 plus plan on the vision. Friddle moved to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield with the rate of \$726.02, the VSP Light Care Plan with the same rate of 9.11, Delta Dental and Mutual of Omaha. Seconded by Wesson. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried.

Friddle moved to approve a resolution that be it therefore resolved, that this Board of County Commissioners of Nowata County Oklahoma, does hereby direct the County Treasurer to credit funds received for reimbursements of expenses incurred as salary of Election Board personnel to the General Fund account used to pay their personal services and reimbursement of expenses for benefits should be credited to the General Fund Employee Insurance and Benefits account of the account used to pay their benefits from as well as expenses for maintenance and operations should be credited to the account from which the expenses were paid, be it further resolved that this Board of County Commissioners of Nowata County Oklahoma does hereby allow overtime payment to be made to Nowata County Election personnel where reimbursement of those expenses incurred will be reimbursed by other entities. Seconded by Crupper. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried.

Friddle moved to approve a resolution that whereas, the Board of County Commissioners accept a donation from Sandra Erne for 15 dozen fresh eggs, no estimated value, this donation is to be used for the sole purpose of the Nowata County Sheriff's office, now therefore be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners finds that it would be in the best interest of the County to accept this donation for the Nowata County Sheriff's office. Seconded by Crupper. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried. Crupper moved to approve a resolution that whereas, pursuant to laws now in effect relating to County Depositories, the Board of County Commissioners do hereby designate the following named banks as County Depositories, to wit: Regent Bank of Nowata Oklahoma, Arvest Bank of Nowata Oklahoma, it is further provided that regardless of the above designation, no deposit of public money shall ever be made in either of said banks in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance currently effective, unless and until adequate securities are pledged in the manner provided by law, it is further stated that neither the members of the Board of County Commissioners nor the County Treasurer, owns stock or is otherwise particularly interested in either of the said banks. Seconded by Friddle. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried. On the resolution for the investment policy County Clerk Kay Spurgeon stated she had put this on the agenda by mistake and was requesting the Board drop the matter. Friddle moved to remove the resolution for the investment policy from the agenda. Seconded by Crupper. Crupper

yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried.

Crupper moved to approve the appointment of Bettie Hughes as a full-time Deputy Treasurer, effective April 22, 2026, as made by Treasurer Michaela Lowe. Seconded by Friddle. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried.

Friddle moved to move the county certification map and county action report at the bottom of the agenda. Seconded by Wesson. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried.

Bid #26-2 hot mix/hot lay asphalt, cold patch, delivery & lay was opened with bids being received from APAC Central Inc., Bison Asphalt LLC, Brent Bell Construction LLC, CRAFTCO Inc., Logan County Asphalt Co., Longan Asphalt Construction, Tulsa Asphalt, and Cowboy Asphalt. Crupper moved to accept all bids. Seconded by Wesson. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried.

Bid #26-3 loading/hauling of miscellaneous road materials was opened with bids being received from Belco Trucking LLC, Smithy Environmental Services, Shady Lane Trucking, and ADTL LLC. Crupper moved to accept all bids. Seconded by Friddle. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried.

Crupper moved to approve bids be let for equipment road construction. Seconded by Wesson. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried. After discussing if they would be using this equipment Friddle moved to rescind the motion for bids to be let for equipment road construction. Seconded by Crupper. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried. Friddle moved to drop the bids process for the equipment road construction. Seconded by Crupper. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried.

Laurie Summers Emergency Management stated that she does have an EMP grant that she can apply for but she is asking for some clarification from OEMG because it does not say it can be used for salaries if she has a budget. Summers stated she was till following up for any State assistance and she wanted to compliment District #2 on their road conditions. There was no new business. There was no appropriation of funds. There was no allocation of alcoholic beverage tax. There was no request for transfer of funds/appropriations. There were no right of way permits.

Crupper moved to approve the appointment of Michaela Lowe to be Requisitioning Officer for all accounts of the Nowata County Treasurer's office and the appointment of Bettie Hughes to be Receiving Agents in replacement of Kimberly Baney for all Nowata County Treasurer's office, effective April 22, 2026, as made by Treasurer Michaela Lowe. Seconded by Wesson. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried.

There were no reports. There was no emergency business. On announcements Election Board Secretary David W. Neely Jr. presented Treasurer Michaela Lowe with her certificate of election. Board congratulated her on her election. Board approved the following blanket purchase orders: for Sheriff to Action Communications for service, parts 500.00, for District #2 to Witty Materials for rock 5,000.00, to Bomgaars for parts, tools, supplies 300.00, for District #3 to Witty Materials for material 10,000.00, to Midwest Minerals for material 10,000.00, to Witty Materials for material 10,000.00, to Midwest Minerals for material 10,000.00, to Miller Tire and Lube LLC for maintenance & operation 500.00.

Board approved the following canceling of purchase orders: for District #1 #667 to Fleet Pride for parts 350.00, #2146 to Brakefield Equipment Inc. for quarry fill 1,005.00, #495 to Mr. J's Tire & Motor LLC for service 30.00, for District #2 #1434 to Brakefield Equipment Inc. for rip rap 1,000.00. Board approved the following claims for payment as presented: Warrant No Vendor Name Amount Purpose 15% Sales Tax 000169 OKLAHOMA STATE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION S \$45.07 SERVICE 000170 OKLAHOMA STATE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION S \$45.07 SERVICE 000171 PUBLIC SERVICE CO OF OKLAHOMA \$22.28 UTILITY 000172 PUBLIC SERVICE CO OF OKLAHOMA \$96.08 UTILITY 000173 PUBLIC SERVICE CO OF OKLAHOMA \$192.00 UTILITY 000174 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS \$317.13 UTILITY 45% Roads and Bridges 000093 ARMSTRONG BANK \$1,226.74 LEASE Assessor Rev Fee 000012 BLANK SHIRTS INC. \$207.65 SERVICE CBRI 000125 SHADY LANE TRUCKING \$1,020.00 HAULING 000126 SHADY LANE TRUCKING \$1,140.00 HAULING 000127 SHADY LANE TRUCKING \$1,020.00 HAULING

Courthouse Improvement 5% 000010 MARMIC FIRE AND SAFETY \$2,372.06 IMPROVEMENTS General 001489 OSU-CTP \$65.00 CLASS 001490 OSU-CTP \$65.00 CLASS 001491 HILTON GARDEN INN \$220.00 HOTEL 001492 KAY SPURGEON \$496.05 TRAVEL 001493 DAVISON FUELS & OIL LLC \$837.23 FUEL 001494 TREK CONNEX \$643.00 SERVICES 001495 MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY \$1,591.31 SUPPLIES 001496 MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY \$245.81 SUPPLIES 001497 MR JS TIRE & MOTOR LLC \$1,064.45 SERVICE 001498 WATTS DISTRIBUTING CO \$246.85 SUPPLIES 001499 NOWATA STAR \$425.20 PUBLICATION 001500 NOWATA STAR \$445.88 PUBLICATION 001501 NOWATA STAR \$30.00 PUBLICATION General Gov Sales Tax 35% 000472 BOMGAARS/JOHN DEERE \$178.96 SUPPLIES 000473 MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY \$83.55 SUPPLIES 000474 PUBLIC SERVICE CO OF OKLAHOMA \$3,432.35 UTILITY 000475 PUBLIC SERVICE CO OF OKLAHOMA \$104.29 UTILITY 000476 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS \$965.12 UTILITY 000477 PUBLIC SERVICE CO OF OKLAHOMA \$20.01 UTILITY 000478 PUBLIC SERVICE CO OF OKLAHOMA \$112.70 UTILITY 000479 PUBLIC SERVICE CO OF OKLAHOMA \$50.75 UTILITY 000480 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS \$44.88 UTILITY 000481 OKLAHOMA NATURAL GAS \$67.56 UTILITY Highway 001575 BOMGAARS/JOHN DEERE \$621.40 PARTS & SUPPLIES 001576 PHIL'S TRACTOR REPAIR LLC, PHILLIP OWEN \$1,007.50 PARTS 001577 CERTIFIED LABORATORIES \$845.95 SUPPLIES 001578 MR JS TIRE & MOTOR LLC \$60.00 TIRE REPAIR 001579 NATIONAL TRAILERS LLC \$85.99 PARTS 001580 MERRIFIELD OFFICE SUPPLY \$185.93 SUPPLIES 001581 SOUTHERN FUEL AND TANKS LLC \$2,485.00 FUEL 001582 CINTAS CORPORATION \$290.01 UNIFORMS 001583 WITTY MATERIALS \$4,985.28 ROCK 001584 FILTER CARE OF MISSOURI LLC \$187.10 FILTERS 001585 BARTLETT CO-OP ASSOC \$327.54 OIL 001586 SECURITY NATIONAL BANK \$1,203.97 LEASE 001587 SOUTHERN FUEL AND TANKS LLC \$4,200.00 FUEL 001588 U S CELLULAR \$157.96 SERVICE 001589 SERVICE OKLAHOMA \$126.00 REGISTRATION 001590 STANDLEY SYSTEMS \$141.92 SERVICE Mental Health 000048 GRAND MENTAL HEALTH \$2,448.34 SERVICES 000049 NICKOLE CUNNINGHAM \$29.40 SERVICES 000050 BILLY PETTY \$25.00 SERVICES 000051 KAREN WOOD \$15.00 SERVICES 000052 ALL RISE FOR JUSTICE \$960.00 REGISTRATION Roads And Bridges 1 Penny 000081 LOCAL BANK \$3,970.00 LEASE 000082 COMMUNITY NATIONAL \$2,761.50 LEASE 000083 ARMSTRONG BANK \$769.81 LEASE SH Svc Fee 000374 CHAD NELSON VAIL \$600.00 SERVICE 000375 CHAD NELSON VAIL \$600.00 SERVICE 000376 TULSA CONNECT \$21.00 SERVICE 000377 SPC OFFICE PRODUCTS \$160.33 SUPPLIES 000378 SPARKLIGHT \$649.53 SERVICE 000379 SIMPLE SIMONS PIZZA \$60.00 SERVICE 000380 SGC FOODSERVICE \$581.10 GROCERIES 000381 SGC FOODSERVICE \$10.05 GROCERIES Tax Refunds 000011 LYNDEN J & SUSAN M CRABTREE \$262.00 REFUND On the county certification map and county action report Friddle stated he wanted to possibly add two roads but he needed to double check on them. Wesson stated he had no changes. Crupper stated he had no changes. Crupper moved to table the certification map and county action report. Seconded by Friddle. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried. Crupper moved to adjourn. Seconded by Friddle. Crupper yes, Wesson yes, Friddle yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 11:05 am. OPEN MEETING LAW: Notice of time, place, date, and agenda were given by posting the same on the bulletin board near the front entrance of the Nowata County Courthouse at least 24 hours prior thereto. ATTEST: NOWATA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Kay Spurgeon, Nowata County Clerk Paul Crupper, Chairman Board of County Commissioners

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