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# *WELCOME* to The Truth About Wagoner County

We are here to provide vital information for all residents of Wagoner County, so you'll have the Who, What, Where and Why.

County and municipality links to

- Public meeting agendas and minutes
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- Financial data
- Important lawsuits
- What's going on in Wagoner County

Our Facebook page will include current and past important news and notices.

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# Wagoner County: Election Day Is Tuesday, November 3

Wagoner County voters are preparing for Oklahoma's November 3, 2026, General Election, with Election Day just around the corner. Residents who have not already cast their ballots during early voting or by absentee ballot will have the opportunity to make their voices heard on Tuesday.

Polls across Oklahoma will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Voters should confirm their assigned

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polling location before heading out, as their regular Election Day polling place may differ from designated early voting locations.

This election includes state and federal contests, judicial retention questions, and statewide ballot measures. Depending on where they live, Wagoner County residents may also have local candidates or propositions to consider. These decisions can affect government policies, public services, and the future direction of their communities.

Oklahoma voters are encouraged to review their sample ballots before Election Day so they can make informed decisions on the candidates and questions appearing on their ballots. Voters should also remember to bring an acceptable form of identification, such as an Oklahoma driver's license or Oklahoma Voter Identification Card.

For those who missed early voting, Election Day provides the final opportunity to participate in this election. Local elections and statewide ballot questions can have a direct impact on residents, making voter participation an important part of civic responsibility.

Residents can find official election information, verify their polling locations, and review additional voting details through the Wagoner County Election Information page or the Oklahoma State Election Board.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Bell's Amusement Park: Behind the Scenes of a Major Development Proposal

In our October newsletter, The Truth About Wagoner County introduced readers to the proposed Bell's Amusement Park in Broken Arrow. Announced on November 21, 2021, the

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project envisioned bringing a new amusement park to more than 100 acres in east Broken Arrow, near East Kenosha Street and the Creek Turnpike.

Now, Part 2 of the supporting documents has been added to our website, providing a closer look at the work and communications leading up to the public announcement.

The records include property documents dated August 2021, along with emails and messages from city personnel discussing potential development sites, drainage considerations, pre-development meetings, and coordination with the project representatives. September communications show City employees working to arrange meetings and gather information to help evaluate the proposed development. By early October, discussions also addressed preparations for the public announcement.

These documents illustrate that a major development proposal involves much more than a press conference. Behind every announcement are conversations, research, meetings, and coordination among people working to move an opportunity forward.

It is important to recognize the efforts of Broken Arrow city employees who devoted their time and professional attention to this project. Their work included helping coordinate the process, addressing questions and preparing for the next steps. Although the amusement park ultimately did not become a reality, the effort invested in exploring the opportunity deserves recognition.

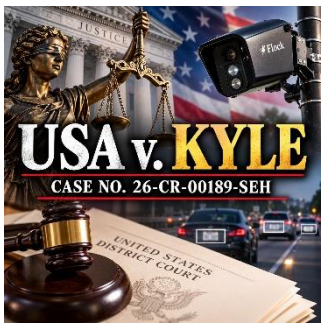
Our goal is to preserve the history of this proposal and give readers access to the underlying documentation. Reviewing the records allows the public to follow the project's development chronologically and better understand the work involved.

Part 1 and now Part 2 are available on The Truth About Wagoner County website. Parts 3 and 4 will be released in the coming months.

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To find the timeline and documents go to https://thetruthaboutwagonercounty.com/bells-amusement-park%2Fba-1




# USA v. Kyle: Federal Judge Rules Warrantless Flock Search Unconstitutional

A significant federal court decision in Oklahoma is raising questions about the constitutional limits of automated license plate reader technology and surveillance systems operated by Flock Safety.

On October 1, 2026, U.S. District Judge Sara E. Hill of the Northern District of Oklahoma granted a motion to suppress evidence in United States v. Melisa Susan Kyle, Case No. 26-CR-00189-SEH. The case involved law enforcement's use of license plate reader databases to examine historical information about a vehicle's movements.

According to the court's opinion, a Tulsa County sheriff's deputy used Flock and another license plate reader database to obtain more than 50 records documenting the vehicle's whereabouts over approximately a month. Judge Hill concluded that obtaining this extensive travel history without a warrant violated Kyle's Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches and seizures.

The ruling required prosecutors to exclude evidence obtained through the unconstitutional search. However, suppressing evidence does not establish a defendant's innocence or automatically end a criminal prosecution.

Implications for Oklahoma Communities

Automated license plate readers can assist law enforcement in investigating crimes, locating stolen vehicles, and identifying vehicles connected to criminal investigations. However, these systems can also accumulate location records that reveal patterns of travel and provide insight into a person's activities.

The decision raises an important question: When does collecting vehicle-location information become a search requiring a warrant under the Fourth Amendment?

For Oklahoma communities, including those considering or already using Flock cameras, the case highlights the importance of balancing public safety with individual privacy and constitutional protections.

The ruling does not outlaw Flock cameras or prohibit every automated license plate search. Instead, it addresses the specific circumstances presented to the court and the constitutional implications of obtaining an extensive history of a vehicle's movements without a warrant.

As surveillance technology continues to expand, decisions like this will help define its legal boundaries. For local officials and residents, the case serves as a reminder that public safety initiatives must operate within constitutional limits while respecting the rights of the people they are intended to protect.

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**Don't wait. Register your businesses for #ShopCoweta today!**

**Business registration is open now through Nov. 10. Tickets will be distributed for our cash drawings from Nov. 14 through Dec. 14, 2026.**

**Citizens can request one ticket per participating business per day, without making a purchase. Whether you shop or stop by, let employees know you are participating and would like tickets before you leave.**

**Sign up your business to participate now: forms.gle/sshfSoR4FJxRR3yU8!**
**Learn more: https://shopcoweta.org/**

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