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**Copy:** Brent Shain, Chair of the Board of Trustees, whom I ask you to copy

**Re:** Open Records Act request — the Emerald ProjectCo Data Center Project Plan and Tax Incentive Agreement; the library system's seat on the review committee

Under the Oklahoma Open Records Act, 51 O.S. § 24A.1 et seq., I request to inspect and obtain copies of the following records of the Southeast Oklahoma Library System and its Board of Trustees, including records held by its executive director, trustees individually, whoever keeps the Board's minutes, administrators, attorneys and other representatives, regardless of medium and regardless of the account or device on which they were created, sent or received.

1. **Communications.** All emails, text and app messages, letters, memoranda, meeting notes, calendar entries and voicemail transcriptions sent or received by the executive director, any trustee or any employee that contain or refer to any of the following, which I offer as the search terms for this item: Emerald ProjectCo Inc.; "Project Emerald", "Emerald" or "EmeraldCo"; the Emerald ProjectCo Data Center Project; IREN, IREN Limited, Iris Energy, IE US Holdings Inc. or any affiliate; Jason Date, Evan Horn, Marat Ahmad, Lindsay Ward, Michel Skura, Jonathan Gray, Gerald Byrd, David Shaw or Giles Walsh; Black Mountain Energy Storage or Caroline O'Brien; Tipton Capital, Mitch Stevenson, Ernst & Young or ISB Group (John Dorff), in connection with the project; Floyd & Driver PLLC or David Floyd, in connection with the project; Public Service Company of Oklahoma or Jonathan Wynn, in connection with the project; the PCDC Tax Incentive District Review Committee under any name; or, in connection with a data center, "TID", "TIF", "incentive district", "tax increment", "abatement", "data center" or "data centre".
2. **The committee seat.** All records created or received by the executive director as the library system's representative on the PCDC Tax Incentive District Review Committee: agendas, packets, drafts, projections, counsel's questions and the developer's responses, and his notes or summaries, including any notes on the motion to recommend the plan that he made on 7 April 2026.
3. **Board records.** Every agenda, packet, minute entry, recording and executive-session notice of the Board of Trustees that mentions the project, the incentive districts, the Tax Incentive Agreement or the projected revenue to the system, reported in May 2026 as about $1 million a year.
4. **What the system was given.** Every document the developer, its advisers or the county's counsel provided to the library system, and any Tax Incentive Agreement draft sent for its review.

5. **Confidentiality.** Any non-disclosure, confidentiality or exclusivity agreement, or request for one, involving the system, the executive director or any trustee and any party named in item 1.

**Period.** 1 January 2025 to the date you process this request. For items that name a specific company or person, please apply no start date: those names did not appear in your records before then, so a floor adds nothing but the risk of a miss.

**Specificity.** This request is framed to meet 51 O.S. § 24A.5(7): the period above is the time frame, each numbered item seeks identifiable records rather than general information, and the names and phrases listed are the search terms to run. If you consider any item still not reasonably specific, tell me which one and what you need, and I will narrow it by return rather than have the request denied on that ground.

**Format.** Electronic, in native format with attachments and metadata intact (for example .eml or .msg, .docx, .xlsx), or searchable PDF where no native file exists. Please produce on a rolling basis as records are located rather than holding everything for one release.

**Fees.** This request is not for a commercial purpose. It is made by a county resident and taxpayer to determine whether those entrusted with public affairs are performing their duties, the purpose for which 51 O.S. § 24A.5 forbids a search fee. I will pay copying at the statutory rate. If you expect the cost to exceed $50, please send an estimate before incurring it and I will narrow the request or inspect the records in person, which the Act allows at no charge. Should you require advance payment under § 24A.5(4), send the estimate and I will remit it promptly; please do not treat the request as paused before the estimate reaches me. Your Open Records Policy, approved 25 March 2025, charges no reproduction fee for records produced electronically, the format asked for above, so I expect no copying charge. Its labor charge of $20 an hour for staff time beyond one hour is a search fee, which § 24A.5(4) permits only where a request is solely for commercial purpose or would clearly cause excessive disruption of a body's essential functions, and never where release is in the public interest. If you still expect to charge for staff time, please say so in the estimate your policy provides for, with the basis, before any time is charged.

**Withholding.** If any record or part of one is withheld, please identify it (date, author, recipient, subject) and cite the specific statutory exemption, and release every reasonably segregable portion as § 24A.5 requires. Messages about public business on personal accounts or devices are records under 2009 OK AG 12. A record does not become confidential because it was placed in a litigation or investigation file (§ 24A.20). I do not ask for any record that identifies a library user with the materials or services that user borrowed or used. If one turns up in the search, please redact the user's identity and release the rest rather than withhold the record.

**Response.** Please acknowledge receipt and tell me when I can expect the first production; the Act requires prompt, reasonable access (§ 24A.5). I am glad to talk through scope by phone if it will speed things up.

**Responding online.** You may also reply through the page set up for this request, whose address and code appear on the mailed copy. It lets you confirm receipt, upload records, send a written response, or tell me when you expect to produce. What you write goes on the public register as received; files are published there after they have been read for a third party's personal information, which this site does not keep. A reply by post or email is equally welcome.

Sincerely,

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