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CITY OF DEWEY - DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

TWO (2) GOVERNMENTS FIND COMMON GROUND

(Bartlesville, OK) - In a joint statement to the press on January 26, 2007, officials of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the City of Dewey, Oklahoma, discussed their collaborative efforts for the proposed development of a 17 acre parcel of land located on U.S. Highway 75 in Dewey.

The Delaware Tribe of Indians and the City of Dewey entered into an agreement on December 18, 2006, for the Delaware Tribe to purchase property owned by the City for the purpose of developing a four (4) phase economic development project. The project is scheduled to include; C-Store Travel Center, Retail Commercial Center, Restaurant, and 60 room hotel. Delaware Tribal Chief Jerry Douglas; Delaware Business Chairman, (Delaware Enterprise Corporation), Wayne Stull; Tribal Attorney Vicki

Sousa; and Earnest Tiger, Director of Economic Development met and discussed, on several occasions, with Dewey City Officials the scope of the project and the economic objectives of both the Tribe and the City.

City of Dewey Mayor, Joe Franco stated, “We have been working with the Tribe on this project for sometime now and we feel that this project is going to be a win-win situation for both the City and the Tribe.” “The dynamics and synergy of our two (2) governments working together has been good and this project is going to mean revenue and jobs for the Tribe, City, and County,” according to Mayor Franco.

Delaware Chief, Jerry Douglas says, “The Tribe is going to be spending considerable time in the weeks to come investigating the feasibility of each component of each phase of the project.” Chief Douglas stated that, “it is going to be important that the Tribe affix its name to a profitable, quality, first class project.” Both the Mayor and the Chief are enthusiastic about the project and the response from the public, especially for the number of calls that have come in concerning potential tenants for the Retail Commercial Center.

The Delaware Enterprise Corporation, (the Delaware Tribal Business division), will manage and control the Dewey project and according to Wayne Stull, DEC Chairman; “We would like to encourage anyone interested in locating in the Commercial Center to call 918-337-6597 or 918-337-6598. The architects have already begun planning and programming spatial requirement for the Center and we would like to build this phase of the project based on the needs of the community. Stull stated, our board, (the DEC), would like to sign a letter of intent with one of our local banks and a major anchor tenant before we break ground on the project.” Presently, we are discussing

tenant requirements with an insurance agency, attorneys, beauty salon, fitness centers and eating establishments,” according to Stull.

Chief Douglas and Wayne Stull, (who is also the Assistant Chief of the Delaware Tribe), believe the Dewey project will stimulate and activate increased entrepreneurship in Dewey and northern Washington County. According to Stull,” the DEC has ambitious plans but he refuses to discuss them until after this project is up and running, and profitable.”

The Delaware Tribe’s Economic Development staff is working with a Tulsa based Architectural and Engineering firm to establish a time-line and performance schedules to ensure that an efficiently structured development process is adhered to. Commercial center tenant interviews are already underway and the Tribe has initiated communications with potential tenants considered to be major anchor stores. According to DEC Chairman, Wayne Stull, “Our plan is to complete all of the preliminary work on the project by the end of May 2007, shortly thereafter, we will schedule a Kodak moment and then we will start turning dirt and pouring concrete.”

The Mayor and the City Council and the Chief and Tribal Council are looking forward to inviting all of Washington County to the ground breaking ceremony.