

Here's what you need to know

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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
- Elected Official contacts
- Financial data
- Important lawsuits
- What's going on in Wagoner County

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

<https://www.facebook.com/truth.about.wagoner.county>

\$800 Million Data Center coming soon

PROJECT ANTHEM is a new data center project located near 11th Street and the Creek Turnpike. Fair Oaks Industrial Park is estimated at 2,000 acres, and is part of a larger 5,000 acre development. You can find more information at our website.

Sales Tax Increase

In February 2025, voters approved of a sales tax increase to Wagoner County sales to fund a \$13.5 Million lawsuit settlement from the 6/2/2021 Wagoner County jail death of inmate Angela Liggans. The tax increase began July 1, 2025 for up to 15 years. The Liggans legal complaint filed on 4/27/2023 is posted on our website. Here is a link to a media report:

<https://www.southwestledger.news/news/lawsuit-alleged-woman-languished-agony-death-wagoner-co-jail>

The County resolution is on the next page.



RESOLUTION NO. 24-~~89~~

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTION TO ADOPT SETTLEMENT OF LAWSUIT TITLED SHARON DALTON, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ANGELA LIGGANS V. CHRIS ELLIOTT, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS WAGONER COUNTY SHERIFF, 23-CV-139-RAW-GLJ (EASTERN DISTRICT OKLAHOMA)

WHEREAS, Chris Elliott in his Official Capacity as Sheriff of Wagoner County is currently identified in the above-mentioned lawsuit as a party Defendant; and

WHEREAS, official capacity suits generally represent only another way of pleading an action against an entity of which an officer is an agent, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Wagoner has authority to settle this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Wagoner has determined it to be in the interest of the County of Wagoner to settle this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma, Self-Insured Group ("ACCO-SIG") has agreed to pay the policy limits less attorney's fees and costs pursuant to the reducing liability coverage provided to Wagoner County in its liability protection plan. The amount to be paid by ACCO-SIG has determined to be \$483,156.70; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Wagoner herein agrees to settle this matter in the amount of \$13,500,000.00 (Thirteen million, five hundred thousand dollars) which will be reduced by the amount to be paid by ACCO-SIG. Thus the amount to be paid by the County of Wagoner is \$13,016,843.30; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Wagoner resolves that this full and final settlement includes no liability admitted on behalf of any of the Defendants named in this lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Wagoner resolves that the payment of this settlement may be paid over an extended period of time, to the extent permitted by applicable law and this payment schedule will be determined with the assistance of financial advisors; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this lawsuit have agreed that post-judgment interest will not begin to accrue on the settlement amount until January 1, 2025. The federal interest rate in effect on July 16, 2024, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961, shall be the applicable post-judgment interest rate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Wagoner has reviewed and approves the Settlement Agreement in this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Wagoner, Oklahoma, that:

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Wagoner herein approves the settlement of this lawsuit with any additional terms to be included in the Journal Entry of Judgment Pursuant to Settlement which is to be approved by the Court in the associated lawsuit.

During Wagoner County Board of County Commission meeting on July 19, 2021 (after Ms. Liggans' death), Sheriff Elliott provided a proposal from a professional jail medical service, Turn Key Health.

The discussion begins at 4:01 minute mark of the recording.

[https://webcast.soniclear.com/wagoner/BOCCR%202021-07-19%20\(Jul-19-21%2011-54-37%20AM\)/](https://webcast.soniclear.com/wagoner/BOCCR%202021-07-19%20(Jul-19-21%2011-54-37%20AM)/)

The August 30, 2021 Board of County Commission meeting audio recording details the decision for changes to Wagoner County jail medical expansion. The discussion begins at the four minute mark of the recording.

[https://webcast.soniclear.com/wagoner/BOCCR%202021-08-30%20\(Aug-30-21%2010-22-47%20AM\)/](https://webcast.soniclear.com/wagoner/BOCCR%202021-08-30%20(Aug-30-21%2010-22-47%20AM)/)

PERSICA SOLAR, LLC

September 2024 – Persica submitted an Application for Conditional Use Permit to Wagoner MAPC. Their cover letter included information that the solar farm project is located south of Porter, OK, will produce up to 241.7 megawatts of photovoltaic solar energy with a capital investment of \$336 Million. Reported to be 4500 acres. Resident opposition resulted in several public meetings. On June 16, 2025, 2 of the 3 county commissioners voted to deny the solar farm application. Here is an article on the June meeting:

<https://www.kjrh.com/news/local-news/wagoner-county-commissioners-expected-to-vote-on-solar-farms-future>



Persica Solar, LLC
700 Universe Blvd
Juno Beach, FL 33408

September 27, 2024
Rachael Cooper, Planning Director
Wagoner County
307 E Cherokee Street Wagoner, OK 74467

RE: Persica Solar Energy Center—Conditional Use Permit Application

Dear Ms. Cooper:

Enclosed for your review is Persica Solar, LLC's (Persica Solar) application for a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed Persica Solar Energy Center Project (Project).

Persica Solar, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NextEra Energy), seeks approval of this Conditional Use Permit Application to build a solar energy center in Wagoner County. NextEra Energy generates more wind and solar energy than any other company in the world and is proud to be built and based in America, creating thousands of high-paying American jobs through energy investments.

The Persica Solar Energy Center Project is located south of Porter, OK and will produce up to 241.7 megawatts (MW) of photovoltaic solar energy, with a capital investment of \$336MM.

Persica Solar is enthusiastic about creating value for Wagoner County and its residents through one of the County's important natural resources—the sun. We look forward to working with Wagoner County on this Project. Please reach out with any questions at Allison.MacLeod@nexteraenergy.com or (561) 339-0924.

Sincerely,

Allison MacLeod
Senior Project Manager, Development

Enclosures:

Persica Solar Energy Center Conditional Use Permit Application
Exhibit 1 – Conditional Use Questionnaire
Exhibit 2 – Project Boundary
Exhibit 3 – Expected Haul Route
Exhibit 4 – Community Support

EVENTS YOU'LL WANT TO ATTEND



2025 | 50TH ANNUAL COWETA FALL FESTIVAL

September 11 – 13, 2025

Location: Downtown Coweta

- ❖ Carnival Rides
- ❖ Vendor Booths
- ❖ Exceptional fair food
- ❖ Live stage entertainment
- ❖ Fall Festival Pageant
- ❖ Talent competition
- ❖ Kids games, car show and more!

More information:

<https://www.cowetachamber.com/information/>

2025 SCOTFEST

September 19 – 21, 2025

Broken Arrow Central Park Community Center

1500 S Main, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

- Live music
- Highland Athletics
- Pipes & Drums
- Highland Dance
- Whiskey Tastings
- Armored Combat

**Link to the website for details,
tickets, registrations and more**

<https://okscotfest.com/>



COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY LINKS

County or Municipality	Agendas & Minutes	Government / Council Information
Wagoner County	https://www.wagonercounty.ok.gov/AgendaCenter	https://www.wagonercounty.ok.gov/264/Elected-Officials
City of Broken Arrow	https://brokenarrow.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx	https://www.brokenarrowok.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/5311/638711499707630000
City of Coweta	https://www.cityofcoweta-ok.gov/325/Agenda-and-Minutes	https://www.cityofcoweta-ok.gov/27/Government
City of Porter	https://townofporterok.com/meeting-agendas-and-minutes	https://townofporterok.com/
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