

## Obituary



**Elmer Ansley**

Elmer Ansley, 86-year-old Woodward resident, passed away, Monday, Aug. 4, 2025, in Woodward. A family reunion and memorial service is being planned for August 31, 2025, in Mooreland Community Building.

Elmer A. Ansley, son of William D. and Ethel (Serfoss) Ansley, was born March 25, 1939, in Hooker. He grew up and completed school, participating in basketball and baseball in Adams, Oklahoma. He married Dee Adams in 1955, and they had three children, Jan, Stan and Van. They parted ways in 1975.

Elmer and the children moved to Woodward, then Mooreland. In 1976 he married Karen Reed in Oklahoma City and gained three children, Cathy, Christie and Nathan Reed.

Elmer lived and worked the Oklahoma panhandle and north-west Oklahoma as a builder, renovator and finish carpenter, working many years with his son, Stan. He had a lifetime love of many sports, he was a treasure hunter and metal detector, and he loved rebuilding old cars. He was a strong and loving husband and father, a devoted uncle and good friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents; great grandsons, Bryson

Rawlins and Trace Williams; great granddaughters, Bailey Walker and Hannah Elliott; daughter, Christie Reed Hill; daughter in law, Shelley Ansley; son, Nathan Reed; brothers, Roy and Pete Ansley, and sisters in law, Darlene Ansley and Teri DeBolt.

Elmer is survived by his wife Karen; son, Stan; daughters, Jan, Van and Cathy Elliott (Mike); son in law, Kent Hill; daughter in law, Marty Reed; brother, Charles and sister in law, Kathy Lee; and grandchildren, Terry Rawlins, Dee Williams, Ace Rawlins (Hannah), Lauryn Spray (Brett), Jeff Elliott (Kelsey), Jackson Coats (Julie), John Elliott (Amy), Andrew Reed-Moutray (Charlotte Burton), Amber Griffin and Heather Ansley (Caleb); fourteen great grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces.

Remembrances may be shared online at [www.billingsfuneral-homewoodward.com](http://www.billingsfuneral-homewoodward.com).



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## Social Security Matters

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I have a very simple question: I will turn 70 on September 20th and want to start my Social Security benefits in September. What month should I file my claim? Have there been delays with the reductions in SSA staff? Thank you for your help. Signed: Ready to Claim.

Dear Ready to Claim: Social Security allows you to submit your application for benefits up to 4 months prior to the month you wish benefits to start (you will specify your desired benefit-start-month on the application). Thus, to have your benefits begin in September (the month you turn 70), you can submit your application as early as May 2025. That will give SS plenty of time to get your benefits started on time. Remember, though, that SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned, so if you start benefits in September, you will receive your first SS payment

in October (on the 3rd Wednesday). And, since you will be turning 70 in September you are entitled to full benefits effective from the first of that month. Congratulations on choosing a strategy which maximizes your monthly payment. By claiming at age 70, your monthly SS benefit will be about 31% more than it would have been at your full retirement age, and you will get that higher monthly amount for the rest of your life.

Re your question about possible delays, Social Security staff reductions have not included “front line” agents (those who handle applications), so the SS recent staff adjustments should not likely delay processing your application. Although some back-office staffing turmoil currently exists at SSA, they have been moving more people to front-line positions to try to improve their service. Just be aware, however, that it normally

takes the SSA about 2 to 3 months to process new applications, which is why they allow applications up to 4 months in advance. You will specify the month you wish benefits to start on your application. In any case, although your application should be fine if you submit it this month, rest assured that they will pay you starting with the month you requested, even if they must do so retroactively.

FYI, you can apply for Social Security in person by making a telephone appointment to do so at 1.800.772.1213, or you can apply online at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply). To apply online, you need to have first created your “my Social Security” online account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Here is a video which explains the online application process: [www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim\\_r01.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm).



## Public Notice

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### REGULAR JULY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF WOODWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(Tuesday, July 1, 2025) Meeting was called to order by Chairman C. White with Thorn & T. White present. Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act was acknowledged. Motion was made by C. White to approve minutes of the previous meeting seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by T. White to appoint Keith Frutiger sheriff seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to table Sheriff contracts seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve Woodward County Contracts seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by T. White to approve blanket purchase orders seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve County Health Contracts seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve amending contract with Craig County Detention Center seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by Thorn to approve purchase orders seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve ACCO Property/Liability quotes seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve Liability Quote for Public Facilities seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve Resale Property Financial Statement seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to appoint requisition/receiving agents for sheriff's office seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve (OERSSIRF) letters for EMS seconded by Thorn all ayes. Adjourn (Monday, July 7, 2025) Meeting was called to order by Chairman C. White with Thorn & T. White present. Statement of Compliance with the open meeting act was acknowledged. Motion was made by T. White to approve the minutes of the previous meetings seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by T. White to approve sheriff's contracts seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve monthly highway expenditures seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve Cash Funds Estimate of Needs seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by T. White to approve monthly reports of officers seconded by C. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve monthly report of treasurer seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by Thorn to approve purchase order batches seconded by C. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve letter from Mooreland Fire Department for extension on REAP Grant seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve letter from Sharon Fire Department for extension on REAP Grant WW-25-4 seconded by T. White all ayes. adjourn (Monday, June 14, 2025) Meeting was called to order by Chairman C. White with Thorn & T. White present. Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act was acknowledged. Motion was made by T. White to approve the minutes of the previous meeting seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve letter to OEDA & REAP wanting to change grant from two hydrants to one hydrant for Quinlan RWD seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve agreement with OSU for Extension services in Woodward County seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve purchase orders FY 24/25 seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by Thorn to approve purchase orders FY 25/26 seconded by C. White all ayes. Motion was made by Thorn to approve transfer out of Co. wide fire into District #3 seconded by C. White all ayes. Motion was made by Thorn to approve transfer out of Fair into District #3 seconded by C. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve transfer out of Sheriff's AG into District #3 seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to appoint Requisition/Receiving Emergency Transporting Revolving Fund seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve Court Clerk's Management Monthly Report seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve Case Balance Summary Report seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to appoint Requisition/Receiving Agents Juvenile Detention Center seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by Thorn to approve monthly reports of officers seconded by C. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to appoint Requisition/Receiving Agents Flood Plains seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by Thorn to approve disposal of HP Desk Top Computer District #3 seconded by C. White all ayes adjourn (Monday, July 21, 2025) Meeting was called to order by Chairman C. White with Thorn & T. White present. Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act was acknowledged (Monday, July 21, 2025) Meeting was called to order by Chairman Clint White with Thorn present & T. White absent. Motion was made by Thorn to approve purchase order batches seconded by C. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve Alcoholic Beverage Tax seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by Thorn to approve payroll seconded by C. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to appoint requisition/receiving agents for ARPA, District #1, District #2, County Health, District #3, Emergency Management, Fairgrounds, Fire Prevention, Ft Supply Fire Department, Mutual Fire Department, Mooreland Fire Department, Sharon Fire Department & County Wide Fire, seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve permit from Iochem for brine water pipeline seconded by Thorn all ayes. adjourn (Monday, July 28, 2025) Meeting was called to order by Chairman C. White with Thorn & T. White present. Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act was acknowledged. Motion was made by Thorn to approve the minutes of the previous meeting seconded by C. White Voting T. White-abstain, Thorn-yes & C. White-yes. Motion was made by C. White to table bid for replacement of water meters rural water District #2 seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to table annual statement & foot notes seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by Thorn to approve purchase orders batches seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by Thorn to approve blanket purchase orders seconded by C. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to table dates of holidays for 2026 seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to accept retirement letter from Mistie Dunn County Assessor seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve resolution for Sheriff's Funding Grant seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve resolution for interlocal agreement establishing Oklahoma Class seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to move into executive session seconded by Thorn all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to return to open meeting seconded by T. White all ayes. Motion was made by T. White to increase fair board manager salary from \$65,000 to \$75,000 yearly seconded by Thorn all ayes. County Commissioners Minutes for the month of July as approved in a BOCC meeting August 4, 2025.

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## Public Notice

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WOODWARD COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of )  
VONNA JOYCE DODD, Deceased ) No. PB-2023-54

### AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND FOR DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Robert Dodd, personal representative of the Estate of Vonalee Joyce Dodd, deceased, has rendered, filed and presented for final settlement, his final account of the administration of said estate, and his petition for determination of the heirs, and for distribution of said estate and for final discharge of said personal representative, and that the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for the 29th day of AUGUST, 2025, at 3:00 o'clock P.M., at the District Courtroom in the County Courthouse at Woodward, in Woodward County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should be not be settled and allowed, the heirs of said deceased determined, said estate distributed and the personal representative discharged.

DATED this 28th day of July, 2025.

s/ Erin N. Kirksey

Judge of the District Court

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