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Weatherford voters say NO to two school bond votes Tuesday

Both Weatherford Public Schools bond propositions fell short Tuesday night, failing to meet the 60 percent supermajority required for approval under Oklahoma law.

With all precincts reporting as of 8 p.m., voting officials tallied 888 "Yes" votes and 1,545 "No" votes for Proposition 1, the measure seeking funds to construct a new high school

campus. A total of 2,433 ballots were cast on the proposal, with 36.5 percent voting in favor.

Proposition 2, which would have secured funding for new school transportation, drew 1,233 "Yes" votes and 1,211 "No" votes. Though the measure received 50.5 percent support, it too failed to reach the required three-fifths threshold.



The proposed site for a new Weatherford High School campus is located along the north end of Washington Street, south of Lawter Road. For full results see Page 10A.

Weatherford sales tax up 11.08%

Kyra Huckabay
WDN City Editor

Weatherford's sales tax receipts were up for the month of February by 11.08% compared to 2025.

February 2026 sales tax numbers are generated from December 2025.

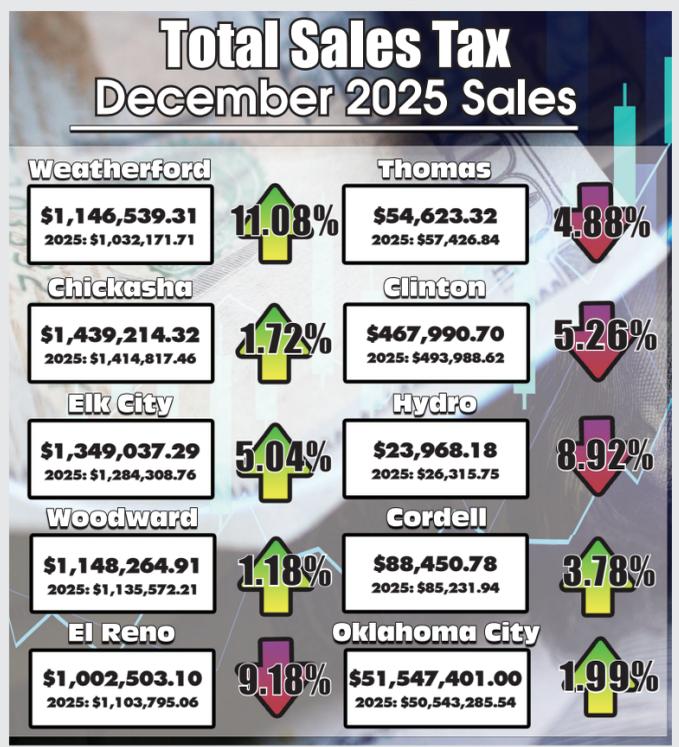
February 2026 use tax for Weatherford was \$173,461.05, which is down 35.28% from the \$268,029.58 amount in 2025.

Use tax typically is generated from online shopping and oilfield equipment sales.

Clinton's sales tax was down 5.26% but their use tax was up 4.03% compared to last year.

Elk City's sales tax was up 5.04% and their use tax was up by 8.39%.

Thomas' sales tax had a 4.88% decrease but an increased use tax of 16.29%.



Hydro had a 8.92% decrease in sales tax but a 5.72% increase in use tax.

El Reno's sales tax was down 9.18% but their use tax was up by 4.86%.

Chamber banquet: See the photos, Pages 2A & 13A



Jeanine Berrong, left, is presented the Rotary Community Service Award by Rotary President Hardeep Saluja at Saturday's Weatherford Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Please see Pages 2A and 13A for more photos from the event.



Weatherford School Board highlights student successes across district

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The Weatherford Public Schools Board of Education met Monday night, where principals and administrators shared highlights

showcasing student achievement, creativity and community involvement across the district.

Weatherford Public Schools will be out of school Friday and Monday with parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for

Monday.

Several campuses recently marked the 100th day of school, with many students dressing

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Stafford Elementary students Hudson Burrows and Sawyer Smith dress as senior citizens to celebrate the school's 100th Day of School last Wednesday, which was highlighted during Monday's Weatherford School Board meeting. For more photos from the 100th Day of School, see Page 5A.

Oklahoma panel passes measure to ban lab-grown meat

Barbara Hoberock
Oklahoma Voice

A Senate panel on Monday passed a bill to prohibit the sale and manufacturing of cell-cultured lab-grown meat.

The Senate Agriculture and Wildlife Committee passed Senate Bill 2121 by a vote of 9-3, despite

concerns it took away consumer freedom and was designed to protect the agriculture industry.

The measure, by Sen. Spencer Kern, R-Duncan, has an exemption for research.

"As the state's fourth largest sector, this bill is considered a way to safeguard our agricultural heritage, our economy and

Oklahoma's well being," Kern said.

Sen. Carri Hicks, D-Oklahoma City, asked how the measure squared with a free market and allowing individuals to purchase products they want to consume.

Kern said the bill looks at the greater good for the state.

Hicks said the products reduce land use and are a much more

environmentally sustainable product.

Kern said the real issue is about health concerns, adding that it was a new industry.

"There are things that have not been addressed so far," Kern said.

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