

**State of the State**  
**Governor E. W. Marland**  
**November 24, 1936**

To the Members of the Honorable Senate  
And Honorable House of Representatives  
Of the 16th Legislature  
First Extraordinary Session  
Gentlemen:

I have convoked you in Extraordinary Session for the purpose of considering matters of vital interest to our State, action upon which will not in my opinion brook delay until the Regular Session of your Honorable Body in January of next year.

When you meet in Regular Session in January, I will as the Constitution provides lay before you a message informing you of general conditions existing in our State and make such suggestions as I then deem proper in connection therewith.

At this time I will only submit for your consideration matters which I deem exceedingly urgent and needing your immediate attention.

First, I call to your attention for immediate consideration the condition of the farmers of the State who are victims of the late drouth. There are approximately 117,000 farmers with families who have applied to the Federal agencies for drouth relief. I am informed that approximately 40,000 of these families can be taken care of through one Federal Agency by grants and loans until they have time to make another crop. I am informed that approximately 45,000 farmers are on WPA rolls and that employment has been provided for them only until January. I am informed there are over 30,000 farmers who have applied for relief through Federal agencies to whom no relief has been granted by these agencies.

Many of these farmers are living on good land but as a result of the drouth made no crops and no hay or other feed for their stock, have no grain in their bins; and because of failure of fruit and vegetables crops have no provisions in their cellars. These farmers are not on relief, do not want to go on relief, but want work so they may earn enough to feed their families and their livestock.

I recommend that an appropriation be made to the State Board of Public Welfare of sufficient funds to permit the board to co-operate with Federal agencies in providing work for these farmers on their own or neighboring lands building farm ponds and terraces for the conservation of our water and our soil.

Second, I call your attention to the fact that the funds heretofore appropriated to the State Board of Public Welfare for expenditure for the relief of unemployables is practically exhausted; that the Board has since the 15th Session of the Legislature expended for relief through the County Welfare boards the sum of \$4,683,167.03, which money was paid out to the County Welfare boards in the amounts shown by Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and by them distributed under the authority vested in them by S. B. 1, S. B. 407, H. B. 564 of the 15th Session and Initiative Petition 149.

In addition to this sum the State Welfare Board has expended \$16,684.68 of State funds for administration and the County Welfare board \$29,797.00, making a total of \$46,481.68.

The State Board of Public Welfare as of November 1, 1936, had \$296,832.97 to its credit with the State Treasurer.

The State Welfare Board has already allotted to the County Welfare boards for the month of November \$133,861.00, which will leave us a balance of approximately \$162,971.97 December 1.

As of November 1, 1936, the County Welfare boards reported the to State Welfare Board that they had on their rolls 55,964 families, including 182,169 individuals, to whom they are granting aid, as show by Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

The need for an appropriation for relief to these unemployables is no less than it was at the 15th Session of the Legislature. I recommend that you appropriate such funds as in your judgment may be adequate for this purpose for the period ending June 30, 1937.

Third, I call to your attention for consideration the fact of the passage of the Unemployment Insurance Act by the Federal Congress and recommend that you pass such legislation as will enable the State to co-operate and participate with the Federal Government in its unemployment insurance program.

Fourth, I call to your attention for consideration the fact of the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment providing for Homestead Tax Exemption and recommend the passage of legislation vitalizing this amendment as in your judgment may be necessary and proper at this time.

Fifth, I call your attention to the condition of the State institutions on their need for repairs and extensions.

I recommend that the Appropriations committees be divided into three or more joint subcommittees, one committee to visit the penal institutions, one to visit hospitals and eleemosynary institutions, and one to visit educational institutions.

Sixth, I call your attention to the fact that the State has no adequate police protection and no State law enforcement agency sufficient to cope with law violations, and I recommend the appointment of a joint committee for the study of this subject.

Seventh, I recommend the enactment of a law consolidating the Title Division of the Oklahoma Highway Commission with the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and transferring control thereof to the Tax Commission.

Eight, I recommend for your consideration the enactment of a Drivers' License Law.

Ninth, I recommend for your consideration the enactment of a law creating a commission under which will be consolidated all the activities, rights, and duties of the Oklahoma State Planning Board, Conservation Commission, State Game and Fish Commission, Park Commission, and Oklahoma Forest Commission.

Tenth, I call you attention the need of additional office space for the departments of State Government and recommend the appropriation of such moneys as may be necessary to erect a building on the Capitol Grounds providing necessary accommodations for the transaction of the public business.

Eleventh, I call you attention to the existing Interstate Oil Compact authorized by the 15th Session of the Legislature, which expires by its own limitations September 1, 1937. It is necessary that the renewal of this compact be approved by this legislature and by Congress and I recommend the passage of appropriate legislation authorizing the extension of this Interstate Oil Compact Agreement.

Twelfth, I recommend for your consideration the enactment of law authorizing the several counties of the State to establish a law library financed from the court fund of such county.

Respectfully submitted on this the 24th day of November, A. D. 1936.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

E. W. Marland

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**TO**  
**MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA**  
**TO**  
**FIRST EXTRORDINARY SESSION**  
**16TH LEGISLATURE OF OKLAHOMA,**  
**November 24, 1936**

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Adair	\$ 93,319.37
Alfalfa	23,764.51
Atoka	104,011.23
Beaver	35,610.29
Beckham	44,790.93
Blaine	30,090.03
Bryan	86,852.45
Caddo	108,834.81
Canadian	37,127.63
Carter	52,763.47
Cherokee	66,321.25
Choctaw	62,882.32
Cimarron	9,601.31
Cleveland	29,181.05
Coal	36,357.17
Comanche	80,972.02
Cotton	31,315.72
Craig	39,503.77
Creek	130,841.16
Custer	36,566.61
Delaware	43,212.47
Dewey	19,042.17
Ellis	26,763.96
Garfield	56,535.82
Garvin	38,832.99
Grady	96,106.28
Grant	17,764.83
Greer	36,329.75
Harmon	42,073.66
Harper	11,012.49
Haskell	88,274.16
Hughes	50,105.84
Jackson	40,638.38
Jefferson	25,038.57

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Johnston	\$ 57,021.44
Kay	62,503.16
Kingfisher	31,625.43
Kiowa	48,055.26
Latimer	43,760.00
LeFlore	120,738.91
Lincoln	62,320.11
Logan	49,828.59
Love	24,139.05
McClain	34,223.10
McCurtain	98,260.04
McIntosh	47,458.27
Major	19,086.76
Marshall	49,089.06
Mayes	57,164.13
Murray	39,862.07
Muskogee	107,129.02
Noble	29,178.67
Nowata	28,649.12
Okfuskee	82,760.70
Oklahoma	261,308.61
Okmulgee	128,823.17
Osage	75,373.10
Ottawa	64,428.64
Pawnee	45,122.58
Payne	52,284.97
Pittsburg	87,021.12
Pontotoc	66,708.33
Pottawatomie	126,925.61
Pushmataha	50,895.08
Roger Mills	34,539.12
Rogers	40,090.91
Seminole	134,594.37
Sequoyah	128,332.72
Stephens	58,247.27
Texas	23,398.92
Tillman	56,090.75
Tulsa	239,989.07
Wagoner	65,610.01
Washington	34,221.67
Washita	44,959.29
Woods	28,286.30
Woodward	<u>26,626.64</u>
Total	\$ 4,683,167.03

**EXHIBIT “B”**

**TO**

**MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA**

**TO**

**FIRST EXTRORDINARY SESSION**

**16TH LEGISLATURE OF OKLAHOMA,**

**November 24, 1936**

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>FAMILIES</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>
Adair	1304	4909
Alfalfa	242	834
Atoka	1191	4752
Beaver	449	1348
Beckham	226	360
Blaine	246	761
Bryan	1143	3733
Caddo	1289	4523
Canadian	745	2685
Carter	198	312
Cherokee	886	3832
Choctaw	857	2967
Cimarron	60	199
Cleveland	190	644
Coal	1227	3868
Comanche	1380	4828
Cotton	263	1053
Craig	253	1020
Creek	1108	4375
Custer	281	833
Delaware	678	2097
Dewey	198	691
Ellis	382	1185
Garfield	813	2161
Garvin	208	613
Grady	890	3570
Grant	85	278
Greer	632	2136
Harmon	961	3682
Harper	57	131
Haskell	554	1899
Hughes	322	970
Jackson	365	1229
Jefferson	195	588

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>FAMILIES</u>	<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>
Johnston	324	791
Kay	393	1108
Kingfisher	614	2094
Kiowa	290	1057
Latimer	630	2339
LeFlore	1714	5936
Lincoln	643	1911
Logan	547	2057
Love	230	721
McClain	206	605
McCurtain	1836	5997
McIntosh	297	892
Major	84	225
Marshall	1470	5606
Mayes	874	3306
Murray	501	1318
Muskogee	1203	4286
Noble	194	640
Nowata	391	958
Okfuskee	1068	4691
Oklahoma	2165	5251
Okmulgee	2407	7519
Osage	596	2272
Ottawa	793	2326
Pawnee	508	1881
Payne	274	694
Pittsburg	1350	4579
Pontotoc	506	1915
Pottawatomie	2332	4795
Pushmataha	766	2800
Roger Mills	331	925
Rogers	449	1621
Seminole	1210	4317
Sequoyah	2591	6971
Stephens	865	2912
Texas	202	844
Tillman	930	3092
Tulsa	2178	4769
Wagoner	1020	3300
Washington	202	456
Washita	196	694
Woods	418	1620
Woodward	<u>288</u>	<u>1012</u>
Totals	55964	182169

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Section 9, Article 6 of the Constitution of Oklahoma provides as follows:

“At every session of the Legislature, and immediately upon its organization, the Governor shall communicate by message, delivered to joint session of the two houses, upon the condition of the State; and shall recommend such matters to the Legislature as he shall judge expedient.”

From statehood in 1907 to present, the state of the state addresses of Oklahoma's Governors have been recorded in pamphlets, booklets, and Senate Journals. One could not foresee the toll that time would take on the earliest of these documents. When these items first arrived at the Oklahoma State Archives, the leather bindings had dried considerably, cracking the spines significantly. Due to the acidity in the paper, many pages have darkened with age. Some of the more brittle pamphlets crumble at the slightest touch.

Thus when we decided to digitize these materials, we faced two challenges: the safety of the original documents and ease of viewing/reading for patrons. Our primary objective was that the unique and historic qualities of the documents should be reflected in the website. However, older fonts would not digitize clearly when scanned and even using a flatbed scanner could cause the bindings to worsen. An image of each page would increase download time considerably and any hand-written remarks or crooked pages could be lost. We decided to retype each document with every period, comma, and misspelled word to maintain the integrity of the document while placing some unique images of the documents online. Patrons can download the addresses quicker and view them clearer as well as save, print, and zoom with the Adobe Acrobat Reader. We have learned much from our efforts and we hope that our patrons are better served in their research on the state of the state addresses of Oklahoma's Governors.