

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

In the Matter of:
Rentiesville Post Office
Rentiesville, Oklahoma

Docket No. A2010-5

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF FILING
(September 24, 2010)

By means of Order No. 526 (August 27, 2010), the Postal Regulatory Commission docketed correspondence from the mayor of Rentiesville, Oklahoma, assigning PRC Docket No. A2010-5 as an appeal pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 404(d). Consistent with past practice, the Postal Service filed the administrative record in hard copy on September 9, 2010. On September 16, 2010, the Commission issued PRC Order No. 539, “direct[ing] the Postal Service to refile the administrative record in this proceeding electronically ... no later than September 24, 2010.” This pleading responds to that directive.

The Postal Service is today filing the electronic version of the signed, date-stamped Final Determination to Close the Suspended Rentiesville, OK Post

Office and Continue to Provide Rural Route Service, which was posted from July 27, 2010 through August 31, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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68. Letter to customers
69. Notification to local address management systems to update AMS report
70. Announcement in *Postal Bulletin*



March 13, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Terry J. Wilson
Executive In Charge

SUBJECT: Authority to Conduct Investigation

I request your authorization to investigate a possible change in postal services for the following office in the First Congressional District.

Post Office Name: Rentiesville, OK
 ZIP + 4 Code: 74459-9998
 EAS Level A
 Finance Number: 39-6930
 County: McIntosh

Number of Customers:

Post Office Box	34
General Delivery	0
Rural Route (RR)	0
Highway Contract Route (HCR)	0
Intermediate RR	20
Intermediate HCR	0
City Delivery	0
Total Customers	54

The above office will become vacant when the Postmaster retires on March 31, 1998.

Please indicate your approval of this study by signing below and returning the original form to this office.

Donnie Collins
Manager, Post Office Operations

Approval to Study for Discontinuance:

3/14/98

Executive in Charge, Oklahoma District

Date

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Author: BILLY E WILSON at OKOK001L
Date: 3/11/98 4:25 PM
Priority: Normal

TO: JEFFERY A TAYLOR, Diana S Massey
C: J DONNIE COLLINS
Subject: COMPLEMENT TRACKING

ARE THE CLUSTER BOXES READY ?

WE NEED TO MOVE ON THIS ONE IN A HURRY.

Forward Header

Subject: COMPLEMENT TRACKING
Author: BETTY A HAMMONS at TUOK001L
Date: 3/11/98 3:12 PM

I just processed optional retirement on Lula Mae Miller, Postmaster,
EPM-51, Rentiesville, OK, Job 6328312, effective 03/31/98.

Betty Hammons

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POSTMASTER WORKLOAD INFORMATION

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Post Office, State & ZIP Code Centerville, GA 74459-9998	Postmaster's Signature <i>Sue Mae Miller</i>	Date
State & ZIP Code	MSC Manager's Signature	Date
District Office, State & ZIP Code	District Manager's Signature	Date

(Check Box) Vacancy Management Review RFR See Instructions on Reverse

1. Current Office Level		48
2. Finance Number	(1-6)	396930
3. General Delivery Families Served	(7-9)	000
4. Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented	(10-15)	000000
5. Possible City Deliveries	(16-20)	00000
6. Administrative Rural Boxes Served	(21-25)	00000
7. Intermediate Rural Boxes Served	(26-30)	00000
8. Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Rural Boxes for Other Offices	(31-35)	00000
9. Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	(36-39)	0000
10. Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	(40-43)	0000
11. Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes for Other Offices	(44-47)	0000
12. Number of Carrier Stations/Branches	(48-49)	NA
13. Number of Finance Stations/Branches	(50-51)	NA
14. Number of Contract Stations/Branches & Community Post Offices	(52-53)	NA
15a. Does Office Experience A Seasonal Workload? (box one "Y" for yes, "N" for no) (If you answer 'yes' for this question, complete 'Seasonal Workload' section on reverse.)	(54)	N
15b. Duration of Seasonal Workload (Minimum of 8 weeks)	(55-56)	00
16. Does Office Perform Outgoing Distribution for Other Offices?	(57)	N
17. Does Office Perform Incoming Primary Distribution for Other Offices?	(58)	N
18. Does Office Perform Incoming Secondary Distribution for Other Offices?	(59)	N
19. Do You Separate All Incoming Letter Size Mail to City & Rural Carrier Routes for Your Own Office?	(60)	N
20. Do You Separate All Incoming Flat Mail to City & Rural Carrier Routes for Your Own Office?	(61)	N
21. Do You Have Responsibility for Vehicle Maintenance Facilities?	(62)	N
22. Does Your Office Have Administrative Responsibility for An Air Transfer Office?	(63)	N
23. Is Postmaster Lessor for Government Owned Building?	(64)	N
24. Does Office Have MPLSM/SPLSM?	(65)	N
25. Does Office Distribute Food Stamps?	(66)	N

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MEMO TO THE RECORD
April 2, 2010

This is the original Form 150 completed by Postmaster Lula Mae Miller prior to her retirement on March 31, 1998. It is the only Form 150 found in the file. It appears to be incorrect as there are no Post Office Boxes listed. The Workload Service Credits worksheet reveals 34 Post Office boxes served.

WORKLOAD SERVICE CREDITS DISTRICT: OKLAHOMA
 POST OFFICE, STATE, AND ZIP: RENTIESVILLE
 Date of Postmaster Vacancy: (Or Today's Date if not vacant) 10/9/97
 Type of Review: Vacancy
 3 yr Mgmt Review X
 Postmaster Initiated

NUMBER	FACTOR	TOTAL
1 CURRENT POSTMASTER LEVEL		
2 FINANCE NUMBER	396930	
3 NO. GENERAL DELIVERY FAMILIES SERVED	0 X 1.00	0
4 NO. POST OFFICE BOXES/CALL BOXES SERVED	34 X 1.00	34
5 NO. POSSIBLE CITY DELIVERIES	0 X 1.33	0
6 NO. ADMINISTRATIVE RURAL ROUTES BOXES SERVED	0 X 1.00	0
7 NO. INTERMEDIATE RURAL BOXES SERVED	0 X 0.70	0
8 NO. ADMIN RESP INTERM RURAL BOXES OTHER OFC	0 X 0.30	0
9 NO. ADMINISTRATIVE HCR BOXES SERVED	0 X 1.00	0
10 NO. INTERMEDIATE HCR BOXES SERVED	0 X 0.70	0
11 NO. ADMIN RESP FOR INTERM HCR BOXES FOR OTHER OFFICES	0 X 0.30	0
12 NO. CARRIER STATION BRANCHES	0 X 3	0
13 NO. FINANCE STATION BRANCHES	0 X 2	0
14 NO. CONTRACT STATIONS BRANCHES & COMMUNITY POST OFFICES	0 X 1	0
15 MAIL PROCESSING CENTER? (YES OR NO)	N	0
16 SEPARATE INCOMING LETTER SIZE MAIL? (YES OR NO)	Y	0
17 SEPARATE ALL INCOMING FLAT SIZE FLAT SIZE MAIL? (YES OR NO)	Y	0
18 RESPONSIBLE FOR MAIL? (YES OR NO)	N	0
19 ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AMFATC? (YES OR NO)	N	0
20 LESSOR FOR GOVERNMENT OWNED BUILDING? (YES OR NO)	N	0
21 AUTOMATION OFFICE HAS MPFS/MS/PLSM? (YES OR NO)	N	0
22 DISTRIBUTE FOOD STAMPS? (YES OR NO)	N	0
23 EXPERIENCE SEASONAL	N	0
24 SEASONAL WORKLOAD DURATION (NO. OF WEEKS)	0	0
TOTAL EXCEPTION CREDITS: 0		

TOTAL REVENUE UNITS:
 No. Factor Total
 4 x 1 4
 0 x 0.5 0.00
 0 x 0.25 0.00
 0 x 0.1 0.00
 0 x 0.01 0.00
 TOTAL: 4.00

TOTAL WSC'S AND REVENUE CREDITS: 38.00

NEW POST OFFICE LEVEL: _____

UPGRADE THE OFFICE IF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:
 GRADE & THE WSC'S ARE & TOTAL EXCEPTION
 NOW GREATER THAN CREDITS ARE

A	37	1 or more
C	77	1 or more
E	116	1 or more
F	319	3 or more
G	784	3 or more
H	1992	5 or more
I	5300	5 or more
J	12,600	8 or more
K	25,300	8 or more
L	56,900	13 or more
M	104,000	13 or more

ZONE OF TOLERANCE FOR DOWNGRADE	WSC RANGE	ZONE OF TOLERANCE FOR UPGRADE
none	up to 40	41 - 45
36 - 40	41 - 82	83 - 93
73 - 82	83 - 125	126 - 141
111 - 125	126 - 335	336 - 376
298 - 335	336 - 820	821 - 914
736 - 820	821 - 2075	2076 - 2291
1869 - 2075	2076 - 5500	5501 - 6049
4951 - 5500	5501 - 13,000	13,001 - 14,299
11,701 - 13,000	13,001 - 26,000	26,001 - 28,599
23,401 - 26,000	26,001 - 68,200	68,201 - 74,799
61,381 - 68,200	68,201 - 167,200	167,201 - 183,919
150,481 - 167,200	167,201 - and up	none

PS FORM 150 PREPARED BY: DAVID SEPKOWITZ
 PRINT DATE: 9-Oct-97

Offices that are either below or above the Zone of Tolerance range are immediately upgraded.

Complete the worksheets for exception credits, add-on credits, or reduction credits if any of the following apply:
 Seasonal workload increase, mail processing centers, plant loads, offices that do not perform their own secondary distribution.

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EMPLOYEE COMPLEMENT AND ORGANIZATION DATA - FISCAL YEAR 97

POST OFFICE, STATE, AND ZIP CODE <i>Antietam, OK 74459-9998</i>		COUNTY <i>McIntosh</i>	REVENUE UNITS <i>4</i>	CLASS <i>4</i>	FINANCE NO. <i>39-6930</i>	POPULATION (in delivery area) <i>100</i>
(A) FULL TIME POSITIONS		NO. OF POSITIONS <i>2</i>	(B) LOCK BOXES: INSTALLED <i>54</i> RENTED <i>35</i>			
1	POSTMASTER		INSTALLED	RENTED	CLASSIFIED	
2	SUPERVISOR				CONTRACT	RURAL
3	CLERK				DESIGNATION	NO. OF POSITIONS
4	MAIL HANDLER				CODE	
5	CITY CARRIER				61-0	
6	VEHICLE OPERATOR				62-0	
7	SPECIAL DELIVERY MESSENGER				63-4	
8	RURAL CARRIER				63-5	
9	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE				64-0	
10	SUPERVISOR - BLDG & EQUIP MAINTENANCE				65-0	
11	BLDG & EQUIP MAINTENANCE				66-0	
SUBTOTAL		<i>2</i>	SUBTOTAL			<i>2</i>
(D) PART TIME FLEXIBLE POSITIONS			TOTAL COMPLEMENT			
12	CLERK		ASSIGNMENT OF CLERKS & MAIL HANDLERS			
13	MAIL HANDLER		ACTIVITY			NO. OF EMPLOYEES
14	CITY CARRIER		1 MAIL PROCESSING (All Units)			
15	VEHICLE OPERATOR		2 WINDOW SERVICE - MAIN OFFICE			
16	SPECIAL DELIVERY MESSENGER		3 WINDOW SERVICE - STATIONS & BRANCHES			
17	CLERK - MOBILE UNIT		4 ACCOUNTING			
18	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE		5 PERSONNEL			
SUBTOTAL		<i>2</i>	6 ADMINISTRATIVE & OTHER			
AREA CODE & OFFICE PHONE #		AREA CODE & HOME PHONE #	TOTAL		NAME OF SECTIONAL CENTER TO WHICH ATTACHED	
<i>1-918-473-5675</i>		<i>1-918-473-1834</i>			<i>1115A</i>	
POSTMASTER'S SIGNATURE		PM'S LEVEL	DATE SUBMITTED		<i>74459</i>	
<i>Stella Mae Miller</i>		<i>A</i>	<i>9/30/96</i>			

(E) WINDOW SERVICE HOURS			
	FROM	TO	HOURS PER DAY
WEEKDAYS	9:00	11:00	2
SATURDAYS	9:00	11:00	2
SUNDAYS			
HOLIDAYS			

(H) HOURS THE BOX LOBBY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

	FROM	TO	HOURS PER DAY
WEEKDAYS	9:00	11:00	2:00
SATURDAYS	9:00	11:00	2:00
SUNDAYS			
HOLIDAYS			

(F) CUSTOMER SERVICES		
	NO. OF GEN. DEL. PATRONS	
1		-0-
2		-0-
3		-0-

(I) DAILY RECEIPT AND DISPATCH OF MAIL

TIME OF EACH RECEIPT OR DISPATCH			
PERCENT RECEIVED	100		
PERCENT DISPATCHED			

(G) GOVERNMENT-OWNED VEHICLES		
	NO. OF MAILSTERS	
1		-0-
2		-0-
3		-0-

	DELIVERY DATA		RURAL & STAR ROUTE DELIVERY	NUMBER
	REGULAR (NO.)	AUXILIARY (NO.)		
1 - TRIP ROUTES	0	0		
2 - TRIP ROUTES	0	0		
3 - TRIP ROUTES	0	0		
4 - PARCEL POST ROUTES	0	0		
5 - COLLECTION ROUTES	0	0		
6 - OTHER (Combination Routes, Etc.)	0	0		
7 - TOTAL CITY DELIVERY ROUTES	0	0		
8 - NO. OF UTILITY CARRIERS - PS-5	0	0		
9 - NO. OF CARRIER-TECHNICIANS - PS-6	0	0		
10 - NO. OF MOTORIZED ROUTES	0	0		

DELIVERY DATA NA

SECTION III should be completed only by those units that currently house Delivery Unit Bar Code Sorters (DUBCSs) & CSBCSs

DELIVERY UNIT BAR CODE SORTER SITE INFORMATION	
HOURS OF OPERATION M - F	NA
SATURDAY	NA
SUNDAY	NA
NUMBER OF DUBCSs IN YOUR UNIT	
AVG DAILY PROCESSED LTR VOLUME (PCS)	
ZONES ON THE DUBCSs	

HOURS OF DUBCS DAILY SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE EACH MACHINE	
MACHINE #1	
MACHINE #2	
MACHINE #3	
MACHINE #4	
MACHINE #5	
MACHINE #6	

DATE OF DUBCS CONTINGENCY PLAN

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RENTIESVILLE POST OFFICE BOX CUSTOMERS

PO BOX NUMBER	CUSTOMER NAME
1	Charles Miller
2	George Choate
3	Samuel Cunningham
4	Bobby Edwards
8	A. L. Lovelace
13	Sandford Nero
14	Elmer Cunningham
15	George Bumpus
16	Margaret McClendon
19	Mildred Burkhalter
32	Samuel Cunningham
34	Donald Martin
35	Lula Miller
36	D. C. Minner
37	Susan Duvall
38	Robert Jones
39	Rentiesville Fire Department
42	James Henderson
43	Arthur Bumpus
45	Nellie Starks
46	First Baptist Church
53	Naomi Cunningham
55	Susie Nears
57	Pearlie Jones
59	Town of Rentiesville

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RENTIESVILLE POSTAL CUSTOMERS

Line	LINE OF TRAVEL STREET ADDRESS	1621 CODE	CUSTOMER NAME	OLD ADDRESS
1	304 E Gertrude ST	2	Cunningham, Elmer	
2	403 S Center ST	2	Nears, Susie	POB 55
3	302 S Center ST	2	Starks, Nellie/Jones/McFadden	POB 45
4	113 E Broadway ST	2	Jones, Pearlie Mae	POB 57
5	110 E Broadway ST	6	Church of Christ	
6	103 S Center ST	2	Cunningham, Samuel	POB 32
7	402 E Gertrude ST	2	Lovelace/Graves	POB 8 & 105
8	101 Business ST	6	First Baptist Church	POB 46
9	303 Business ST	2	Henderson, James	POB 42
10	305 Business ST	2	Teresa Lollie	
11	702 E. "B" ST	2	Miller, Lula Mae & Charles	POB 35 and POB 1
12	"A" ST	2	Cunningham, C	Rt 1, Checotah, OK
13	"A" ST	2	Dan, M	Rt 1, Checotah, OK
14	141 S Grand Ave	2	Cunningham, Naomi/Choate, George	POB 53 & POB 2
15	131 S Grand Ave	6	Fire Dept	POB 39
16	800 E Gertrude	2	Jones, Ida Mae	Rt 1, Checotah, OK
17	132 S Grand Ave	2	Jones, Hoover	Rt 1, Checotah, OK
18	120 S Grand Ave	2	Hamilton, Jacque	Rt 1, Checotah, OK
19	113 S Grand Ave	2	Hancox, Ruby	Rt 1, Checotah, OK
20	200 S Grand Ave	2	McClendon, Margaret/Turner	POB 16
21	300 S Grand Ave	2	Sanford, Nero	POB 13
22	102 N Center Ave	2	Chandler, Sherman & Tammy	
23	104 N Center Ave	2	Duvall, Susan/Chandler/Haynes	POB 37
24	143 E Main ST	2N	Williams, Irene	POB A, Checotah, OK
25	164 E Main ST	2	Edwards, Bobby	POB 4
26	162 E Main ST	2	Edwards, Wilmer	POB 4
27	151 E Main ST	2	Warrior, Luches & Charisseta	
28	141 E Main ST	2	Jones, Leroy	
29	110 N Center Ave	2	Miler, Sidney	
30	112 N Center Ave	2	Martin, Donald	POB 34
31	114 N Center Ave	2	Haynes, Rufus	
32	200 E Robinson ST	2	Gilyard, Alfred	
33	100 E County RD	2	Bumpus, George	POB 15
34	201 N McIntosh Ave	2	Lollis, James	
35	300 N. McIntosh Ave	2	Burkhalter, Mildred	POB 19
36	101 N. McIntosh Ave	6	Town of Rentiesville	POB 59
37	309 E Gertrude Ave	2	Jones, Robert/Lollis	POB 38
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MEMO TO THE RECORD
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At the time of the community meeting on March 25, 1998, the rural route carrier estimated cost for alternate replacement service was calculated on 27 deliveries and 10 additional miles. The total annual cost was estimated at \$4343. However, by April 10, 1998 the total deliveries were recalculated as 37 with an addition of 14 miles. The final annual estimated cost was \$6281. This is the amount reflected in the Proposal to Close the Rentiesville Post Office.

**Rural Route Carrier
Estimated Cost for Alternative Replacement Service**

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1. Number of additional boxes to be added to the rural route 37

2. Enter the volume factor of the gaining route 2.57 x

Total (Additional Boxes x Volume Factor) 95.09

3. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the rural route

Centralized boxes	_____	x	1.00 Min	_____
Regular L route boxes	_____	x	1.82 Min	_____
Regular Non-L route boxes	<u>37</u>	x	2.00 Min	<u>74.00</u>
Total additional box allowance				<u>74.00</u>

4. Enter the number of additional daily miles to be added to the rural route 14 x 12 Mileage Standard 168

Total additional minutes per week 337.09
 (Miles carried to two decimal places)

5. Total Additional Annual Minutes 337.09 x 52 Weeks 17529
 (Additional minutes per week x 52 weeks per year)

6. Total Additional Annual Hours 17529 / 60 Minutes 292.15
 (Additional Annual Minutes /60 minutes per hour)

7. Enter the Rural cost per hour \$21.50 X 292.15
 (See national payroll summary report – rural carrier, consolidated)

Total Annual Cost (Additional annual hours x rural cost per hour) \$6281

8. Enter lock pouch allowance (If applicable) 0

Total Annual Cost for Alternate Service (Annual cost minus lock pouch allowance) \$6281.

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March 20, 1998

Memorandum for: Postmaster
Rentiesville, OK 74459-9998

Subject: Postal Customer Questionnaires

Enclosed are questionnaires to be placed in customers post office boxes of the Rentiesville Post Office. I have also enclosed additional copies of the questionnaires for any retail customer who wishes to complete one. Please furnish these forms to retail customers upon request. All completed forms should be forwarded to my office by April 17, 1998 for further review.

Diana Massey
Post Office Review Coordinator

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March 20, 1998

Dear Postal Customer:

The postmaster at the Rentiesville Post Office will retire effective 3/31/98. A review of the business activities of the post office reveal that this office qualifies for service only two hours per day.

I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way your postal service is provided. While change is tentative and will not lead to a formal proposal unless we conclude that the degree of regular and effective service could be changed to be more effective for you the customer.

We would like to provide pickup and delivery of your mail, as well as the sale of stamps and all other customary postal services, to roadside mailboxes, at no change to you. This service would be performed by a rural route carrier.

We estimate that the rural route carrier service would cost the Postal Service substantially less than maintaining the post office in your community and still provide regular and effective service. Enclosed is information about some of the services available from the carrier. Retail services are also available at the Checotah Post Office located three miles away. Hours of service are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. on Saturday. Post office box service is available at this location. Post office box access hours are 24 hours a day.

If a permanent change to carrier service is implemented, customers will continue to use the name Rentiesville in their mailing address, and it will continue to be listed in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory. However, the ZIP Code will change to 74426. I invite you to think about a possible change to rural route service. Please return the enclosed questionnaire by April 17, 1998 using the pre-addressed envelope provided. Please be aware that, if we formalize a proposal, your questionnaire will become part of an official record and will be available for public viewing.

You may, of course, want to discuss this form of service with us before drawing any conclusions. A postal representative will be at the Rentiesville Post Office on Wednesday, March 25, 1998 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon to answer questions and provide information about our service. You may wish to discuss and submit your questionnaire at that time. The enclosure entitled "U. S. Postal Service Summary of Post Office Change Regulations" describes what is involved in making a formal proposal if a permanent change in postal service appears warranted.

If you have any questions, you may call Diana Massey, whose telephone number is 405/553-6227.

Thank you for your assistance.


for Roy Garrison
Acting Manager, Post Office Operations (A)
3030 NW Expressway, Suite 1042
Oklahoma City, OK 73198-9201

Enclosures: Questionnaire and return envelope
Summary of Post Office Change Regulations
Carrier delivery information

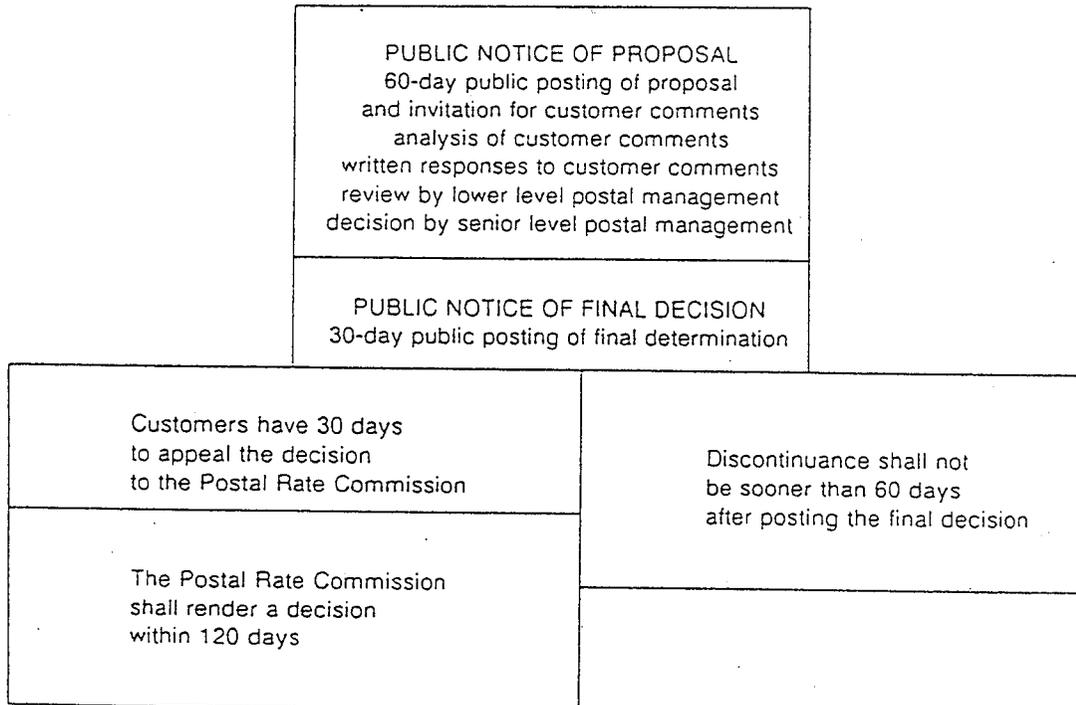


Summary of Post Office Change Regulations

Certain regulations, based on federal law, apply when postal managers propose to replace a post office with an alternate form of postal service. These regulations are designed to ensure that the reasons for proposing such changes in postal service are fully disclosed at a stage when customers can make helpful contributions toward a final decision. The full text of these regulations appears in Title 39, United States Code 404(b).

Initial investigation and any subsequent formal proposal to discontinue a post office originate with lower level postal managers responsible for post offices in that area. The proposal must explain the services recommended as substitutes and the rationale that supports this recommendation. The written proposal is prominently posted for 60 days at the affected post offices, along with an "Invitation for Comments," which formally invites customer comments. At the end of the 60-day comment period, additional review is made at lower and upper levels of postal management.

When a final decision is made at Postal Headquarters in Washington, DC, that decision is posted in the affected post offices for 30 days, during which customers may appeal the decision to the Postal Rate Commission in Washington, DC. The Postal Rate Commission has 120 days to consider and decide on the appeal. Even without an appeal, no post office will be closed sooner than 60 days after the public posting of the final decision.





Post Office on Wheels Services Available from Rural and Highway Contract Route Carriers

You can eliminate almost all trips to the post office, because doing business with the Postal Service is as close as your mailbox. The carrier can provide virtually all postal services to you, and most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Some of the most frequently used services are:

Mailing Packages

Carriers will accept packages at the mailbox without a customer being present, provided the postage is fully prepaid. Just estimate the amount of postage needed and leave the money in the mailbox. If insurance is desired, the value of the contents must be specified. The carrier will take the package to the post office, and it will be weighed to determine the appropriate rate. The package will be mailed that same day. The carrier will leave the customer's change and insurance receipt, if appropriate, in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

Purchasing Stamps by Mail

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity in city and rural delivery areas to purchase postal products such as: stamped envelopes, and stamps in booklets, sheets, and coils. City delivery customers fill out Form 3227, *Stamps by Mail*. Rural delivery customers fill out Form 3227-R, *Stamp Purchase Order*. Both forms are available from carriers or local post offices. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or money order made payable to the U.S. Postal Service, and mails the form for free or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight and some immediately.

Purchasing Postal Money Orders

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope; and the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money order will be returned to them on the next delivery day for their verification before mailing.

Purchasing Special Services

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, and COD may also be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day. Government forms will be delivered by the carrier upon request.

Holding Mail

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer contacts the post office to resume delivery.

Postal Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the Rentiesville Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Picking up post office box mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Picking up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including certified, special delivery, or registered mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other postal services:

- | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Making permit mailings | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Using postage meter | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Nonpostal Services

- | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Using for school bus stop | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

If yes, please explain: _____

- | | | |
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| d. Using public bulletin board | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Other | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?

Yes

No

If yes, which offices _____

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better

Just as Good

No Opinion

Worse

Please explain. _____

b. How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?

Better

Just as Good

No Opinion

Worse

Please explain. _____

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

Shopping _____

Personal needs _____

Banking _____

Employment _____

Social needs _____

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes

No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes

No

Name: _____
(please print your name)

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Date: _____

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form.
Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Postal Customer Questionnaire

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i. Buying stamp collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other postal services:

- a. Making permit mailings Yes No
- b. Using postage meter Yes No

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms Yes No
- b. Using for school bus stop Yes No
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes No

If yes, please explain: The post office is part of the network that keeps the seniors in our community functioning. Also if they do not show up, people know to go check on them.

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes No
- e. Other Yes No

If yes, please explain: the news in our town flows through the post office. This is a social center as well as business center - Town meeting notices, etc

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?
Yes No

If yes, which offices _____

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

Yes - we receive this from Checotah

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. _____

b. How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. _____

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- Shopping Checotah, Muskogee
- Personal needs _____
- Banking Checotah, Muskogee
- Employment _____
- Social needs _____

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?
Yes No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?
Yes No

Name: Susan Selby Minnier
(please print your name)

Address: Rt 1 Box 311 Checotah; 11th Gertrude Rentiesville

Telephone number: (918) 473-2411 Date: March 30 1998

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

What happened to the 30 or 60 days notice before closing

Reasons for keeping the Rentiesville Post Office

Rentiesville is one of the original 28 black towns founded in Oklahoma around the time of statehood. Only 12 remain today. This is very unique history that happened nowhere else in the nation.

There are several important events that happened here; there is also a lot of activity to develop this area as a historical site for tourists. John Hope Franklin's birthplace is still standing. We hope to open it to visitors. Bluesman DC Minner's club hosts a nationally respected Blues Festival in town each Labor Day Weekend, and plans to expand to a museum which will document the rich contribution Oklahoma has made to one of America's most respected cultural exports - the blues.

The pivotal Civil War Battle of Honey Springs was fought literally just around the corner - as it was a running battle, some of Rentiesville land was even included. This has been designated in Washington DC as *the* diversity battle of the Civil War, and is on the list of the top 25 battle sites worth preserving. This was the first time in the history of our country that black soldiers were allowed to bear arms in her defense. They were outnumbered two to one, but they fought "like veterans, ...the First Kansas (colored) particularly distinguished itself" reported their commander Blunt. He went on to report "their coolness and bravery I have never seen surpassed...etc."

Recently the funding to develop the battlefield site has started to come through, (1.7 million dollars) and a visitor's center and new roads are planned to be in place within the next two years. The Oklahoma Historical Society which has done all this research and is creating the park is very excited about the project.

Rentiesville may be a small community, but Rentiesville would like to maintain it's identity. We are at a pivotal time, perched on the edge of growth. We have recently paved many streets and gotten street signs, thanks to our Mayor Mildred Burkhalter. Plans are being developed to build a new town hall. The Tourism and Recreation Department have visited twice in the last year, and are excited about our potential for growth. They foresee us playing a vital part in their development of African-American (and multi-cultural) tourism across the state. They see this as the wave of the future in tourism.

Maintaining our Post Office is very important to us. Without a zip code of our own we are no longer included on state maps. This is not to mention the fact that the Post Office serves as a very important social and cultural center in the community, even though it is open only two hours each day. Many people walk there daily who could not drive to Checotah, but would have to pay someone to drive them there.

Selby Menner

Also: • We truly need longer hours - until 4:30

I for one would use this Post office all the time instead of punning into Checotah.

• Could we reinstate the carrier route out of Rentiesville like it was long ago? That would increase revenue

• Are we not supposed to get 60 or at least 30

... something like that. The...



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April 2, 1998

Susan Minner
Rth 1, Box 311
Checotah, OK 74426-9725

Dear Ms. Minner:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

You expressed a concern about losing a gathering place and information center. Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the churches and residences in town.

You expressed a concern that there was not a 60 day posting. We are currently in the investigative stage of the discontinuance process. We look at alternative forms of service and offer the community the best form of service. The Postal Service will post for 60 days the Proposal to close or consolidate the post office after all investigative data is gathered. You will be given another opportunity to respond to this Proposal before it is removed and forwarded to Washington, DC.

You mentioned extending the hours of operation at the Rentiesville Post Office. The workload at this office qualifies for 12 hours of service a week. This is determined by the number of deliveries and revenue in the office. Carrier service will provide 24 hour access to the mail.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Checotah Post Office at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Diana Massey, Delivery & Retail Analyst at (405)553-6227.

Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

Postal Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the Rentiesville Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Must Order</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Picking up post office box mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Picking up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including certified, special delivery, or registered mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Buy Other</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other postal services:

- a. Making permit mailings Yes No
- b. Using postage meter Yes No

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms Yes No
- b. Using for school bus stop Yes No
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes No
- e. Other Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?
Yes No

If yes, which offices _____

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. _____

b. How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. _____

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- Shopping Muskogee
- Personal needs Muskogee
- Banking Muskogee
- Employment _____
- Social needs Muskogee

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

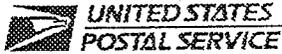
Yes No

Name: PEARLIE MAE GOARS
(please print your name)

Address: P.O. Box 57 Rentiesville, Okla. 74459

Telephone number: 473-5565 Date: 3-24-98

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



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March 27, 1998

Pearlie Jones
P O Box 57
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0057

Dear Ms. Jones:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Checotah Post Office at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Diana Massey, Delivery & Retail Analyst at (405)553-6227.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billy Wilson".

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

Postal Customer Questionnaire

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f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including certified, special delivery, or registered mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other postal services:

- a. Making permit mailings Yes No
- b. Using postage meter Yes No

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms Yes No
- b. Using for school bus stop Yes No
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes No
- e. Other Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?

Yes

No

If yes, which offices _____

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better

Just as Good

No Opinion

Worse

Please explain. _____

b. How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?

Better

Just as Good

No Opinion

Worse

Please explain. It would be inconvenience to
buy stamps and money orders because
I am an elderly person.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

Shopping

Checotah and muskogee

Personal needs

Muskogee

Banking

Checotah

Employment

Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes

No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes

No

Name: Susie M. Nears
(please print your name)

Address: P.O. Box 55-403 South Center - Rentonville OK.

Telephone number: 473-5917

Date: 3-27-98

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Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

U. S. Postal Service :

I have lived in the Community of Rentonsville most of my life and I am 81 years old. I would like very much for the post office to remain open in our Community of Rentonsville. It is convenient for me to be able to receive services from our local post office.

Our community is growing, its' peaceful and its' improving. Our Mayor, Mildred Burkhalter has done wonders for our area. I am totally upset about the closing of the post office since it have always been a post office in this area for 94 years. I hope a



Considerate reform will be ~~presented~~^{presented}.
I feel it was such a short notice
concerning our closure. We are
improving based on our streets being
paved, street signs, and a new town
hall to be erected. Please give all
ample consideration to this matter.
about closing our post office.

Susie Nease



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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March 30, 1998

Susie Nears
P O Box 55
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0055

Dear Ms. Nears:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

You expressed a concern that you will miss the convenience of your post office. We are providing rural mail boxes for all customers. The rural carrier will be able to provide the same retail services provided by the post office. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Enclosed is a list of services and how to obtain them from your rural carrier.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Checotah Post Office at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Diana Massey, Delivery & Retail Analyst at (405)553-6227.

Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

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f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other postal services:

- a. Making permit mailings Yes No
- b. Using postage meter Yes No

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms Yes No
- b. Using for school bus stop Yes No
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes No

If yes, please explain: I am disabled myself - sight

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes No
- e. Other Yes No

If yes, please explain: a chance to see other people + keep in touch to get rides or hire somebody to work on my house

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?

Yes No

If yes, which offices Checotah

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. Inconvenient I believe Rentiesville post office is an asset to our town. Otherwise we would have to go to Checotah for every thing. This helps maintain our identity

b. How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. really not safe

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- Shopping Checotah, Muskogee
- Personal needs Muskogee - doctor
- Banking Checotah
- Employment don't work - senior citizen
- Social needs Rentiesville, Muskogee, Checotah

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes No

Name: Susie News
(please print your name)

Address: Rentiesville Ok

Telephone number: _____ Date: _____

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



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April 2, 1998

Susie Nears
P. O. Box 55
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0059

Dear Ms. Nears:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

You expressed a concern about customers with disabilities. You will not be required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to your residence. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of the customer. Changes in the type of delivery authorized for an area are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme hardship on an individual. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the Checotah Postmaster.

You expressed a concern that you will miss the contact with people at the post office and the information posted. The local church can provide a site for the community to gather, socialize and share information.

You also were concerned about losing community identity. Community identity will be preserved through retention of the community name in the mailing address. It will continue to be listed in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

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Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

3030 NW EXPRESSWAY, SUITE 1042
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73198-9201
(405)553-6227
FAX: (405)553-6106

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c. Mailing parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including certified, special delivery, or registered mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other postal services:

- | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| a. Making permit mailings | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Using postage meter | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Nonpostal Services

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Using for school bus stop | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If yes, please explain: _____

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| d. Using public bulletin board | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Other | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?

Yes No

If yes, which offices _____

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. _____

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Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. _____

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- Shopping Checotah, Muskogee
- Personal needs _____
- Banking Checotah, Muskogee
- Employment _____
- Social needs _____

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes No

Name: DC MINNER
(please print your name)

Address: Rt 1 Box 311 Checotah Ok 74420; 11th & Gertrude Rentiesville

Telephone number: (918) 473-2411 Date: Mar 30 '98

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Reasons for keeping the Rentiesville Post Office

Rentiesville is one of the original 28 black towns founded in Oklahoma around the time of statehood. Only 12 remain today. This is very unique history that happened nowhere else in the nation.

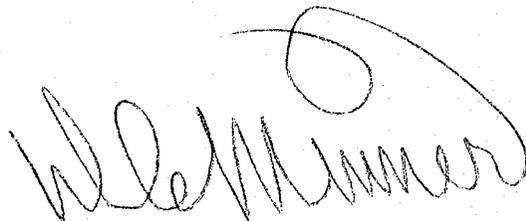
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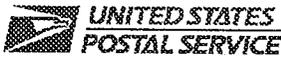
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April 2, 1998

D. C. Minner
Rt 1, Box 311
Checotah, OK 74426-9725

Dear Mr. Minner:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

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Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations



ACCOUNT NO 74459
 REF NO 14
 DATE 20

Postal Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the Rentiesville Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Picking up post office box mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Picking up general delivery mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including certified, special delivery, or registered mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other postal services:

- a. Making permit mailings Yes No
- b. Using postage meter Yes No

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms Yes No
- b. Using for school bus stop Yes No
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes No
- e. Other Yes No

If yes, please explain: I use the board to alert the town know of different events and meetings.

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?
Yes No

If yes, which offices we do some business in Checotah, which has a post office and work in Muskogee and pass a small town which has a post office.

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. _____

b. How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. _____

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- Shopping Checotah / Muskogee
- Personal needs _____
- Banking Checotah
- Employment Muskogee
- Social needs Checotah Rentiesville, Muskogee etc

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes No

Name: Sanford Nero
(please print your name)

Address: PO # 13 Rentiesville Ok 74459

Telephone number: 918-473-4087 Date: 3-31-98

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



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April 6, 1998

Sanford Nero
P O Box 13
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0013

Dear Mr. Nero:

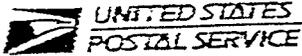
Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

You stated you were concerned that you use the bulletin board to notify the community of upcoming events and meetings. The local church can provide a site for the community to gather and share information.

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Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations



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 ZIP CODE 174
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Postal Customer Questionnaire

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Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms Yes No
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If yes, please explain: _____

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes No
- e. Other Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

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- Shopping Cherokee, Muskogee
- Personal needs Muskogee
- Banking none
- Employment none
- Social needs none

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes No

Name: James Henderson
(please print your name)

Address: P.O. Box 42 - Rentiesville, OK

Telephone number: 473-6192 Date: 3-31-98

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Reasons for keeping the Rentiesville Post Office

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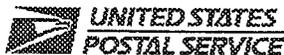
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The closing of the post office is senseless. It have been in duration for 94 years and it would prove tragic for me and other residents if it closes.

James Henderson Jr

3/31/98



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April 7, 1998

James Henderson
P O Box 42
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0042

Dear Mr. Henderson:

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Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

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d. Picking up post office box mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including certified, special delivery, or registered mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Other postal services:

- a. Making permit mailings Yes No
- b. Using postage meter Yes No

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms Yes No
- b. Using for school bus stop Yes No
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes No

If yes, please explain: MD

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes No
- e. Other Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?
Yes No

If yes, which offices _____

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Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

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Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. _____

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- Shopping Checotah, Muskogee
- Personal needs Muskogee
- Banking none
- Employment none
- Social needs none

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes No

Name: DeLois Henderson
(please print your name)
Address: P.O. Box 42 - Rentiesville, OK
Telephone number: 473-6192 Date: 3-31-98

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April 7, 1998

DeLois Henderson
P O Box 42
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0042

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Other postal services:

- a. Making permit mailings Yes No
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Nonpostal Services

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- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes No
- e. Other Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?
Yes No

If yes, which offices _____

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. vandalism of boxes.

b. How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. same response as question #3.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- Shopping Checotah - Muskogee
- Personal needs Muskogee
- Banking Muskogee
- Employment Checotah - Muskogee
- Social needs Muskogee

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes No

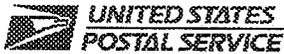
If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes No

Name: Franchelle Burkhalter
(please print your name)

Address: P.O. BOX 28 - Rentiesville, OK 74459

Telephone number: 413-6320 Date: 3-31-98



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April 7, 1998

DeLois Henderson
P O Box 42
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0042

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Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations



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Postal Customer Questionnaire

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Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms Yes No
- b. Using for school bus stop Yes No
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes No

If yes, please explain: I often pick up their Mail
and take it to them because they are
unable to go for them selves

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes No
- e. Other Yes No

If yes, please explain: to post special events that occurs
on certain months and days

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?

Yes

No

If yes, which offices _____

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better

Just as Good

No Opinion

Worse

Please explain. Because we as a small town would
have problems with our mail being stolen
and this would not be acceptable

b. How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?

Better

Just as Good

No Opinion

Worse

Please explain. Because we would not have our
own identity as Rentiesville this would
take away our lively hood in the town

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

Shopping _____

Personal needs _____

Banking _____

Employment _____

Social needs _____

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes

No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes

No

Name: Georgia M. Choate
(please print your name)

Address: P.O. Box 2 Rentiesville Ok. 74459

Telephone number: 473-6520

Date: 3-27-98

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form.
Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Reasons for keeping the Rentiesville Post Office

Rentiesville is one of the original 28 black towns founded in Oklahoma around the time of statehood. Only 12 remain today. This is very unique history that happened nowhere else in the nation.

There are several important events that happened here; there is also a lot of activity to develop this area as a historical site for tourists. John Hope Franklin's birthplace is still standing. We hope to open it to visitors. Bluesman DC Minner's club hosts a nationally respected Blues Festival in town each Labor Day Weekend, and plans to expand to a museum which will document the rich contribution Oklahoma has made to one of America's most respected cultural exports - the blues.

The pivotal Civil War Battle of Honey Springs was fought literally just around the corner - as it was a running battle, some of Rentiesville land was even included. This has been designated in Washington DC as *the* diversity battle of the Civil War, and is on the list of the top 25 battle sites worth preserving. This was the first time in the history of our country that black soldiers were allowed to bear arms in her defense. They were outnumbered two to one, but they fought "like veterans, ...the First Kansas (colored) particularly distinguished itself" reported their commander Blunt. He went on to report "their coolness and bravery I have never seen surpassed...etc."

Recently the funding to develop the battlefield site has started to come through, (1.7 million dollars) and a visitor's center and new roads are planned to be in place within the next two years. The Oklahoma Historical Society which has done all this research and is creating the park is very excited about the project.

Rentiesville may be a small community, but Rentiesville would like to maintain it's identity. We are at a pivotal time, perched on the edge of growth. We have recently paved many streets and gotten street signs, thanks to our Mayor Mildred Burkhalter. Plans are being developed to build a new town hall. The Tourism and Recreation Department have visited twice in the last year, and are excited about our potential for growth. They foresee us playing a vital part in their development of African-American (and multi-cultural) tourism across the state. They see this as the wave of the future in tourism.

Maintaining our Post Office is very important to us. Without a zip code of our own we are no longer included on state maps. This is not to mention the fact that the Post Office serves as a very important social and cultural center in the community, even though it is open only two hours each day. Many people walk there daily who could not drive to Checotah, but would have to pay someone to drive them there.

*We as a town and community
is truly determined to keep our
Post office. We have the faith and
determination to stand our ground
for what is right and for upholding
the town and the history that is within
the town of Rentiesville Ok. 74459
Mona Lisa Photo.*

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P.O. Box 2

Rentiesville, Ok. 74459

To Postmaster General

I being a Concerned Citizen of Rentiesville, Ok., A town in which I'm proud to be a part of.

I feel that we need our postoffice because it is truly an access to our community.

We as a Black town have fought for this post office for 94 yrs. This post office has more history than you may realize.

This post office is a part of our lives, Most importantly its the future for our children.

Lesing this post office would be a hardship to the people of this town. Our town is growing and many improvements have been made.

We need our post office because this is truly our lively hood. What reason is there for you to take away our identity.

There is no cause for this to

be happening to our Town. Is a shame that just because another postal worker came into our town and decided that she did not like the hrs. she had the hrs. cut down to two hrs a day.

I feel we have been misused and misled by the postal service as well as the post Master General.

Further more its not right in trying to take away our post office.

We need our post office.

I feel as long as we have a relief worker he should be allowed to work in the post office.

We deserve to have our own post office in our town and not just a name. If you take away our post office you have taken away not only our history but our life our devotion and dedication along with our identity.

This is a town that fears the Lord, and I know that through it all the Lord is going to be with us. Because he said if we make one step he will make two.

If you have any love in your heart and if you are a true born Christian and Child of God you will do the right thing.

But it seems as though you are not that type of person. No matter how you may hurt the ones ~~who~~ have struggle to try and keep what is part of their History, Family blood and Community you don't care as long as you get what you want.

Even though we are a small town and you're walking on us and mis-using the Community for your benefit

I want you to know that God don't like ugly and he despises those that misuse his people.

Just as you have your place and identity we as a Community and Town have the right to ours.

How can we be a hardship to the postal service when the expense are not as much as you say they are.

If you stop sending people down to Kentiesville everytime you look around you wouldn't have this problem. You are paying people

for unnecessary trips. I beg of you
stop keeping Checotah fight for
what Kentiesville have fought
for 94 long hard yrs. to keep.

As I you stated this is Our
History and this post office has
been a service to us.

We as a town and Community
will stand up for what is right
and we will not be stepped on
or walked all over.

We will fight and we will
stand our ground.

Because this is for promouer.
Because I know a man who sits
high and looks low and who's
able to do all things.

Because right will always
overturn the wrong.

Sincerely
Georgia M. Chate
Kentiesville, Ok. 74459



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April 10, 1998

Georgia Choate
141 S. Grand Avenue
Rentiesville, OK 74459-9801

Dear Ms. Choate:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

You expressed a concern about picking up mail for the elderly citizens of the community. Rural delivery will provide curbside delivery to the customers. The rural carrier provides the same retail services as the post office. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Applications are available from the rural carrier.

You mentioned you use the bulletin board for posting special events and meetings held monthly. The local church can provide the site for these notices and a place to meet.

You expressed a concern with the loss of identity. The community's identity is derived from the interest and vitality of its residents and the use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of Rentiesville in addresses and in the National Five Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Rentiesville and Checotah Post Offices at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Diana Massey, Delivery & Retail Analyst at (405)553-6227.

Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

Postal Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the Rentiesville Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing letters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Picking up post office box mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Picking up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including certified, special delivery, or registered mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other postal services:

- a. Making permit mailings Yes No
- b. Using postage meter *n/a* Yes No

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms Yes No
- b. Using for school bus stop Yes No
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes No
- e. Other Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?
Yes No

If yes, which offices _____

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. We should not be at this point at this time
but post office should remain in service and
this would not apply.

b. How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion Worse

Please explain. _____

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- Shopping Tulsa, muskokee, checotah
- Personal needs Muskokee
- Banking Muskokee
- Employment Chicotah
- Social needs Tulsa

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes No

Name: Mildred Burkhalter
(please print your name)

Address: P.O. Box 19 - Rentsville, OK 74459

Telephone number: 473-6320 Date: 3/30/98

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form.
Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



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April 10, 1998

Mildred Burkhalter
300 N McIntosh Avenue
Rentiesville, OK 74459-9801

Dear Ms. Burkhalter:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Rentiesville and Checotah Post Offices at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Diana Massey, Delivery & Retail Analyst at (405)553-6227.

Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

3030 NW EXPRESSWAY, SUITE 1042
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73198-9201
(405)553-6227
FAX: (405)553-6106

Postal Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the Rentiesville Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing letters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Picking up post office box mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Picking up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including certified, special delivery, or registered mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other postal services:

- a. Making permit mailings Yes No
- b. Using postage meter Yes No

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms Yes No
- b. Using for school bus stop Yes No
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes No

If yes, please explain: I am a disable senior and find entrance easy and get help from Postmistress

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes No
- e. Other Yes No

If yes, please explain: Post town meetings and Rentals for property Help wanted and other Advertisement

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?

Yes

No

If yes, which offices _____

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better

Just as Good

No Opinion

Worse

Please explain. _____

b. How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?

Better

Just as Good

No Opinion

Worse

Please explain. _____

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

Shopping

Nicholes

Personal needs

Dollar General Wal-Mart

Banking

People's Bank

Employment

Retired

Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes

No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes

No

Name: James Lallis
(please print your name)

Address: Po Box 38 Rentisville 74459

Telephone number: 473-5434 Date: 4-2-98

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form.
Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



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April 27, 1998

James Lollis
P O Box 38
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0038

Dear Mr. Lollis:

Thank you for writing concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

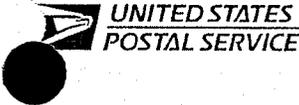
You expressed a concern that the postmaster was helpful when going to the post office. We currently have a clerk available at the post office to assist with your retail transactions. If a discontinuance is pursued, the rural carrier will be able to provide you with your retail transactions. The rural mailboxes that have been erected in front of your residence will also benefit the elderly citizens and any customers that may be handicapped.

You also expressed a concern that you use the bulletin board at the post office. The local church in your community will be able to provide the town with a bulletin board for local news and may also be a place to gather socially and informally.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Rentiesville and Checotah Post Offices at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Diana Massey, Delivery & Retail Analyst at (405)553-6227.

Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations



Postal Customer Questionnaire Analysis

Questionnaires were distributed to all customer post office boxes of the Rentiesville Post Office on March 20, 1998. Additionally, questionnaires were available during the survey period to walk-in retail customers.

There are two surveys that may be a duplication; Susie Nears and Susie M. Nears. Only Susan M. Nears provided a phone number and mailing address, while Susie Nears described herself as disabled due to loss of sight. She identified herself as being 81 years of age and that was in 1998. Only one Susie Nears signed in on the Community Meeting Roster. However, for the purpose of this analysis, both Susie Nears' surveys are included.

No customers stated on the questionnaires that they used permit mailings or postage meters.

A. Number of Questionnaires

Total questionnaires distributed	34
Favorable to proposal	0
Unfavorable to proposal	7
Expressing no opinion	5
Total questionnaires received	12

B. Postal Concerns

The following postal concerns were expressed:

1. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens and those with disabilities.

Response: Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the Checotah postmaster for more information.

2. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about losing the convenience of the services offered at the Post Office.

Response: Retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

3. **Concern:** Customers stated a 60 day notice of the impending suspension was not provided.

Response: We are currently in the investigative stage of the discontinuance process. We look at alternative forms of service and offer the community the best form of service. The Postal Service will post for 60 days the proposal to close or consolidate a post office after all investigative data is gathered. You will be given another opportunity to respond to the proposal before it is removed and forwarded to Washington DC.

4. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern regarding the short window hours and requested the post office be open until 4:30.

Response: The workload at this office qualifies for 12 hours of service per week. This is determined by the number of deliveries and revenue in the office as reported in a window transaction survey.

C. Nonpostal Concerns

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed:

1. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the loss of the Post Office as a gathering place and an information center, including the use of the bulletin board.

Response: Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the churches and residences in town.

2. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity.

Response: A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Rentiesville ZIP Code in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

Postal Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the Rentiesville Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying stamps	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing letters	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
d. Picking up post office box mail	<input type="checkbox"/> 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Picking up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
g. Obtaining special services, including certified, special delivery, or registered mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
i. Buying stamp collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 10

Other postal services:

- a. Making permit mailings Yes No 10
- b. Using postage meter Yes No 11

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms, such as tax forms Yes 7 No 5
- b. Using for school bus stop Yes 3 No 7
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes 4 No 5

If yes, please explain: _____

- d. Using public bulletin board Yes 8 No 3
- e. Other Yes 2 No 1

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Do you pass another post office during business hours while traveling to or from work, shopping, or for personal needs?
Yes 2 No 9

If yes, which offices _____

3. If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive post office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.

a. How do you think carrier route delivery service to cluster box units with individually locked mail compartments and parcel lockers would compare with present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion 2 Worse 6

Please explain. _____

b. How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?

Better Just as Good No Opinion 3 Worse 3

Please explain. _____

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- Shopping Muskogee, Checotah, Tulsa
- Personal needs Muskogee
- Banking Muskogee, Checotah,
- Employment _____
- Social needs Muskogee, Tulsa

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

Yes 7 No 2

If yes, would you continue to use them if the post office is discontinued?

Yes 3 No 2

Name: _____
(please print your name)

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Date: _____

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form.
Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



March 20, 1998

Dear Postal Customer:

The postmaster at the Rentiesville Post Office will retire effective 3/31/98. A review of the business activities of the post office reveal that this office qualifies for service only two hours per day.

I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way your postal service is provided. While change is tentative and will not lead to a formal proposal unless we conclude that the degree of regular and effective service could be changed to be more effective for you the customer.

We would like to provide pickup and delivery of your mail, as well as the sale of stamps and all other customary postal services, to roadside mailboxes, at no change to you. This service would be performed by a rural route carrier.

We estimate that the rural route carrier service would cost the Postal Service substantially less than maintaining the post office in your community and still provide regular and effective service. Enclosed is information about some of the services available from the carrier. Retail services are also available at the Checotah Post Office located three miles away. Hours of service are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. on Saturday. Post office box service is available at this location. Post office box access hours are 24 hours a day.

If a permanent change to carrier service is implemented, customers will continue to use the name Rentiesville in their mailing address, and it will continue to be listed in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory. However, the ZIP Code will change to 74426. I invite you to think about a possible change to rural route service. Please return the enclosed questionnaire by April 17, 1998 using the pre-addressed envelope provided. Please be aware that, if we formalize a proposal, your questionnaire will become part of an official record and will be available for public viewing.

You may, of course, want to discuss this form of service with us before drawing any conclusions. A postal representative will be at the Rentiesville Post Office on Wednesday, March 25, 1998 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon to answer questions and provide information about our service. You may wish to discuss and submit your questionnaire at that time. The enclosure entitled "U. S. Postal Service Summary of Post Office Change Regulations" describes what is involved in making a formal proposal if a permanent change in postal service appears warranted.

If you have any questions, you may call Diana Massey, whose telephone number is 405/553-6227.

Thank you for your assistance.

Roy Garrison
Acting Manager, Post Office Operations (A)
3030 NW Expressway, Suite 1042
Oklahoma City, OK 73198-9201

Enclosures: Questionnaire and return envelope
Summary of Post Office Change Regulations
Carrier delivery information

Community Meeting Roster

USPS Representatives Names and Titles:

Date: 3/25/98
 Time: 11:00.AM

ROY GARRISON, ACTING PO OPERATIONS
JEANNE HUSKEY, POSTMASTER, CHECOTAH
DIANA MASSEY, DIST. PO CHG COORD

Total Number of Customers Present: 21 Place: RENTIESVILLE POST OFFICE

This document will become a part of the official record and will be available for public viewing.

Names of Customers Present:

Name	Mailing Address	ZIP Code	Phone Number
Luren Jenkins	P.O. Box 105 (8)	74459	473-5492
* Gladys Carter	5951 W535 Muskogee	74401	682-8623
Jeffie Laurelace	P.O. Box 105 Rentiesville (8)	74459	473-5492
Georgia Choate	P.O. Box 2 Rentiesville	74459	473-6520
Wilma Edwards	P.O. Box 26 Rentiesville	74459	473-5600
Chris Choate	P.O. Box 2 Rentiesville	74459	473-6458
Robert Jones	P.O. Box 3 Rentiesville	74459	
Garnett Henderson	P.O. Box 42 Reubensville	74459	473-6192
* Joe S. Price	Rt 4 Box 1440 Checotah	74426	473-5574
Frank P. Straus	P.O. Box 105 (8)	74459	473-5492
Charles C. Miller	P.O. Box 1	74459	473-1834
* Duaino Alfred	RR 3 Box 3800 Checotah	74426	484-5338
Pearlmae Jones	POB 57	74459	
James Dallas	POB 36	74459	
Alfred Myers	POB 1 03	74459	473-7061
Boover Jones	RT. BOX 312	74426	918-473-1089
Sanford Neva	PO.# 13	74459	918-473-4087
Arthur Burphue	PO # 43	74459	473-4392
Mildred Burkhalter	P.O. Box 19	74459	473-6320



Community Meeting Analysis

On March 25, 1998, representatives from the Postal Service were available at the Rentiesville Post Office to answer questions and provide information to customers. Twenty-one customers attended the meeting.

The following postal concerns were expressed at the community meeting:

Postal Concerns

Concern: Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office to purchase money orders.

Response: Services provided at the Post Office will be available from your mail carrier and customers will not have to travel to another postal facility for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox.

Concern: Customers wanted to know what kind of service they would receive.

Response: You will receive curbside delivery in a rural mailbox provided by the Postal Service. The rural letter carrier will provide the same retail services you are currently receiving; purchasing stamps, mailing packages and other special services such as certified, registered, and Express Mail.

Concern: Customers were concerned about mail security.

Response: Customers may place a lock on the mail box. But the box must have a mail slot big enough to accommodate the normal daily volume of mail. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for that purpose.

Concern: Customers felt the community had a Post Office for 94 years with historical value and wanted that to continue.

Response: A building inspection revealed serious deficiencies and no suitable alternate quarters are available. Carrier service will be more cost effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster.

Nonpostal Concerns

None expressed during the community meeting.

Author: POSTMASTER ~74426 at OKOK001L
Date: 4/1/98 1:45 PM
Priority: Normal
Diana S Massey at OKOK001L
Subject: Re[2]: Rentiesville

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Roy Garrison called from Little Rock and said the closing was on hold. We are to keep it open indefinitely pending review. We already have all the boxes installed and the customers are really pleased about that. Roy seems to think the office will be posted for an official postmaster!

He told me to tell the Mayor. I did and she did not appear surprised but was nice about it. Now she wants to keep the rural delivery and have the office open as a finance unit. Today, the first of the month, I brought in \$12.40. I also loaded the back end of my truck with trash and haven't made a dent yet.

I'll get the numbers at Walmart and let you know how much they are.

Reply Separator

Subject: Re: Rentiesville
Author: Diana S Massey at OKOK001L
Date: 4/1/98 8:28 AM

Go ahead and buy the numbers. Let me know the cost to add to the cost analysis. I received several form letters from several customers. Stating historical value of the community and future museum plans, etc. Also mentioned was John Hope Franklin, and a copy of an article that stated he was the Chairman of the Board on Race appointed by President Clinton. It appears they are building a case. Because this is highly political, I feel certain if John mentions this to the President, we will lose this one. At this time, Jeff Taylor has been made aware of all information. He said to buy the numbers. We may just have to wait and see how far this goes. Cross our fingers.

Reply Separator

Subject: Rentiesville
Author: POSTMASTER ~74426 at OKOK001L
Date: 3/31/98 3:35 PM

So for the closing is going great. Mrs. Miller got checked out today and I now have the keys to the doors. Arlynda and the PM from Gore were shaking their heads by the time they left today!

So for 36 people have expressed a desire to have curb side delivery. The only one still upset is the Postmaster. The others seem pretty excited, especially since the boxes were installed today and they do look nice. I would like to go around and put the addresses on each box but I am not sure what to us yet. Buying those stick on numbers for all the boxes would be expensive but I am afraid if I use a marker they will look bad. Any ideas.

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Mr. Terry J. Wilson, Executive in Charge
 Oklahoma District
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 3030 N.W. Expressway, Suite 1042
 Oklahoma City, Ok 73198-9800

Dear Mr. Wilson:

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I would appreciate your looking into this matter for me. In responding to me, please direct your correspondence to the attention of my representative:

Joy Lea, Constituent Representative
 409 South Boston, Suite 3310
 Tulsa, Ok 74103-4007

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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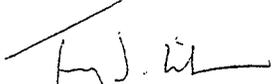
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March 31, 1998

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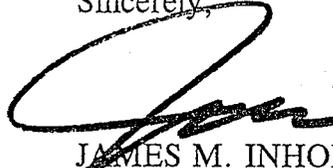
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I would appreciate it if you would please check into this matter and advise my Tulsa office of your findings.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



JAMES M. INHOFE
United States Senate

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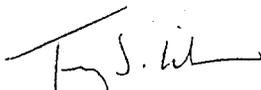
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Senator Jim Inhofe
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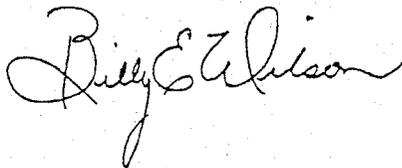
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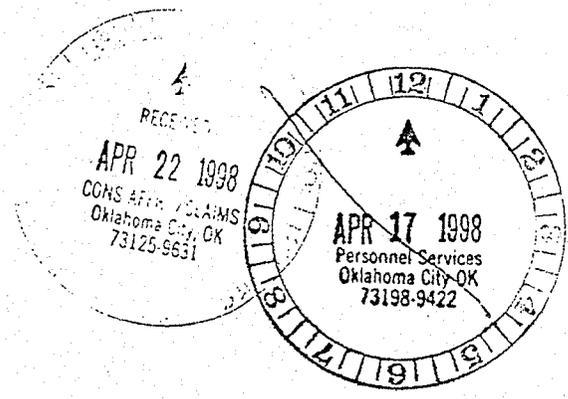
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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Town of Rentiesville
Mayor Mildred Burkhalter

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Vivian Loving
215 State St., Suite 815
Muskogee, OK 74401
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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Tom A. Coburn
Tom A. Coburn, MD
Member of Congress

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MAYOR

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TRUSTEE

March 31, 1998

Rep. Tom Coburn
215 State St. Suite 815
Muskogee, OK 74401

Dear Sir:

This letter is to request assistance on an issue concerning the closure of the Rentiesville Post Office. I am requesting that you please make an inquiry on behalf of the Town of Rentiesville in hopes that our post office will be left in the community.

The closure of the post office would be detrimental. It would involve lost of identity, lost of history and cultural pride for this community. Any assistance you can help us with would greatly be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mildred Burkhalter

Mildred Burkhalter
Mayor
Town of Rentiesville, OK

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TOWN OF RENTIESVILLE

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March 31, 1998

Customer Services Analyst
US Postal Service
3030 NW Expressway St. Ste 1042
Oklahoma City, OK 73198-9331

Dear Sirs:

Re: Rentiesville Post Office closure

This letter is in response to the closure of the post office in Rentiesville, OK. First, of all, let me give some background on our community. Rentiesville, is one of the original twenty-eight (28) black towns founded in the State of Oklahoma then Indian Territory. Rentiesville is one of the twelve (12) original black towns left that still have a post office. Since 1904 there have been a post office in existence servicing this community.

As Mayor of Rentiesville, I feel that for several reasons the post office should remain open. The post office does and will contribute to our economical growth, it reflects our cultural heritage, our pride and our identity. On March 31, 1998 the Postmaster retired, but must we retire the post office and retire history as well.

As a black community, we have suffered losses in the past such as our school and our gas line services, and now we stand to lose our post office. It's a shame, it's painful and a hard pill to digest. We, as a black community have gave and gave and allowed things to be taken from us. Our post office hours was cut from a eight hours (8) to finally two hours (2) per day.

Our community is growing and improvements being made. We have a State Tourism plan and network underway which will contribute greatly to the recognition of black communities. We have at our door: D.C. & Selby Minners' Blues Festival, that attracts about 3000 fans a year. People comes from all parts of the United States to attend this event. Our resident, D. C. Minner was recently aired on Oprah Winfrey's show in conjunction with the book "Paradise" which is written on the black town in Oklahoma. A movie is in the works, and hope that Rentiesville will play a vital part in the production of "Paradise". We have the Honey Springs Battlefield Site and a reenactment is held every four (4) years. The next reenactment will be held in July, 1999. The Oklahoma State Historical Society is in the process of erecting a 3000 sq. ft. visitors and tourism center in the next two (2) years. Rentiesville is the home of Dr. John Hope Franklin, black

historian and educator. His birthplace is still in existence and will soon be open to tourists. We are in the process of constructing a 1500 sq. ft. town hall. Rentiesville is gearing up for its' annual homecoming event scheduled for memorial weekend. Our second (2nd) annual Rodeo will be held in August. We are growing and need the service of our post office because it is a vital part to this community.

The closure of Rentiesville Post Office and circumstances surrounding it is not clear. The question of cost factors versus revenue. There is no way, a post office this small could have expense cost of \$25,000 plus. There must be expenditures and issues not revealed and expenses overflated. Rentiesville administrative expenses, utilities, and salaries of the Postmaster and relief worker should surely not exceed \$12,000 in cost, if that much. Speaking of cost factors and expenses, what will the expenses be to the US Postal Service for these new mail boxes being erected in front of everyone's residents, the cost of the workers erecting them and the cost of the carrier person plus their mileage. It would seem like there is no concern for cost, so why was Rentiesville considered a burden to the US Postal Service.

Mr. Garrison made the statement, that Rentiesville expenses were being absorbed and carried by the larger post offices. This may be true, but how many more small communities have a small post office that is in the same category as Rentiesville. Out of approximately 765 post offices or more in the State of Oklahoma, Rentiesville have historic background, and why Rentiesville in general is being closed?

Being inconvenienced, have been the word voiced by our citizens and elders of this community. Most of our elders will have to venture five (5) or more miles now to buy money orders, stamps, etc. It will pose a hardship, because some do not drive and will have to look for transportation plus pay someone to transport them.

My hopes are that the study and analysis of this post office proves a positive outcome. We would appreciate keeping our post office in this community. I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. If I can be of assistance, please call or write me at the information listed on the front page.

Respectfully submitted

Mildred Burkhalter

Mildred Burkhalter
Mayor
Town of Rentiesville

Enclosure

cc: Rep. Tom Coburn
Sen. Don Nickles
Sen. Jim Inhofe.



April 10, 1998

Mildred Burkhalter, Mayor
Town of Rentiesville
P O Box 58
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0058

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The growth of the community does not depend on the location of the post office. Based on information obtained by the Postal Service, it is determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. By providing carrier service to roadside mailboxes, the Postal Service will be able to accommodate future growth. Carrier service is very beneficial to the elderly and disabled citizens of Rentiesville. They will not have to travel to another post office to conduct postal business. The rural carrier will be able to provide the same services as the post office. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Applications are available from the rural carrier. Additionally, the customers have 24 hour access to their mail boxes and receive free rural delivery.

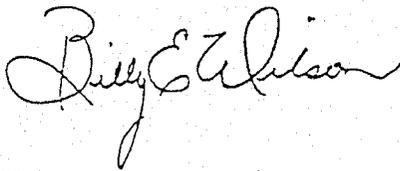
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You were concerned with the expenses of the Rentiesville Post Office. The salary of a Postmaster at a level A (2 hour a day) office is \$18,325 annually. The fringe benefits are \$6,139 or 33.5% of the annual salary. The yearly rent for the post office is \$600. This totals \$25,064 annually. At the time of the community meeting, we stated an approximate cost of providing rural delivery to the post office box customers would be \$4,343. This has been changed to \$6281.00 annually. Since that meeting, we now know the cost of the rural boxes were \$13.00 for each set and labor was \$4.00 each for a cost of \$629.00. Carrier service is most cost effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster. The annual savings to the Postal Service is \$18,154. You mentioned you would lose your identity if the post office is closed. The community's identity derives interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of Rentiesville in addresses and in National Five Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory. If it

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Sincerely,



Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

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Ref: Burkhalter

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Office of Government Relations
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza sw
Washington, DC 20260-6300

Postal Operations Manager 9992

Operation Program Support
Attn: Diana Massey 9993

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March 24, 1998

To Whom it May Concern:

It is of our opinion that the town of Rentiesville needs the continuing operation of the Post office.

Every town needs a post office to ~~to~~ serve the citizens.

There are citizens here who benefit from personal service given by the operator of this facility, such as help with addressing envelopes, filling out money orders, etc.

There are also citizens who do not have the transportation to go to another facility.

The people of this town need and deserve to have this help at their disposal.

James Henderson	Patricia Harris
Dale H. Henderson	Elizabeth Lynn
Naomi Cunningham	Shannon J. Chandler
James J. Ellis	Alisa ...
Ronald K. Mart	

Frank P. Graves
Robert Jones
Seven Jenkins
Donald R. Jenkins

*Wilma Paul (Wilma Edwards)
Diane Alfred Pearlmae Jones
Alfred D. Paul

George Bumpkins
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Alice Martin

Reasons for keeping the Rentiesville Post Office

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April 7, 1998

Theresa Lollis
P O Box 42
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0042

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Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations



April 10, 1998

Delois Henderson
303 Business Street
Rentiesville, OK 74459-9801

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Billy Wilson
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James Jollis

Bessie or Jones

Patricia Harris ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Carnest Harris Sr. ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Elizabeth Byrd ADDRESS UNKNOWN

George Lollis ADDRESS UNKNOWN

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201 N McIntosh Avenue
Rentiesville, OK 74459-9801

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April 10, 1998

Rosie M. Jones
P. O. Box 763
Checotah, OK 74426-0763

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We, the undersigned, being residents and/or customers of the Rentiesville Post Office hereby petition the United Postal Service to review all conditions and allow our post office to remain open within our town of Rentiesville, Oklahoma. A Post Office have been in existence in our community for ninety-four (94) years and without it, we feel that part of our identity would be lost forever.

Lela M. Miller
 James J. Ellis
 James Henderson
 Lucker Lewis
 Robert Jones
 William
 Elby Munner
 Pearl Mae Jones
 Frank P. Green
 Hoover Jones
 Albert R. Byers
 Arthur Burphol
 Franchell Burkhalter
 Wilma Ann Guld
 Jeffie Lovelace
 A. L. Lovelace

Delois Henderson
 Nellie B. Starks
 Georgia Choate
 Alice Jones
 William Starks
 Theresa Fellis
 Lenard McGee
 Naomi Cunningham
 Joseph
 Chas. G. Gentry #5
 Mildred Burkhalter
 Mayor - Town of Rentiesville

~~George~~

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Dear Postal Services

I was present at the meeting that was held at the Rentiesville Post Office on Wednesday, March 25. I listened to the proposed changes and reasons why the changes were being considered. I find it hard to believe the Postmaster's salary, utilities and rent could add up to the \$25,000 per year operating expenses.

I have lived in this community for most of my life, and the Post Office has always been a part of it.

Rentiesville is a community that a laid here dormant for several years and somehow was able to support a Post Office. Now that this small community has a promise for growth and livelihood once again we are about to lose the only landmark that we have left.

The Post Office is a great asset to this community, and so to the senior members of our community. The loss of our Post Office would be a great loss to our community, and it will never be the same.

MEMO TO THE RECORD
April 2, 2010

Five petitions were received.

Petition one has 23 signatures

Petition two has 7 signatures

Petition three has 3 signatures

Petition four has 7 signatures

Petition five has 27 signatures

Total signed signatures are 67. However, 18 were duplications and/or triplicates, leaving 49 total customers signing petitions. Nineteen individuals wrote letters, eleven of whom also signed a petition.

Postmaster

I live in Wichita, but my Mother lives in Pentisville. She use the Post office. I come to Pentisville often and I support the post office.

I believe the post office should remain open.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. My mother is a senior citizen, closing the post office will create a hardship for her.

Yozella McClelland
3/24/98
PO Box 16
Pentisville, OK



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April 10, 1998

Rozella McClendon
200 S. Grand Avenue
Rentiesville, OK 74459-9801

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Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

3926 Drakes Branch Road
Nashville, Tennessee
March 27, 1998

Customer Services Analyst
U. S. Postal Service
3030 N. W. Expressway Street STE 1042
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73198-9331

Dear Sirs:

I understand that your agency has been making plans to close the Rentiesville Post Office in Rentiesville, Oklahoma 74459. Please do not carry this plan out.

Rentiesvillians who live there and elsewhere need you to reconsider closing plans and leave the Post Office open for service to the people. I live in Nashville, Tennessee and frequently travel back home. I am a land and property owner of the town and pay taxes to McIntosh County for the same.

Many of us are members of the "Rentiesville Homecoming Association" and for the last 24 years we have been returning to celebrate the community which was founded in 1904 by William (Bill) Rentie and Reverend Nicholas Aaron Robinson. We celebrate each Memorial Week-end in May.

Many of the people there rely on the Post Office for mailings: Rentiesvillians, the Mountain people, and those from Paradise. The town is growing and it needs the Post Office.

Small towns need a Post Office just like large towns. It gives them an opportunity to reach the outside world. The Rentiesville Post Office is a very important part of Oklahoma History. It also offers a needy job opportunity.

Rentiesville was founded before Statehood, and is one of the 28 Black towns that was founded in Oklahoma. Now there are only 12 Black towns in Oklahoma. We need more Black people in this kind of job in the United States of America.

When I was a child in Rentiesville the Post Office was open from 8 a. m. until 4 p. m. It would be great to have it open at least from 9 a. m. until 12:00 Noon.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Signed by:

Lillian Wynn-Allen
Frank S. Allen

Yours respectfully,

Lillian Wynn-Allen
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cc:Mildred Burkhalter, Mayor of Rentiesville
cc:Lula Mae R. Miller, Post Mistress of Rentiesville



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March 30, 1998

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Allen
3926 Drakes Branch Road
Nashville, TN 37218

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Allen:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

You expressed a concern that the customers at Rentiesville rely on the post office for mailings. We will still be providing retail services to Rentiesville through the rural carrier. We are providing rural mail boxes to the customers and we will have these boxes installed. They will receive the same retail services from the rural carrier as they received from the post office. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

You also mentioned the hours of the office were from 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. when you were growing up in Rentiesville. The Postmaster level and office hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue. The workload analysis for this office shows the office is an EAS-A level office, qualifying for 12 hours of service per week. Carrier service will provide 24 hours access to the mail.

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Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

TOWN OF RENTIESVILLE

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MILDRED BURKHALTER
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JAMES LOLLIS
TRUSTEE

March 31, 1998

Customer Services Analyst
US Postal Service
3030 NW Expressway St. Ste 1042
Oklahoma City, OK 73198-9331

Dear Sirs:

Re: Rentiesville Post Office closure

This letter is in response to the closure of the post office in Rentiesville, OK. First, of all, let me give some background on our community. Rentiesville, is one of the original twenty-eight (28) black towns founded in the State of Oklahoma then Indian Territory. Rentiesville is one of the twelve (12) original black towns left that still have a post office. Since 1904 there have been a post office in existence servicing this community.

As Mayor of Rentiesville, I feel that for several reasons the post office should remain open. The post office does and will contribute to our economical growth, it reflects our cultural heritage, our pride and our identity. On March 31, 1998 the Postmaster retired, but must we retire the post office and retire history as well.

As a black community, we have suffered losses in the past such as our school and our gas line services, and now we stand to lose our post office. It's a shame , it's painful and a hard pill to digest. We , as a black community have gave and gave and allowed things to be taken from us. Our post office hours was cut from a eight hours (8) to finally two hours (2) per day.

Our community is growing and improvements being made. We have a State Tourism plan and network underway which will contribute greatly to the recognition of black communities. We have at our door: D.C. & Selby Minners' Blues Festival, that attracts about 3000 fans a year. People comes from all parts of the United States to attend this event. Our resident, D. C. Minner was recently aired on Oprah Winfrey's show in conjunction with the book "Paradise" which is written on the black town in Oklahoma. A movie is in the works, and hope that Rentiesville will play a vital part in the production of "Paradise". We have the Honey Springs Battlefield Site and a reenactment is held every four (4) years. The next reenactment will be held in July, 1999. The Oklahoma State Historical Society is in the process of erecting a 3000 sq. ft. visitors and tourism center in the next two (2) years. Rentiesville is the home of Dr. John Hope Franklin, black

historian and educator. His birthplace is still in existence and will soon be open to tourists. We are in the process of constructing a 1500 sq. ft. town hall. Rentiesville is gearing up for its' annual homecoming event scheduled for memorial weekend. Our second (2nd) annual Rodeo will be held in August. We are growing and need the service of our post office because it is a vital part to this community.

The closure of Rentiesville Post Office and circumstances surrounding it is not clear. The question of cost factors versus revenue. There is no way, a post office this small could have expense cost of \$25,000 plus. There must be expenditures and issues not revealed and expenses overflated. Rentiesville administrative expenses, utilities, and salaries of the Postmaster and relief worker should surely not exceed \$12,000 in cost, if that much. Speaking of cost factors and expenses, what will the expenses be to the US Postal Service for these new mail boxes being erected in front of everyone's residents, the cost of the workers erecting them and the cost of the carrier person plus their mileage. It would seem like there is no concern for cost, so why was Rentiesville considered a burden to the US Postal Service.

Mr. Garrison made the statement, that Rentiesville expenses were being absorbed and carried by the larger post offices. This may be true, but how many more small communities have a small post office that is in the same category as Rentiesville. Out of approximately 765 post offices or more in the State of Oklahoma, Rentiesville have historic background, and why Rentiesville in general is being closed?

Being inconvenienced, have been the word voiced by our citizens and elders of this community. Most of our elders will have to venture five (5) or more miles now to buy money orders, stamps, etc. It will pose a hardship, because some do not drive and will have to look for transportation plus pay someone to transport them.

My hopes are that the study and analysis of this post office proves a positive outcome. We would appreciate keeping our post office in this community. I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. If I can be of assistance, please call or write me at the information listed on the front page.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Burkhalter

Mildred Burkhalter
Mayor
Town of Rentiesville

Enclosure

cc: Rep. Tom Coburn
Sen. Don Nickles
Sen. Jim Inhofe.



By Jeffrey Zaslow

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slavery's impact:

Americans can't say, "Well, it was my great-granddaddy [who owned slaves]. They are the direct beneficiaries, even in 1998, of the opportunities and greed that existed in the 18th and 19th centuries. They need to see the connection between slavery and their privilege today."

Have a clear-eyed view of the Founding Fathers:

"They missed the chance of really doing something [about slavery]. They put it off, and it's blood on their hands, from my point of view. They were less courageous than we were taught, and we have to tell kids the truth, not fairy tales."

Find reasons for optimism:

Franklin is excited that another senior citizen, Glenn, will soon be on the space shuttle. "We were once on Air Force One together, and didn't have a smooth landing. I said, 'How was that landing, Senator?' He gave me a thumbs-up and said, 'Any time you land, it's a good one.'"

ASK FRANKLIN FOR ADVICE

Franklin will write or call one reader who seeks advice. Write by March 29 to "Straight Talk," P.O. Box 3455, Chicago, Ill. 60654 (fax: 312-661-0375; e-mail: talk@usaweekend.com). Zaslow is an advice columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times Co.

John Hope Franklin: Unlike his delicate orchids, good race relations need more than the "proper climate" to thrive, says the chairman of the president's task force on race. The task "is so enormous."



JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, the distinguished historian who chairs President Clinton's advisory board on race, has spent the morning tending to 350 orchids in his Durham, N.C., greenhouse. His passion for these exotic flowers spans four decades. They thrive, he says, "once you create the proper climate for them."

Planting the seeds of improved race relations, Franklin has learned, is a far harder task. "You can create a climate of goodwill, but that doesn't mean things will adjust to that climate. The task of trying to reshape our society to bring about a climate of racial healing is so enormous, it strains the imagination."

Critics say Franklin's advisory board moves too slowly, with unfocused goals. Franklin, 83, counters that no one can expect quick fixes. Racism is ingrained in American society, he says, using his own life as an example. He has more than 100 honorary degrees, and has written or edited 22 books. An orchid breed, a street and a former student's child are named in his honor. Yet, sometimes at a hotel he's mistaken for a bellman.

Recently, in a Tulsa hotel, a guest approached Franklin. "He said, 'I'm leaving the bags ... take them upstairs.' People presume that because I'm black, I must be a servant." Our greatest hope for racial peace may lie with our children, he says. "Expose them to groups of people not like themselves. Have them learn about and talk to people of other races." He tells of traveling to Williamsburg, Va., in 1949 to present a paper he'd written. Hotels were closed to Franklin, but a white colleague invited him to stay at his house. Years later, that man confided that he had wanted his children to meet Franklin because "they'd never seen an educated black man before."

Racial issues will haunt and cripple us, he says, if we all don't get involved in dealing with them. "This is every American's problem." □

This week: He's in Denver Tuesday and Wednesday for a meeting of the advisory board on race.

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This man was born in Pontotocville and his birth place is still standing. We plan to make a small museum out of it.



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April 10, 1998

Mildred Burkhalter, Mayor
Town of Rentiesville
P O Box 58
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0058

Dear Ms. Burkhalter:

Thank you for writing concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In writing, you shared information pertaining to the historical value of your community and your plans to promote the current and future events of Rentiesville. You also mentioned the possibility of future growth in this area and your desire for community identity.

I understand your concern and recognize the importance of community identity. We strive in every way to meet the needs of our customers, even beyond our basic task of delivering mail. When we have a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing alternate forms of mail service. If a proposal to close a post office comes under consideration, the decision process is not taken lightly. Such factors as population density, growth patterns, mail volume, revenue and demographics are all taken into account and weighed into the final determination.

The growth of the community does not depend on the location of the post office. Based on information obtained by the Postal Service, it is determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. By providing carrier service to roadside mailboxes, the Postal Service will be able to accommodate future growth. Carrier service is very beneficial to the elderly and disabled citizens of Rentiesville. They will not have to travel to another post office to conduct postal business. The rural carrier will be able to provide the same services as the post office. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Applications are available from the rural carrier. Additionally, the customers have 24 hour access to their mail boxes and receive free rural delivery.

The Postal Service is very interested in the service needs of the community. By returning the questionnaires and providing any additional information, the Postal Service will be able to determine the best form of alternative service your community will need.

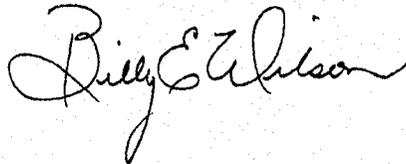
You were concerned with the expenses of the Rentiesville Post Office. The salary of a Postmaster at a level A (2 hour a day) office is \$18,325 annually. The fringe benefits are \$6,139 or 33.5% of the annual salary. The yearly rent for the post office is \$600. This totals \$25,064 annually. At the time of the community meeting, we stated an approximate cost of providing rural delivery to the post office box customers would be \$4,343. This has been changed to \$6281.00 annually. Since that meeting, we now know the cost of the rural boxes were \$13.00 for each set and labor was \$4.00 each for a cost of \$629.00. Carrier service is most cost effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster. The annual savings to the Postal Service is \$18,154. You mentioned you would lose your identity if the post office is closed. The community's identity derives interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of Rentiesville in addresses and in National Five Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory. If it

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Sincerely,



Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

 DC & SELBY MINNER
BLUES ON THE MOVE
RT. 1 BOX 311 CHECOTAH, OK
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April 10, 1998

Dear Customer Services Analyst:

Thank you - and everyone else involved - for reconsidering the closing of the Rentiesville Post Office. We all appreciate it!

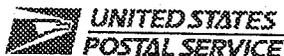
This is a request that the hours be lengthened just a little, back to where they were a few years ago. Right now we are at 2 hours / day, in the morning. If the P. O. could also be open from 4 pm til 4:30, or better yet from 4:30 until 5 I could personally increase the Rentiesville business by several hundred dollars per year.

Once or twice every week I catch the Checotah Post Office - drive right by Rentiesville - with about \$20 worth of mail. I spend the day putting it together, and of course there is always something that has to go out *that day*. I would love to be taking it to the Rentiesville P. O. It also occurs to me that if Rentiesville was open til 5 (a half hour later than Checotah) we would actually pull a few last minute customers *in* to town!

Thank you for your time and consideration. And especially thank you for keeping us on the map by not closing our Post Office.

Sincerely,

S. Selby Minner



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April 27, 1998

Selby Minner
Rt 1, Box 311
Checotah, OK 74426-9801

Dear Ms. Minner:

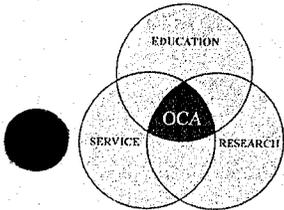
Thank you for writing concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

You requested that we open the office from 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. We are unable to open the office for that period. The office evaluates as a 2 hour a day office. This is evaluation is determined by the number of customers and revenue of the office. The office currently is open from 10:00 - 12:00 daily to provide the post office box customers the earliest possible delivery of their mail.

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April 24, 1998

United States Postmaster
Customer Service Analyst
3030 NW Expressway
Suite 1042
Oklahoma City, OK 73198-9331

Dear Madam or Sir:

I am writing to support the request of the residents of the town of Rentiesville to continue their post office. Over the last three years, I have been conducting research aimed at understanding the lived experiences and the health status of the elders in several of the all-Black towns of Oklahoma, including Rentiesville. I have learned that the post offices are very important to the communities in ways that are crucial to the physical well being of the older residents.

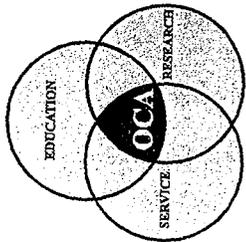
Post offices serve four functions for the elders in the communities: (a) socialization, (b) informal communication, (c) health surveillance, and (d) service coordination. In many cases, there is no alternative organizing unit for these functions. Therefore, when the post office is closed, an important community health resource is shut down.

I realize that the Postal Service must take many issues into account in making decisions about the maintenance of post offices in small communities. I hope that one of the factors you consider is the value to the community of the post office as a hub for health and social activities and its special value to the elderly residents. It would be tragic for Rentiesville to lose its post office.

Sincerely,

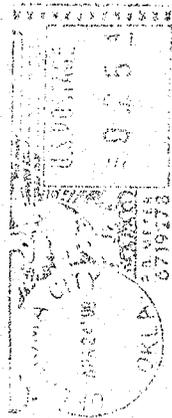
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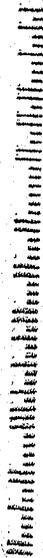
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Charles C. Miller



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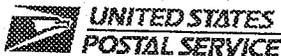
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Arthur Burphue



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Arthur Bumpus
P O Box 43
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0043

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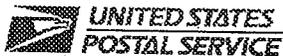
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You mentioned you would lose your identity if the post office is closed. The community's identity derives interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of Rentiesville in addresses and in National Five Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory. If it is determined to discontinue the post office, the ZIP Code will change to 74426 to ensure effective and regular service.

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Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

Reasons for keeping the Rentiesville Post Office

Rentiesville is one of the original 28 black towns founded in Oklahoma around the time of statehood. Only 12 remain today. This is very unique history that happened nowhere else in the nation.

There are several important events that happened here; there is also a lot of activity to develop this area as a historical site for tourists. John Hope Franklin's birthplace is still standing. We hope to open it to visitors. Bluesman DC Minner's club hosts a nationally respected Blues Festival in town each Labor Day Weekend, and plans to expand to a museum which will document the rich contribution Oklahoma has made to one of America's most respected cultural exports - the blues.

The pivotal Civil War Battle of Honey Springs was fought literally just around the corner - as it was a running battle, some of Rentiesville land was even included. This has been designated in Washington DC as *the* diversity battle of the Civil War, and is on the list of the top 25 battle sites worth preserving. This was the first time in the history of our country that black soldiers were allowed to bear arms in her defense. They were outnumbered two to one, but they fought "like veterans, ...the First Kansas (colored) particularly distinguished itself" reported their commander Blunt. He went on to report "their coolness and bravery I have never seen surpassed...etc."

Recently the funding to develop the battlefield site has started to come through, (1.7 million dollars) and a visitor's center and new roads are planned to be in place within the next two years. The Oklahoma Historical Society which has done all this research and is creating the park is very excited about the project.

Rentiesville may be a small community, but Rentiesville would like to maintain it's identity. We are at a pivotal time, perched on the edge of growth. We have recently paved many streets and gotten street signs, thanks to our Mayor Mildred Burkhalter. Plans are being developed to build a new town hall. The Tourism and Recreation Department have visited twice in the last year, and are excited about our potential for growth. They forsee us playing a vital part in their development of African-American (and multi-cultural) tourism across the state. They see this as the wave of the future in tourism.

Maintaining our Post Office is very important to us. Without a zip code of our own we are no longer included on state maps. This is not to mention the fact that the Post Office serves as a very important social and cultural center in the community, even though it is open only two hours each day. Many people walk there daily who could not drive to Checotah, but would have to pay someone to drive them there.

S/ Nellie B. Starks



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April 7, 1998

Nellie Starks
P O Box 45
Rentiesville, OK 74459-0045

Dear Ms. Starks:

Thank you for writing concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Rentiesville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In writing, you shared information pertaining to the historical value of your community and your plans to promote the current and future events of Rentiesville. You also mentioned the possibility of future growth in this area.

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Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

Duke University

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
226 CARR BUILDING

BOX 90719
TELEPHONE (919) 684-3014
FAX (919) 681-7670

May 1, 1998

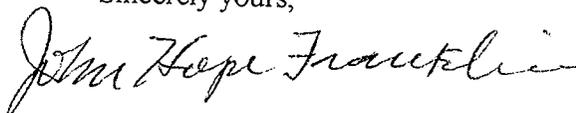
Customer Service Analyst
United States Postal Service
330 N. W. Expressway, Suite 1042
Oklahoma City, OK 73198-9331

Greetings:

I write to you regarding the post office at Rentiesville, Oklahoma. I urge you not to close the facility. When I visited Rentiesville two years ago, I went to the post office and received the distinct impression that many people, not only those of the town, but those in outlying areas depended on the Rentiesville post office for their contact with the outside world. Had I known that consideration was being given to closing the post office, I would have been more observant and thus would have been able to give a clearer idea of the impact on and the importance of the post office to the community. In concrete terms, I believe that it is important.

I have a very personal, very sentimental reason for urging you not to close the post office in Rentiesville. My father was the postmaster there in 1915, and I was born in the post office on January 2 of that year. It was not in its present location but in the front part of our house which was on the street quite close to the M. K. and T. Railroad. I made reference to this fact in the P. B. S. Documentary on my life, "First Person Singular," which was aired on June 13, 1997, and again in February, 1998. There are plans in Rentiesville to reestablish my birthplace and along with the nearby site of the Battle of Honey Springs, to stimulate tourism in that part of McIntosh county. I would deeply appreciate your most serious consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,



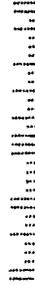
John Hope Franklin
James B. Duke Professor of History Emeritus
Chairman of the Advisory Board to the
President's Initiative on Race

cc.: Mayor Mildred Burkhalter

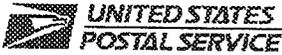
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May 6, 1998

John Hope Franklin
James B. Duke Professor of History Emeritus
Department of History
Duke University
226 Carr Building
Durham, NC 27708-0719

Dear Mr. Franklin:

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Sincerely,

Billy Wilson
Manager, Post Office Operations

POSTAL NO 24459
P.O. NO 23
P.O. NO 40

To Whom it May Concern:

I am solely against the closing of Rentesville post office. It is needed in this area. After 94 years of a post office being here, it would be devastating to lose it.

Edger Sackett

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

U. S. Postal Service
 POST OFFICE CLOSING OR CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL
 Fact Sheet

1. Date Prepared
 3/31/2010

Post Office Name
 Rentiesville

3. State and ZIP + 4 Code
 OK 74459-9998

4. District
 Oklahoma

5. County
 McIntosh

6. Congressional District
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7. Reason for Proposal to Discontinue
 Lack of qualified personnel to operate the Facility and safety concerns about the leased building.

8. Post Office Emergency Suspended (Reason and Date) 04/23/2004
 Lack of qualified personnel to operate the facility

9. Proposed Permanent Alternate Service
 Delivery to roadside mailboxes delivered by rural carrier.

10. Staffing
 a. PM Occupied PM Vacancy Reason: Retired
 Date: March 31, 1998
 b. OIC Career Noncareer
 c. Current PM Position Level EAS- A Downgraded from EAS-
 d. No. of Clerks 0 No. of Career 0 No. of Noncareer 0
 e. No. of Others 0 No. of Career 0 No. of Noncareer 0

11. Hours of Service
 a. Time M-F Weekdays: 9:30-11:30 Sat. 12:30-13:30 Total window hours per week ↓ 11
 b. Lobby Time M-F 2 hours Sat. 1 hour

12. Number of Customers Served in 2004

a. General Delivery	0
b. P. O. Box	14
c. City Delivery	0
d. Rural Delivery Intermediate Rural Delivery	18
e. Highway Contract Route/Intermediate HCR	0
f. Total →	32
g. No. Receiving Duplicate Service	0
h. Average No. Daily Transactions	1.34

13. Daily Volume (Pieces)

	Types of Mail	Received	Dispatched
a. General Delivery	a. First Class		
b. P. O. Box	b. Newspaper		
c. City Delivery	c. Parcel		
d. Rural Delivery Intermediate Rural Delivery	d. Other		
e. Highway Contract Route/Intermediate HCR	e. Total →		
f. Total →			
g. No. of Postage Meters			0
h. Average No. Daily Transactions	g. No. of Permits		0

14. Finances

a. Revenue	Receipts	b. EAS-minimum PM Basic Salary	c. PM Fringe Benefits (33.5% of b)
FY97	\$2252	\$18325	\$6139
FY96	\$1519		
FY95	\$1272		

15a. Quarters
 Postal Owned Leased (If Leased, Expiration Date) 01/15/2010 Annual Lease \$ 600
 30 Day cancellation clause? Yes No Evicted? Yes No (If Yes, must vacate by) Currently vacated (Date)
 Located in: Business Home Other Suitable alternate quarters available? Yes No

15b. Explain: Building inspection was complete by Administrative Services. Results: electric systems not up to codes, electric outlets have open ground, electrical wires coming from electric box are unprotected, and running up the wall and into ceiling area.

16. Schools, Religious Institutions and Social Organizations in Service Area. Names: No.
 First Christian Church
 Church of Christ

18. Administrative/Emanating Office (Proposed)
 Finance Number: 391650 city delivery non city delivery
 Name Checotah Post Office 74426 EAS level 20 Miles Away 5.2
 Window Service Hours: M-F 8:30-4:30 Sat. 10:00-12:00
 Lobby Hours: M-F 24hrs Sat. 24hrs
 PO Boxes Installed 883 PO Boxes Unused 104

17. Businesses and local Government Offices in Service Area Names: No.
 Fire Department
 Town of Rentiesville

19. Nearest Post Office (If different from above)
 Name _____ EAS level _____ Miles Away _____
 Window Service Hours: M-F _____ Sat. _____
 Lobby Hours: M-F _____ Sat. _____
 PO Boxes Installed _____ PO Boxes Unused _____

Prepared By
 Printed Name and Title
 Kathryn A. Hottel, CSA
 District PO Review Coordinator Name
 Diana Massey

Telephone No. AC (405)
 815-2532

Signature
 →

Telephone No. AC (405)
 815-2524

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MEMO TO THE RECORD
April 6, 2010

PS form 4290 was corrected to show the expiration date of the lease to be 01/15/2010.

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WALK-IN REVENUE/UNITS

FY-92 \$1,378 (5)
FY-93 \$1,274 (4)
FY-94 \$1,272 (4)
FY-95 \$1,512 (5)
FY-96 \$1,519 (4)
FY-97 \$2,252 (7)

POST OFFICE BOX CUSTOMERS

FY-96 35
FY-98 27

If a postmaster is placed in this office, the salary would be as follows: \$18,325 salary
\$ 6,139 fringe benefits (33.5%)
\$24,464 total salary

Lease on building and land is \$50.00 per month or \$600.00 annually + utilities

Postal Service's savings if office is closed:

Postmaster salary \$18,325
Fringe benefits (33.5%) \$ 6,139
Land costs, excluding utilities 600

Total Annual Costs \$25,064

Less estimated cost of
replacement service (rural
delivery) \$ 4,343

Total Annual Savings \$20,721

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DATE	FY98	NO	Postage	Bird Stamp	Philatelic	Retail	Dom M.O.s	MO Fee	PD	Box Rent	LESS	Refund	Walk in	Cash
	ACTIVITY		90	91	92	93	100	101	114	115		536	Revenue	Remitted
1-Apr			\$ 12.40										\$ 12.40	\$ 12.40
2-Apr	X													\$ -
3-Apr	X													\$ -
4-Apr			\$ 3.20										\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20
6-Apr	X													\$ -
7-Apr	X													\$ -
8-Apr	X													\$ -
9-Apr														\$ -
10-Apr			\$ 7.94							\$ 12.00			\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
11-Apr			\$ 19.20				\$ 339.78	\$ 1.70					\$ 9.64	\$ 349.42
13-Apr			\$ 7.68				\$ 25.09	\$ 0.85					\$ 20.05	\$ 45.14
14-Apr													\$ 7.68	\$ 7.68
15-Apr							\$ 200.00	\$ 0.85					\$ 0.85	\$ 200.85
16-Apr			\$ 0.32				\$ 27.62	\$ 0.85					\$ 0.85	\$ 28.47
17-Apr	X						\$ 228.90	\$ 1.70					\$ 2.02	\$ 230.92
18-Apr			\$ 22.11											\$ -
20-Apr			\$ 6.78									\$ 9.00	\$ 13.11	\$ 13.11
21-Apr	X												\$ 6.78	\$ 6.78
22-Apr	X													\$ -
23-Apr			\$ 1.24											\$ -
24-Apr							\$ 466.73	\$ 3.40					\$ 1.24	\$ 1.24
TOTALS			\$ 80.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,288.12	\$ 9.35	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ 9.00	\$ 93.22	\$ 1,381.34

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DATE	NO	Postage	Bird Stam	Philatelic	Retail	Dom M.O.s	MO Fee	PD	Box Rent	LESS	Refund	Walk in	Cash
	ACTIVITY	90	91	92	93	100	101	114	115		536	Revenue	Remitted
25-Apr		\$ 6.58				\$ 335.00	\$ 0.85	114	115	-		\$ 7.43	\$ 342.43
27-Apr						\$ 150.00	\$ 0.85			-		\$ 0.85	\$ 150.85
28-Apr		\$ 6.40							\$ 24.00	-		\$ 30.40	\$ 30.40
29-Apr	X									-			
30-Apr		\$ 6.58				\$ 30.00	\$ 0.85			-		\$ 7.43	\$ 37.43
1-May		\$ 0.96							\$ 12.00	-		\$ 12.96	\$ 12.96
2-May	X									-			
4-May		\$ 1.28								-			
5-May		\$ 7.68				\$ 89.00	\$ 0.85			-		\$ 2.13	\$ 91.13
6-May		\$ 0.32				\$ 317.96	\$ 3.40		\$ 36.00	-		\$ 47.08	\$ 365.04
7-May		\$ 7.36				\$ 313.36	\$ 3.40			-		\$ 3.72	\$ 317.08
8-May		\$ 3.58								-		\$ 7.36	\$ 7.36
11-May	X	\$ 1.60				\$ 179.81	\$ 4.25		\$ 24.00	-		\$ 3.58	\$ 3.58
12-May	X									-		\$ 29.85	\$ 209.66
13-May										-			
14-May	X					\$ 79.69	\$ 0.85			-		\$ 0.85	\$ 80.54
15-May		\$ 0.38				\$ 300.00	\$ 0.85			-		\$ 1.23	\$ 301.23
16-May	X									-			
18-May	X									-			
19-May	X									-			
20-May	X									-			
21-May	X									-			
22-May		\$ 3.20								-		\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20
TOTALS		\$ 45.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,794.82	\$ 16.15	\$ -	\$ 96.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158.07	\$ 1,952.89

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DATE	NO	Postage	Bird Stam	Philatelic	Retail	Dom M.O.s	MO Fee	PD	Box Rent	Refund	Walk-in	Cash	
	ACT	90	91	92	93	100	101	114	115	536	Revenue	Remitted	
23-May	X										\$	\$	
25-May	HOL										\$	\$	
26-May											\$	\$	
27-May		\$ 3.20				\$ 76.44	\$ 0.85				\$ 0.85	\$ 77.29	
28-May		\$ 1.02				\$ 300.00	\$ 0.85				\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20	
29-May	X										\$ 1.87	\$ 301.87	
30-May		\$ 0.64									\$ 0.64	\$	
1-Jun		\$ 1.28									\$ 1.28	\$ 0.64	
2-Jun		\$ 2.30									\$ 2.30	\$ 1.28	
3-Jun									\$ 12.00		\$ 12.00	\$ 2.30	
4-Jun		\$ 4.16									\$ 8.41	\$ 12.00	
5-Jun						\$ 345.27	\$ 4.25				\$ 8.41	\$ 353.68	
6-Jun		\$ 0.08				\$ 105.30	\$ 0.85				\$ 0.85	\$ 106.15	
8-Jun		\$ 0.32				\$ 15.81	\$ 0.85				\$ 0.93	\$ 16.74	
9-Jun		\$ 0.64				\$ 32.99	\$ 0.85				\$ 1.17	\$ 34.16	
10-Jun		\$ 0.96									\$ 0.64	\$ 0.64	
11-Jun		\$ 6.72				\$ 36.94	\$ 0.85				\$ 0.96	\$ 0.96	
12-Jun	X										\$ 7.57	\$ 44.51	
13-Jun	X										\$	\$	
15-Jun	X										\$	\$	
16-Jun	X										\$	\$	
17-Jun		\$ 3.52				\$ 275.00	\$ 1.70				\$ 5.22	\$ 280.22	
18-Jun	X										\$	\$	
19-Jun	X										\$	\$	
TOTALS		\$ 24.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,187.75	\$ 11.05	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ -	\$ 47.89	\$ 1,235.64	

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DATE	NO ACTIVITY	Postage 90	Bird Stam 91	Philatelic 92	Retail 93	Dom M.O.s 100	MO Fee 101	PD 114	Box Rent 115	Refund 536	Walk in Revenue	Cash Remitted
20-Jun	X										\$ -	\$ -
22-Jun	X										\$ -	\$ -
23-Jun		\$ 0.32				\$ 100.00	\$ 0.85				\$ 1.17	\$ 101.17
24-Jun	X										\$ -	\$ -
25-Jun	X										\$ -	\$ -
26-Jun		\$ 4.28									\$ 4.28	\$ 4.28
27-Jun		\$ 3.20									\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20
29-Jun	X										\$ -	\$ -
30-Jun		\$ 2.75									\$ 2.75	\$ 2.75
1-Jul	X										\$ -	\$ -
2-Jul		\$ 32.96									\$ 32.96	\$ 32.96
3-Jul											\$ -	\$ -
4-Jul	HOL					\$ 264.92	\$ 1.70		\$ 12.00		\$ 13.70	\$ 278.62
6-Jul		\$ 1.28									\$ -	\$ -
7-Jul						\$ 392.39	\$ 3.40				\$ 4.68	\$ 397.07
8-Jul		\$ 0.96				\$ 120.01	\$ 1.70				\$ 1.70	\$ 121.71
9-Jul		\$ 12.80									\$ 0.96	\$ 0.96
10-Jul		\$ 6.40							\$ 12.00		\$ 24.80	\$ 24.80
11-Jul	X					\$ 82.02	\$ 0.85				\$ 7.25	\$ 89.27
13-Jul	X										\$ -	\$ -
14-Jul		\$ 0.96									\$ -	\$ -
15-Jul		\$ 0.96									\$ 0.96	\$ 0.96
16-Jul		\$ 1.84				\$ 200.00	\$ 1.70		\$ 24.00		\$ 24.96	\$ 24.96
17-Jul	X								\$ 12.00		\$ 15.54	\$ 215.54
TOTALS		\$ 68.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,159.34	\$ 10.20	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 138.91	\$ 1,298.25

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DATE	NO ACTIVITY	Postage 90	Bird Stam 91	Philatelic 92	Retail 93	Dom M.O.s 100	MO Fee 101	PD 114	Box Rent 115	Refund 536	Walk in Revenue	Cash Remitted	
18-Jul	X												
20-Jul	X												
21-Jul	X												
22-Jul		\$ 0.32							\$ 12.00			\$ 12.32	\$ 12.32
23-Jul		\$ 0.32										\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32
24-Jul		\$ 0.69										\$ 0.69	\$ 0.69
25-Jul						\$ 111.63	\$ 0.85					\$ 0.85	\$ 112.48
27-Jul	X												
28-Jul		\$ 0.64										\$ 0.64	\$ 0.64
29-Jul		\$ 0.96										\$ 0.96	\$ 0.96
30-Jul		\$ 263.00										\$ 263.00	\$ 263.00
31-Jul		\$ 0.64										\$ 0.64	\$ 0.64
1-Aug		\$ 3.20										\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20
3-Aug		\$ 13.12										\$ 13.12	\$ 13.12
4-Aug		\$ 6.40					\$ 151.50	\$ 0.85				\$ 7.25	\$ 158.75
5-Aug		\$ 6.40					\$ 268.36	\$ 2.55				\$ 8.95	\$ 277.31
6-Aug		\$ 1.24			\$ 0.30		\$ 148.67	\$ 0.85				\$ 2.39	\$ 151.06
7-Aug	X												
8-Aug		\$ 3.26			\$ 0.60		\$ 57.69	\$ 1.70				\$ 5.56	\$ 63.25
10-Aug	X												
11-Aug		\$ 7.36										\$ 7.36	\$ 7.36
12-Aug		\$ 2.02			\$ 0.60		\$ 100.00	\$ 0.85				\$ 3.47	\$ 103.47
13-Aug		\$ 0.32					\$ 36.94	\$ 0.85				\$ 1.17	\$ 38.11
14-Aug		\$ 1.70			\$ 0.30		\$ 90.00	\$ 0.85				\$ 14.85	\$ 104.85
TOTALS		\$ 311.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.80	\$ 964.79	\$ 9.35	\$ -	\$ 24.00	\$ -	\$ 346.74	\$ 1,311.53	

On August 3, Rentiesville residents staged a rally of support complete with Channel 6 news showing support for their post office. They lined up in front of the building, most bought 2 stamps, some just said "Hi". Their efforts grossed and earned them a spot on the 6PM news on CBS protesting the Postal Services' trying to destroy their community.

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AP 13		RENTIESVILLE, OK 74459-9998										
DATE	FY98	NO	Postage	Bird Stamp	Philatelic	Retail	Dom M.O.s	MO Fee	Box Rent	Refund	Walk in	Cash
		ACTIVITY	90	91	92	93	100	101	115	536	Revenue	Remitted
15-Aug		1										
17-Aug			\$ 4.10			\$ 1.15	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.85			\$ 6.10	\$ 506.10
18-Aug			\$ 0.32								\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32
19-Aug			\$ 3.20								\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20
20-Aug			\$ 3.20				\$ 25.09	\$ 0.85			\$ 4.05	\$ 29.14
21-Aug		1										
22-Aug		1										
24-Aug		1										
25-Aug			\$ 11.07				\$ 600.00	\$ 0.85			\$ 11.92	\$ 611.92
26-Aug		1										
27-Aug			\$ 5.68			\$ 0.60					\$ 6.28	\$ 6.28
28-Aug			\$ 16.00								\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00
29-Aug		1	\$ 4.00								\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
31-Aug			\$ 4.76			\$ 0.60					\$ 5.36	\$ 5.36
1-Sep			\$ 3.20								\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20
2-Sep			\$ 0.32								\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32
3-Sep		1										
4-Sep			\$ 0.96				\$ 37.40	\$ 0.85			\$ 1.81	\$ 39.21
5-Sep		1										
7-Sep		HOL										
8-Sep			\$ 7.41				\$ 180.00	\$ 0.85			\$ 8.26	\$ 188.26
9-Sep			\$ 5.12				\$ 407.97	\$ 5.10			\$ 10.22	\$ 418.19
10-Sep		1										
11-Sep			\$ 0.32								\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32
TOTALS		9	\$ 69.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.35	\$ 1,750.46	\$ 9.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81.36	\$ 1,831.82

FISCAL YEAR '98		RENTIESVILLE, OK 74459-9998									
DATE	NO	Postage	Bird Stamp	Philatelic	Retail	Dom M.O.s	MO Fee	Box Rent	Refund	Walk in	Cash
	ACTIVITY	90	91	92	93	100	101	115	536	Revenue	Remitted
4/1/98-9/12/98	50	\$ 601.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.15	\$ 8,145.28	\$ 65.45	\$ 204.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 866.19	\$ 9,011.47

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AP 1		RENTIESVILLE, OK 74459-9998											
DATE	FY99	NO	Postage	Bird Stamp	Philatelic	Retail	Dom M.O.s	MO Fee	Box Rent	Refund	Walk in	Cash	
	ACTIVITY		90	91	92	93	100	101	115	536	Revenue	Remitted	
1	12-Sep	1											
2	14-Sep		\$ 0.32				\$ 36.94	\$ 0.85			\$ 1.17	\$ 38.11	
3	15-Sep		\$ 36.34								\$ 36.34	\$ 36.34	
4	16-Sep	1											
5	17-Sep	1											
6	18-Sep		\$ 33.07								\$ 33.07	\$ 33.07	
7	19-Sep	1											
8	21-Sep	1											
9	22-Sep		\$ 0.38				\$ 300.00	\$ 0.85			\$ 1.23	\$ 301.23	
10	23-Sep		\$ 1.67								\$ 1.67	\$ 1.67	
11	24-Sep		\$ 9.33				\$ 125.09	\$ 0.85			\$ 10.18	\$ 135.27	
12	25-Sep	1											
13	26-Sep	1											
14	28-Sep	1											
15	29-Sep	1											
16	30-Sep	1											
17	1-Oct		\$ 3.20								\$ 3.20	\$ 3.20	
18	2-Oct		\$ 0.32								\$ 0.32	\$ 0.32	
19	3-Oct	1											
20	5-Oct		\$ 0.64				\$ 188.00	\$ 1.70			\$ 2.34	\$ 190.34	
21	6-Oct		\$ 0.96								\$ 0.96	\$ 0.96	
22	7-Oct		\$ 0.64				\$ 19.00	\$ 0.85			\$ 1.49	\$ 20.49	
23	8-Oct	1											
24	9-Oct	1											
TOTALS		13	\$ 86.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 669.03	\$ 5.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91.97	\$ 761.00	

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NOTICE OF POST OFFICE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

A. Suspended Office

Name Rentiesville State: OK OK ZIP Code: -74459
Area: Southwest District: Oklahoma
Congressional District: 2 County: McIntosh
Post Office EAS Grade: A Finance Number: 39-6930
Classified Station Classified Branch CPO Date CPO Established: _____
Effective date of suspension: 04/23/04

Justification (Specific reason(s) for suspension):

Safety concerns. The roof has been leaking and some of the ceiling tiles have fallen
down. The electrical wiring is substandard and does not meet code.

Alternate Service Provided (i.e. rural delivery to roadside mailboxes, cbus, etc.)

Post office box customers are currently picking up mail at the Checotah Post Office.

Effect on Employees (Include Career/Noncareer Employees):

No effect on career or noncareer employees.

Hours of Operation:

Retail: Saturday: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday – Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m.
(Include lunch break)
Lobby: Saturday: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday – Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Number of Customers Served:

 General Delivery
14 Post Office Box
 City Delivery
18 Rural Route
 Highway Contract Route (HCR)
 Intermediate Rural Route
 Intermediate HCR
32 Total Customers

B. Administrative Office

Name Checotah State: OK ZIP Code: 74426
EAS Grade: 20 Finance Number: 39-1650 Miles Away: 5
PO Boxes Available: 30

Hours of Operation

Retail: Saturday: 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.
(Include lunch break)
Lobby: Saturday: 24 hours Monday – Friday 24 hours

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NOTICE OF POST EMERGENCY SUSPENSION (continued)

C. Nearest Office

Name _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____
EAS Grade: _____ Finance Number: _____ Miles Away: _____
PO Boxes Available: _____

Hours of Operation

Retail: Saturday: _____ Monday – Friday _____
(Include lunch break)
Lobby: Saturday: _____ Monday – Friday _____

D. Postmaster Organization Notification:

Notified: Yes X No _____ Date of Notification: 10/25/04

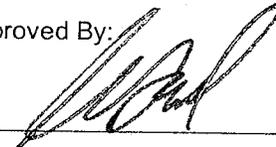
E. Plan of Action (HQ must be notified within 90 days):

Unknown at this time.

Prepared by: Diana Massey Date: October 26, 2004

Title: District Post Office Discontinuance Coordinator

Telephone No.: 405/553-6227 Fax No.: 405/553-6206

Approved By:  Date: 10/27/04

District Manager, Customer Service and Sales

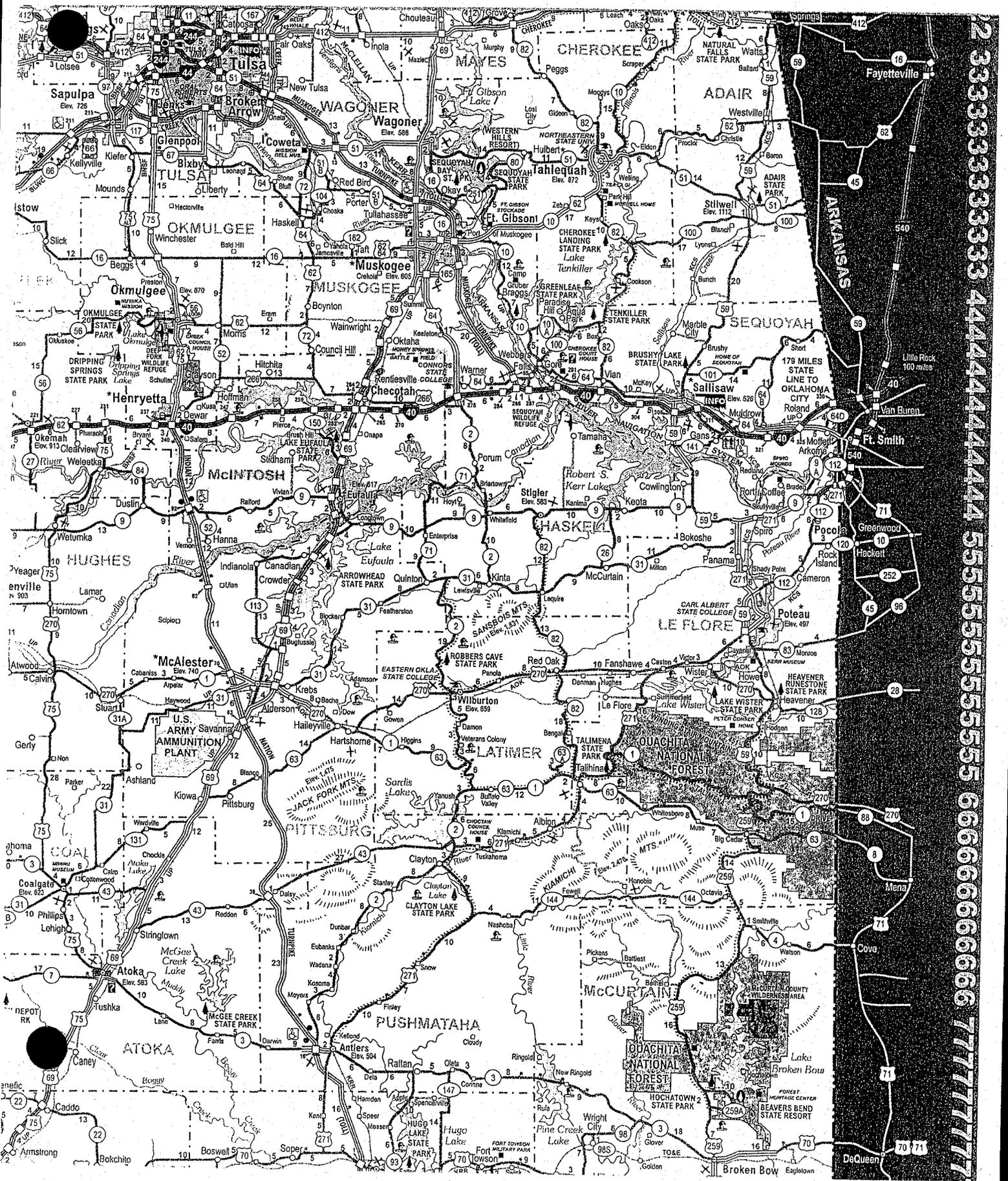
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FAX TO:

Frederick J. Hintenach
Manager, Customer Service Operations
Retail and Delivery
U.S. Postal Service Headquarters
475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Room 5621
Washington, DC 20260-5621
FAX: (202) 268-5102

cc: Area PO Review Coordinator
District PO Review Coordinator
National League of Postmasters
National Association of Postmasters of the United States

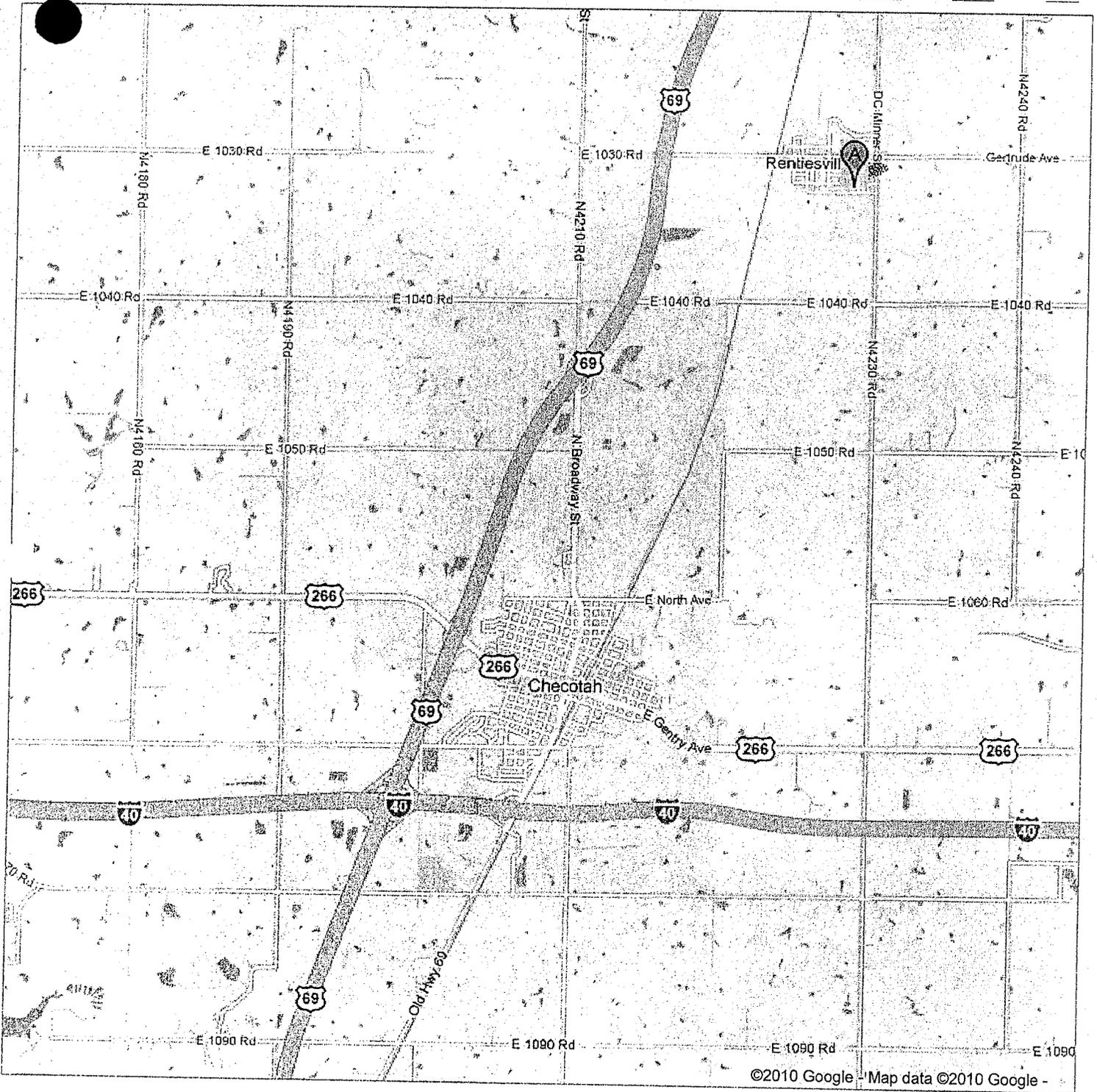
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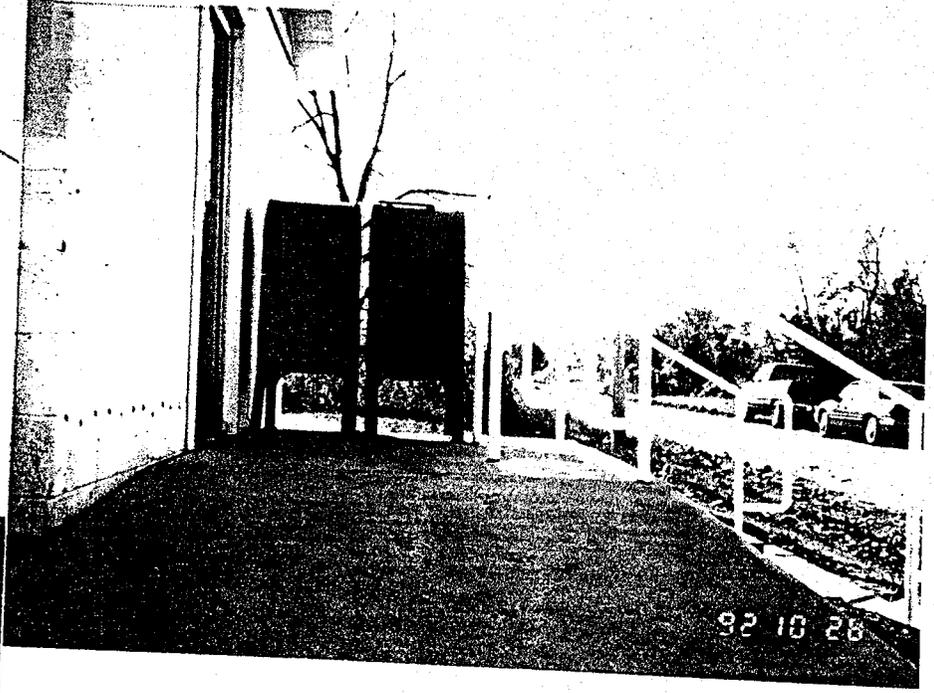
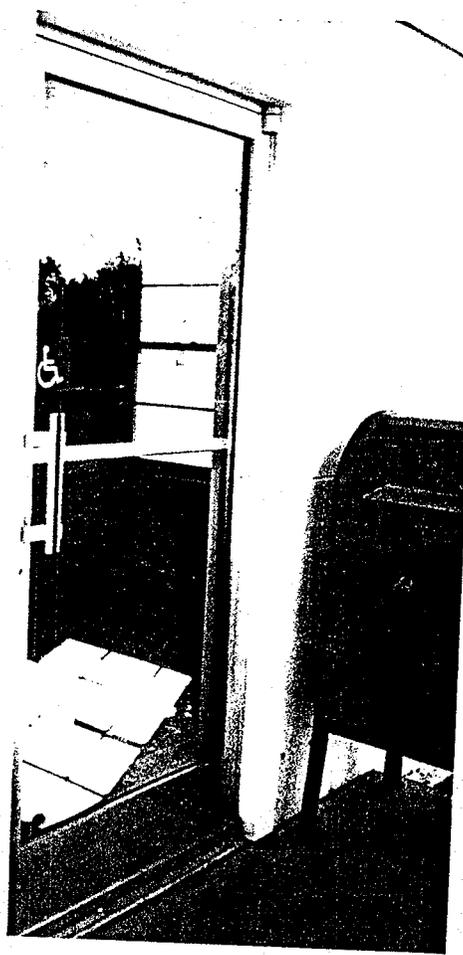
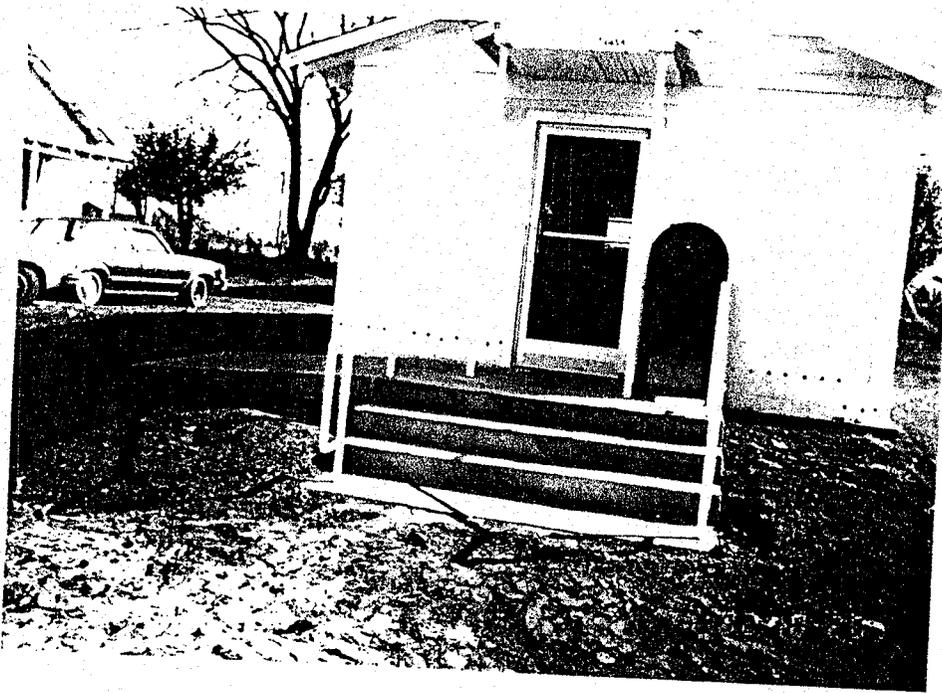
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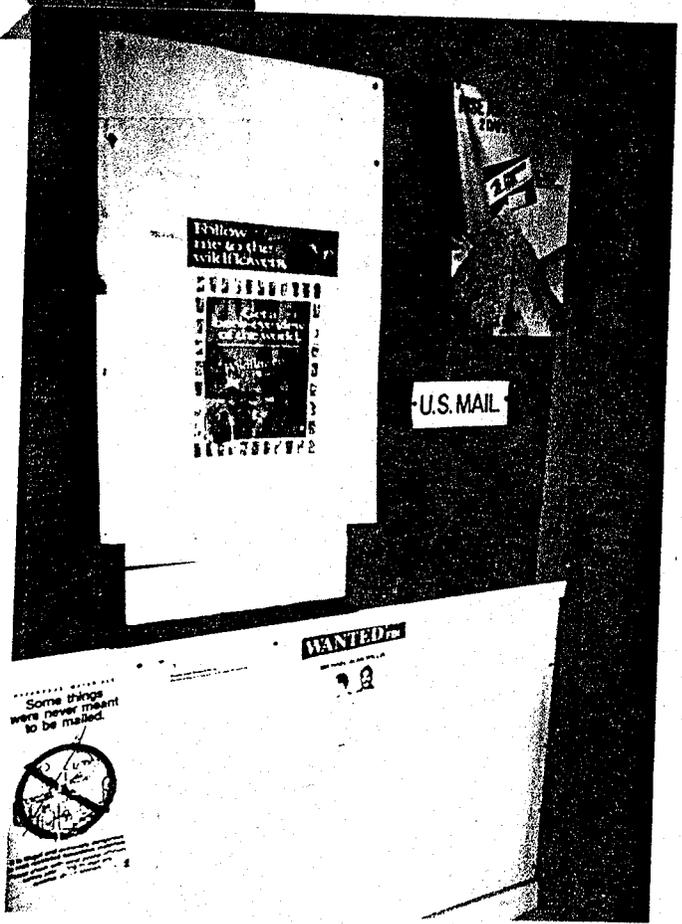
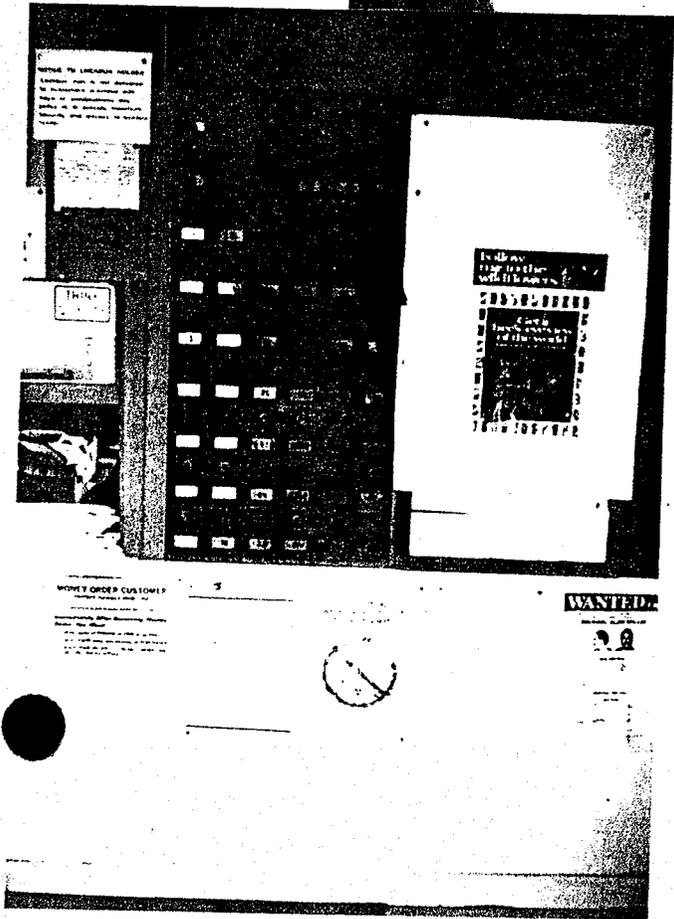
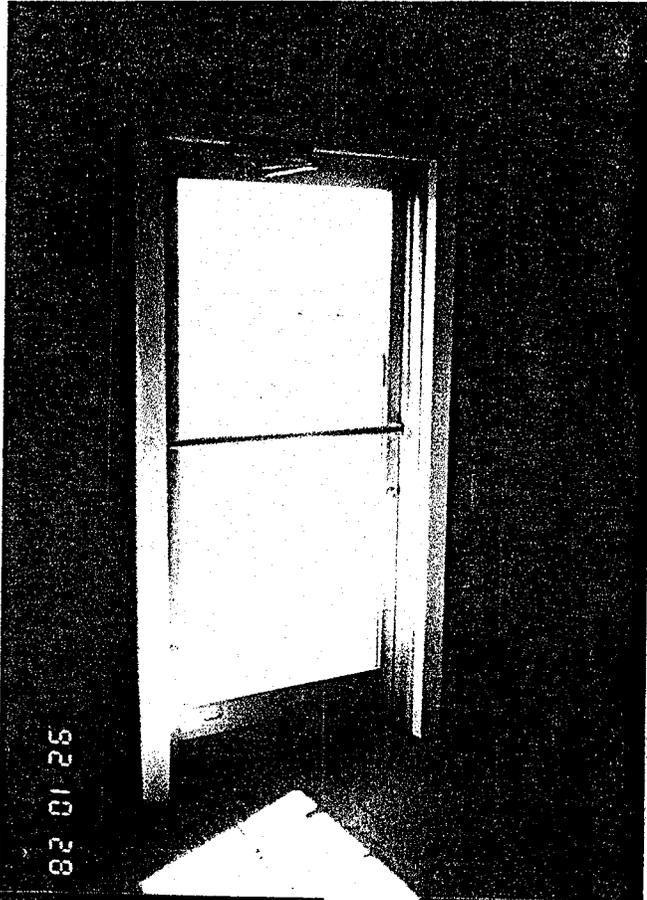
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MAIN POST OFFICE
RENTIESVILLE, OK 74459

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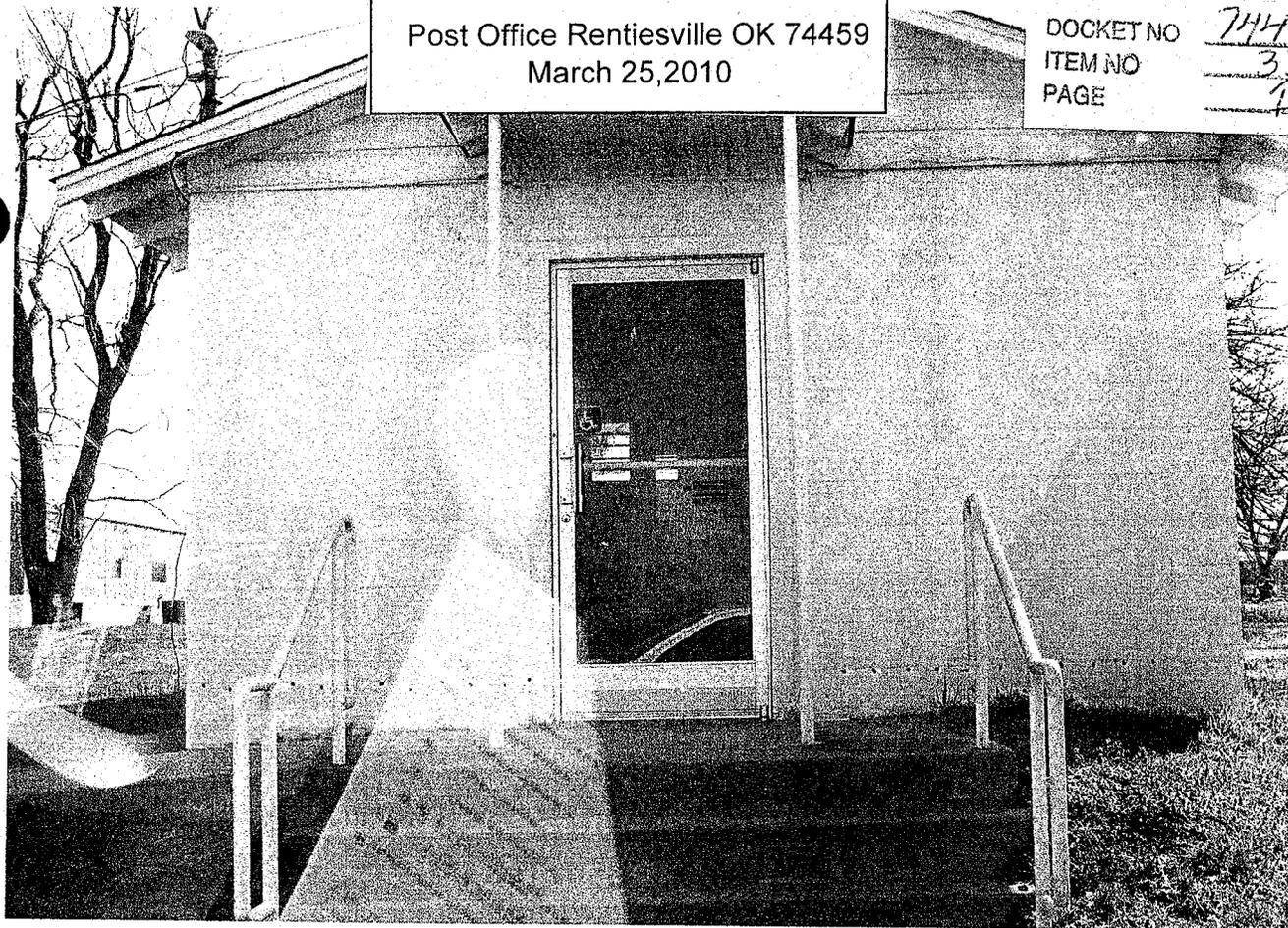
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April 2, 2010

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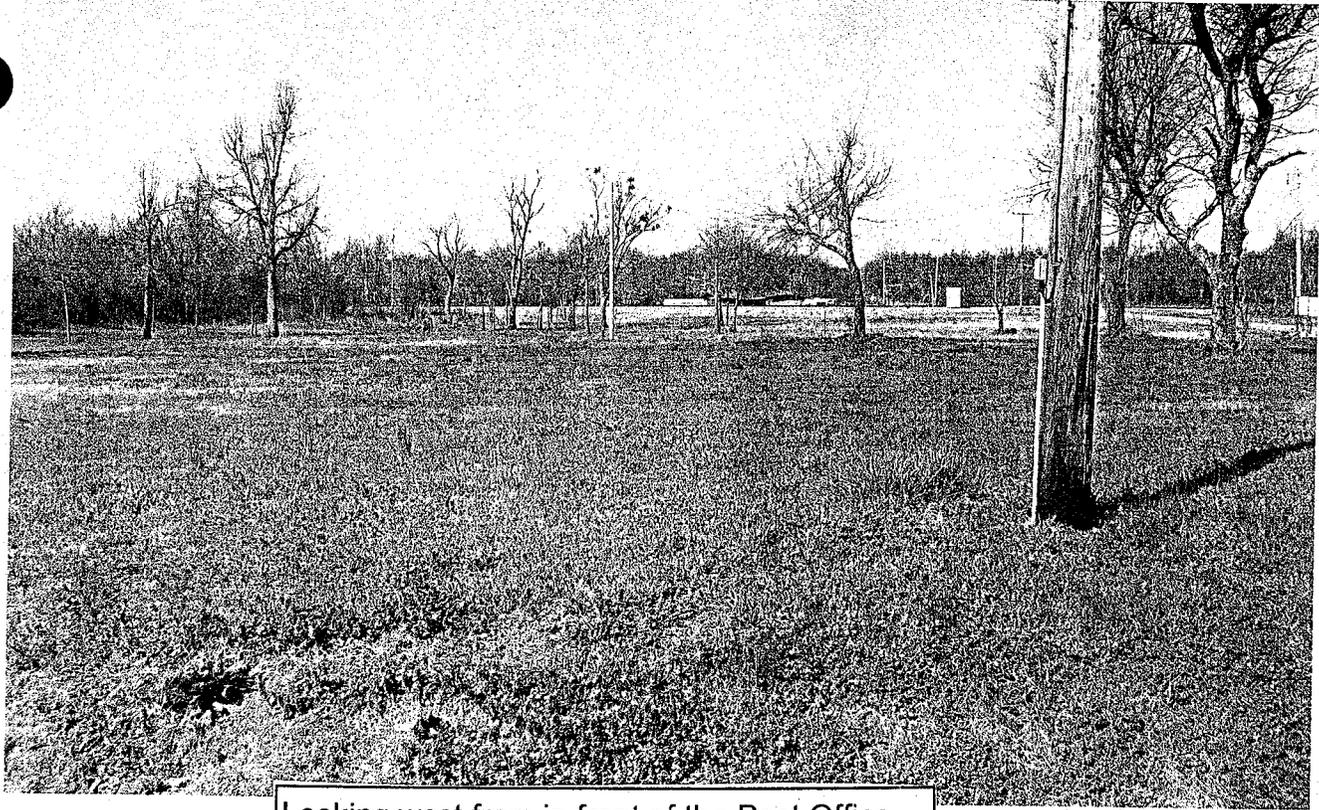
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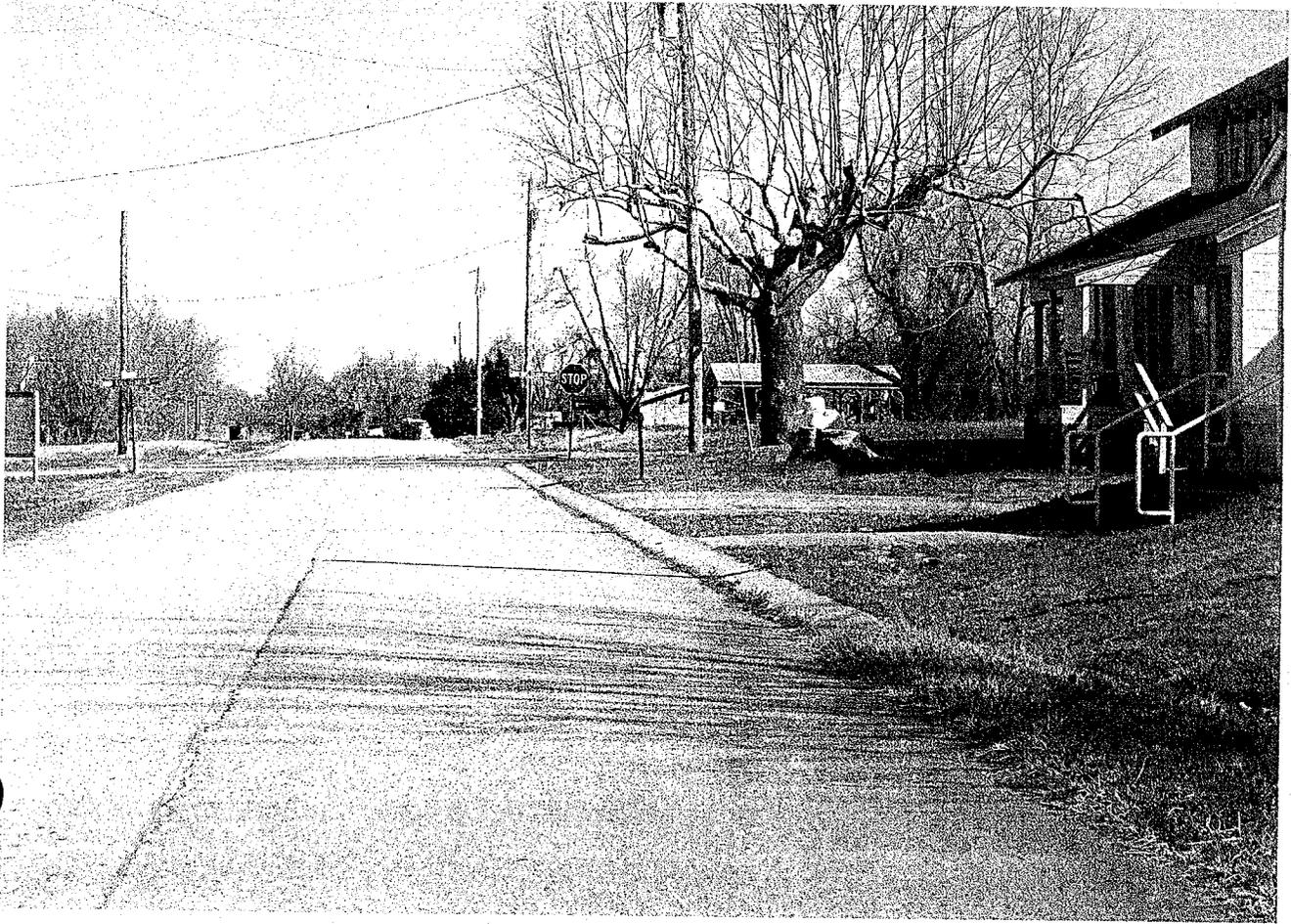
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Looking south from 1 block north of the Post Office



Looking west from in front of the Post Office



Looking north from in front of the Post Office

Post Office Survey Sheet

Post Office Name: Rentiesville, OK _____ ZIP + 4: 74459-9998

Congressional District: 2 _____ Date: 03/30/2010 _____

1. List specific information about the facility, such as structural defects, safety hazards, lack of running water or restrooms (if so, where restrooms are available), security, and other deficiencies or factors to consider.

Documents from 1991, 2001, and 2004 reveal the following defects: 1991-Structaul repairs needed to front porch, doors, ceiling tiles, paint, and weather striping; 2001- Leaking roof and need for exterior paint; 2004-Doors, and electrical system.

2. Is the facility accessible to persons with disabilities? No _____

3. Lease terms? 30-day cancellation clause? Year to year with 30 day cancellation clause _____

4. Are suitable alternate quarters available for an independent post office? If so, where?

There are no suitable alternate quarters in the area

5. List potential CPO sites. None _____

6. Are there any postage meter customers or permit mailers? Yes No

If yes, please identify them by name and address. _____

7. Which career and noncareer employees will be affected and what accommodations will be made for them?

The Postmaster retired March 31, 1998. No other career or noncareer employees at the time of retirement.

8. How is mail received and dispatched at the office and at what times? How will this be affected by discontinuance? Will a collection box be retained? Will a locked pouch be utilized?

Mail was receive and dispatched via highway contract carrier at 10:00 a.m. the collection box was not retained due to the establishment of a rural carrier. The rural carrier does not receive a locked pouch allowance.



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Post Office Survey Sheet (Continued)

How many post office boxes are installed? 54 _____
How many post office boxes are used? 34 in 1998, 14 in 2004
What are the window service hours? 9:30 to 11:30 _____ M-F
12:30 to 13:30 _____ S
What are the lobby hours? 9:30 to 11:30 _____ M-F
12:30 to 13:30 _____ S

9. Have there been recent cases of mail theft or vandalism reported to the postmaster/OIC? Explain.
None documented.

10. What equipment in the post office is not owned by the Postal Service (e.g., post office boxes, furniture, safe)? Lessor-owned Postal equipment, heating equipment, including propane tank

11. List potential CBU/parcel locker sites and distances from present post office site.
N/A

12. Are there any special customer needs? (People who cannot read or write, those who cannot drive, those who have infirmities or physical handicaps.) How can these needs be accommodated?
Any citizen needed special accommodations have been provided instruction for applying for hardship delivery. Most will be accommodated with rural delivery services.

13. Rural delivery/HCR delivery.

- a. What is current evaluation? 42K
- b. Will this change result in the route being overburdened? Yes No X
If so, what accommodations will be made to adjust the route? N/A
- c. How many boxes and miles will be added to the route? 37 boxes and 14 miles
- d. What would be the additional annual expense if the route is increased? \$6281
- e. What is the one-time cost of CBU/parcel locker installation (if appropriate)? \$925
- f. At what time of the day does the carrier begin delivery to the community? 3 p.m.
Will this delivery time be affected if the office is discontinued? Yes No X
If so, how? _____

14. Is the facility that will provide alternate service a city delivery or a non-city delivery post office?

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U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
 SHORT FORM LEASE

UNDERSIGNED, hereinafter called the Lessor, hereby leases to the United States Postal Service, hereinafter called the Postal Service, the premises hereinafter described for postal purposes, pursuant to the terms and Conditions described herein and contained in General Conditions to Short Form Lease, Form 7417-A, attached hereto.

1. LOCATION. The premises are located at:

(Address) E/S. McIntosh, South of Gertrude (City) Rentiesville (County) McIntosh (State and ZIP Code) Oklahoma 74459

upon which is or will be located a one story masonry building and which property contains or will contain areas and spaces, improvements and appurtenances as follows:

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AREA	DIMENSIONS	NET SQ. FT.	AREA	DIMENSIONS	NET SQ. FT.
FIRST FLOOR	14' x 24'	336	DRIVEWAY		
PLATFORM front	8' x 4'	32	PARKING & MANEUVERING		
STORAGE OF VEHICLES (No. of Units)			OTHER (Describe)		

2. TERMS (in each case two (2) of the following paragraphs, "A", "B" and "C" must be deleted)

~~Month-to-Month. This is a month-to-month tenancy for an indefinite period beginning _____, 19____, and may be terminated at any time by either party giving to the other a thirty days' written notice, any such notice given by Lessor to be directed to the Contracting Officer.~~

~~Fixed Term. To have and to hold said premises with their appurtenances for a term of _____ () months beginning _____, 19____.~~

~~(1) The Postal Service may terminate this agreement at any time by giving thirty days' written notice to the Lessor.
 (2) This agreement may be renewed, at the option of the Postal Service, providing that 30 days' written notice is given before the end of the fixed term, for the following separate and consecutive terms and at the following monthly rentals:~~

NO. MONTHS	AT (PER MONTH RENTAL)	NO. MONTHS	AT (PER MONTH RENTAL)	NO. MONTHS	AT (PER MONTH RENTAL)
(a)	\$	(b)	\$	(c)	\$

~~Automatic Renewal. To have and to hold the said premises with their appurtenances for a term of one year beginning June 13, 1981. Thereafter this agreement shall renew itself from year to year unless thirty days before the end of any annual term the Lessor gives written notice of termination, delivered to the Contracting Officer. The Postal Service may terminate this agreement at any time by giving thirty days' written notice to the Lessor.~~

3. RENTAL. The Postal Service shall pay the Lessor monthly rental of \$ 50.00 payable at the end of each month. Rent for part of a month shall be prorated. Rent checks shall be made payable to:

A. L. Lovelace and Jeffie Lovelace

4. Lessor, as part of the rental consideration, shall furnish the following utilities, services and equipment: Lessor-owned Postal equipment as now installed, heating equipment, including propane tank, as installed

5. OTHER PROVISIONS. The following additional provisions, modifications, riders, layouts and/or forms were agreed upon prior to execution and made a part hereof:

Added: Paragraph 7 (relating to electrical service and fuel)
 DELETED: Paragraphs 2A and 2B

6. The undersigned has completed and attached hereto Form 7319-B, Representations and Certifications.

EXECUTED BY LESSOR 8-31, 1981
 By: A.L. Lovelace and Jeffie Graves Lovelace
 L. Lovelace (Signature) Jeffie Graves Lovelace

ACCEPTANCE BY POSTAL SERVICE
Sept. 4, 1981
 By: William H. Brady, Jr.

Identifying No.: (Print Name & Title) : 442-38-2344

Address: P.O. Box 105
 Rentiesville, OK 74459 918/473-5492

Title: William H. Brady, Jr.
 Address: FIELD SUPV., REAL ESTATE
 FIELD RECD OFFICE, USPS
 P. O. DRAWER 239

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REPAIR AND ALTERATION INSPECTION REPORT

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Section I

a. Finance No. 6990	b. Sub-Location No. 001	c. ZIP + 4 74459-9998	d. Type of Office CIGL
e. Facility Name Restiesville		f. Address POB 9998	
g. Normal Complement 1	h. Peak Employee Occupancy M _____ F 2	i. Total Sq. Ft. 334	j. <input type="checkbox"/> USPS Owned <input type="checkbox"/> GSA Other Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leased
k. Year Built 1981	l. Lease Expiration Date	m. Postmaster/Manager Lula Mae Miller	n. Report Date 12-24-91
o. Year Modernize			
p. Recommended Action <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Replace <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upgrade (Local) <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade (Other)			

Section II

Work Area	Class FY	Action By	Work Item No.	Necessary Corrective Action and Estimated Cost
1. Driveway, maneuvering and parking area	✓		9	
2. Walks, curbs, ramps and retaining walls	✓			
3. Landscaping, lawns and fencing	✓			
4. Exterior lighting	✓			
5. Flagpole	✓			
6. Other				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10. Exterior walls, weatherproofing, cleaning and pointing	✓			
11. Windows	A-1	lessor	92-1	GLASS BROKEN ON BACK DOOR \$10 ⁰⁰
12. Main entrance steps, doors and signage	A-1	lessor	92-2	DOOR SILL NEEDS REPLACING AND weather stripping \$20 ⁰⁰
13. Secondary entrance steps, doors and signage	✓			
14. Loading docks, mailing platforms canopies, dock levelers	✓			
15. Exterior painting	D-1	lessor	92-3	OUT side wall + wood trim NEED painting \$300 ⁰⁰
16. Roof cupola, roof hatches, chimney	✓			
17. Roof, drains, gutters, downspouts, flashing, parapets and gravel stops	✓			
18. Other FRONT PORCH.	A-1	lessor	92-4	WOOD BOARDS ARE FALLING OFF NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED & PAINTED \$150 ⁰⁰
19. SCREEN DOOR		lessor	92-5	FRONT & REAR NEED REPAIRED + SCREENS REPLACED WITH STORM DOORS
20.				
21.				

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ENTERED INTO THE SYSTEM

BY JW

DATE 4-6-92

Grounds and Approaches

Building Exterior

Section II (Continued)

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Work Area	Class FY	Action By	Work Item No.	Necessary Corrective Action and Estimated Cost
22. Walls (plaster, ceramic tile, masonry and dry wall)	✓			
23. Floors (VAT and ceramic tile)	✓			
24. Ceilings (plaster and acoustical tile)	A-1	LESSOR	92-6	SOME CEILING TILE SAGS NEED TO BE REPAIRED + PAINTED \$75 ⁰⁰
25. Interior painting	A-1	LESSOR	92-7	ALL WALLS NEED PAINTING \$300 ⁰⁰
26. Window shades and blinds	A-1	LESSOR	92-8	ALL WINDOWS NEED RAULING \$20 ⁰⁰
27. Stairways, ramps and railings	✓			
28. Doors, hardware/closers and locks	A-1	LESSOR	92-9	DOORS NEED WEATHER STRIPING \$30 ⁰⁰
29. Other				
30.				
31.				
32.				
33.				
34.				
35. Heating system	✓			
36. Domestic hot water system	✓			
37. Piping, plumbing system and plumbing fixtures	✓			
38. Ventilating system	✓			
39. Air conditioning system	✓			
40. Electrical/clock system	✓			
41. Elevators, escalators	✓			
42. Interior lighting	✓			
43. Lightning protection system	✓			
44. Alarms, emergency lighting and exit lights	✓			
45.				
46.				
47.				
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49.				

Building Interior

Mechanical Electrical System

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Work Area		Class FY	Action By	Work Item No.	Necessary Corrective Action and Estimated Cost	
Safety	50. Fire alarm	✓				
	51. Fire extinguishers and systems	✓				
	52. Other safety items (Review the latest completed Form 1784 Safety Inspection Checklist)	✓				
	53. Asbestos	✓				
	54. Electrical switchgear	✓				
	55.					
Miscellaneous	56. Noise level	✓				
	57. Light level	✓				
	58. Rest rooms	✓				
	59. Locker rooms	✓				
	60. Food service	✓				
	61. Medical	✓				
	62. Facilities for the handicapped	✓				
	63. Parking	a. Employee	✓			
		b. Customer	✓			
	64. Energy conservation	✓				
	65. Fine arts	✓				
	66.					
	67.					
95. Design cost	✓					
96. Support cost	✓					

Remarks

Person making inspection (Name) <i>BM</i>		Title		Signature	
<i>James L Gibson</i>		<i>AMT</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>	
Building Manager/Postmaster (Signature)		Date last report	Reviewed by MSC Manager (Signature)		Date
<i>Lula Mae Miller</i>		<i>05/06/86</i>	<i>Jeanette M. Cooper</i>		<i>3-5-92</i>
MSC Manager returned to Division General Manager by (Date)		Projects scheduled completion date		Projects actual completion date	

Author: POSTMASTER ~74426 at OKOK001L
Date: 4/19/01 2:38 PM
Normal
TO: Diana S Massey at OKOK001L, EDDIE B DORTCH at OKOK001L
Subject: Rentiesville 74459

----- Message Contents

We noticed in the new OK District directory we are showing Rentiesville Post Office "Closed". Is that hint!!!

If it isn't we have some building problems and are planning to notify the owner of required repairs. Specifically:

1. Roof is leaking causing ceiling damage.
2. The windows on the south side of the building need to be chalked; they are loose.
3. The lack of an air conditioner brings inside temperature 120 degree during the summer causing unsafe working conditions.
4. The building needs to be painted inside and out.

Also there is no signage of any type indicating this building is a postal facility other than the collection boxes on the porch. Do we want to do anything about that?

If the residents of this community insist this office be kept open then I firmly believe they should see to it's maintainance. Let me know if there is anything special I need to do to gets these repairs accomplished. I am planning to send the owner an itemized list via certified mail.

Thanks,
Jeanne Huskey
Checotah 74426-9998

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Author: KAREN L VANNOY at OKOK001L
Date: 4/25/01 7:33 AM
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Receipt Requested
TO: POSTMASTER ~74426, Diana S Massey
CC: Joan Thrailkill, GORDON J FRAZIER
Subject: Rentiesville Maintenance Repairs
----- Message Contents

Jeanne/Diana,

Gordon asked me to respond to your cc message dated 4/19/01, concerning repairs needed at Rentiesville (he gave me a hard copy, but had already deleted the cc mail).

The lessor would be responsible for the roof leaks, caulking the windows and painting of the facility. If you choose to remain in the facility, you will need to submit a certified letter following MS-110 guidelines to the lessor. Attached is a copy of this procedure.

However, from what I understand we leased the facility without an air conditioner, so we cannot make him include one now (that would be an improvement). If the inside temperature is reaching 120 degrees I would agree that it is an unsafe situation. There would be two options, either temporarily suspend the office due to unsafe working conditions or send a request to your POOM for the USPS to install an air conditioner.

Signage would not be the responsibility of the lessor either. If you choose to maintain the facility and wish for signage to be added the USPS would be responsible. This would be funded by your POOM through your supply/services (3A) budget.

Of course whether to remain in the facility is between the two of you. If you have any other questions, let me know.

Thanks,

Karen

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October 1, 2004

DONNIE COLLINS
POOM

Per your request I visited the Rentiesville Post Office on September 29, 2004 to inspect the closed office for safety concerns. My findings are listed below:

Existing Conditions

The Rentiesville Post Office had been closed due to safety and health reasons earlier this year.

Findings

Building exterior-

- Existing building is not "ADA" accessible.

Building interior-

- The building electrical system is not up to electrical codes and standards. Several of the electrical outlets tested to have open ground. The buildings electrical panel box has unprotected "Romex" electrical wires coming from the electrical box running up the wall and into the ceiling area.
- Existing door does not provide occupants of building with the necessary hardware for the door to be considered an "Emergency Exit".

Summary

My conclusion is the building is not fit for occupancy due to the substandard wiring of the building,

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (405) 553-6156.

Mark K. Calvert
Manager Safety
Oklahoma District

Cc: Michael Gaspard, District Manager
Cathy Lowry, Manager, HR

Administrative Services
Oklahoma District



cc: *Annaliese*
Lynda Shick

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December 6, 2004

RRR: 7002 3150 0001 4259 1228

Mr. A. L. and Jeffie Lovelace
PO Box 105
Rentiesville OK 74459-0008

RE: Rentiesville, OK 74469-9998
Post Office Facility Building Repairs

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace:

The Rentiesville, OK Post Office has been identified as needing the following repairs:

- The building electrical system does not meet electrical codes and standards as required by PS Form 7417-1, General Conditions to Short Form Lease, No. 2,
- Applicable Codes and Ordinances, in that several of the electrical outlets tested to have open ground. The building's electrical panel box has unprotected "Romex" electrical wires coming from the electrical box running up the wall and into the ceiling area.

We request these repairs be made pursuant to our lease agreement dated 09-04-81 as stated above. Please notify this office within 10 days of receipt of this letter if you intend to repair the identified deficiencies.

Sincerely,

J. Thrailkill

J. Thrailkill
Manager, Administrative Services
Oklahoma District

Community Survey Sheet

Post Office Name: Rentiesville, OK ZIP + 4 74459-9998

Congressional District: 2 Date: March 31, 2010

1. Incorporated? Yes No

Local government provided by Rentiesville Township

Police protection provided by McIntosh County/Sheriff's Department

Fire protection provided by Rentiesville Township

School location Checotah School District

2. What population growth is expected? (Please document your source) 2000 Census reports a population of 96. As of July 2008, the population has grown to 102.

3. What business growth is expected? (Please document your source) No source document available for Rentiesville.

4. History. (Are there any special historical events related to the community? Are there any special community events to consider? Is the post office facility a state or national historic landmark (see ASM 515.23)? Check with the field real estate office when verification is needed.)

There are 3 significant historical events associated with Rentiesville: 1) The Battle of Honey Springs; 2) The Rentiesville ZIP Code of 74459 is number 4 on the list of "Top 101 ZIP Codes with the largest percentage of African first ancestries". 3) John Hope Franklin, born in Rentiesville in 1915, received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1995.

5. What is the geographic/economic make-up of the community (e.g., retirees, commuters, self-employed, farmers)?

Of the 102 population, 21 are 65 years and older. Employed status for the population, age 16 and over, is 28. Of those 28, 17 are in the management /professional occupation; 6 in service related; 3 in farming, fishing and forestry; 2 in production and transportation. All 28 workers commute to work. The mean travel time to work is 38.8 minutes.

6. Which nonpostal services are provided by the post office (e.g., public bulletin board, school bus stop, community meetings, voting place, government forms, or help to senior citizens and handicapped)? What provision can be made for these services if the post office is discontinued?

Customers can gather at the Rentiesville Community Center. The bulletin board can be located there or at one of the local churches. Currently there is a Notice board on the corner of John Hope Franklin and McIntosh Road.

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Honey Springs Memorial

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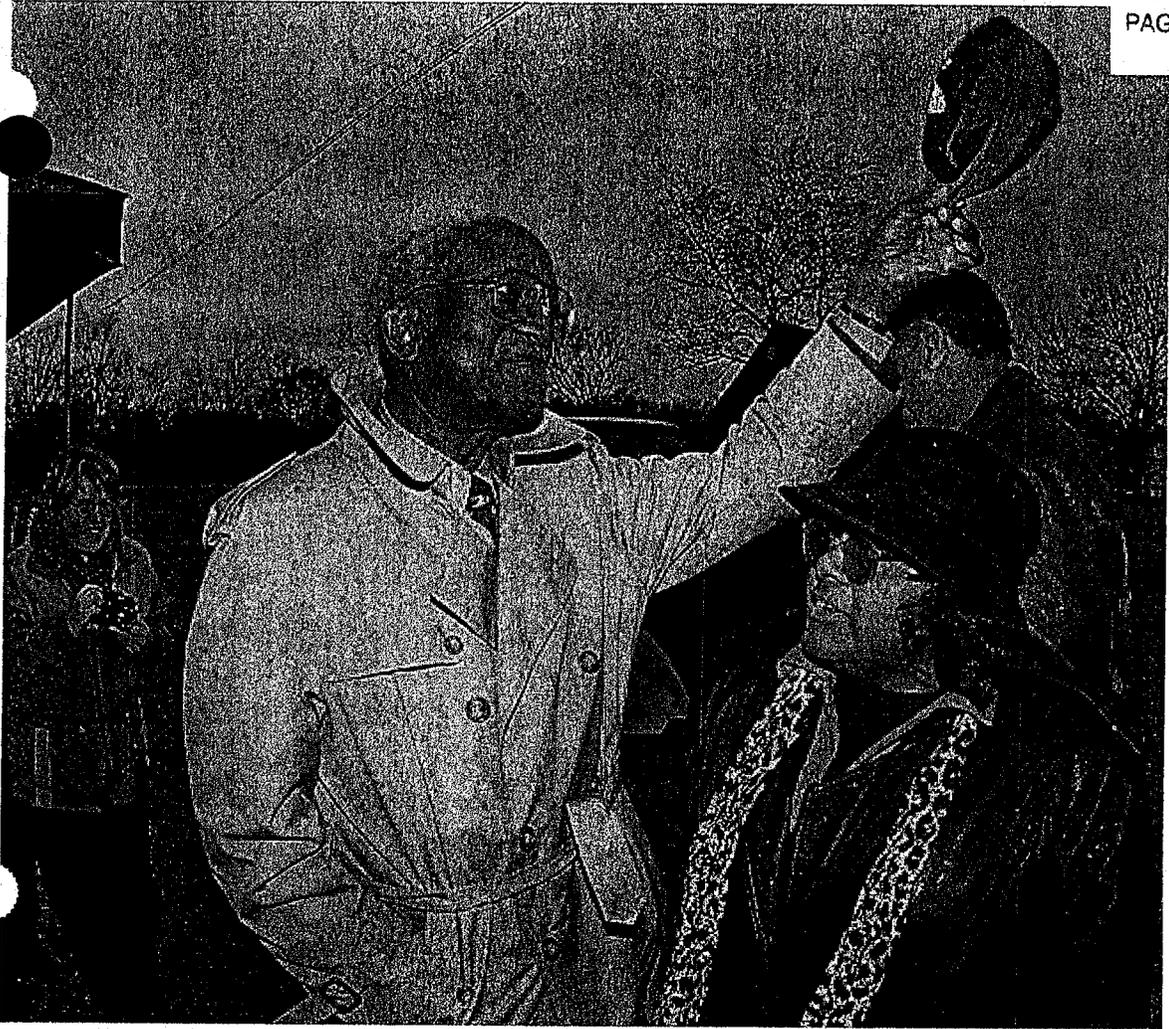


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John Hope Franklin tips his hat to the crowd as Mildred Burkhalter, the mayor of Rentiesville, introduces him in March 1999. Courtesy

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Massey, Diana S - Oklahoma City, OK

From: Nix, Cindy G - Checotah, OK
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2004 11:59 AM
To: Massey, Diana S - Oklahoma City, OK; Sheckels, Lynda F - Oklahoma City, OK
Cc: McCormack, Steven R - Oklahoma City, OK
Subject: Rentiesville Post Office

Linda,

It is my understanding that the Rentiesville Post Office that has been closed since April 2003 might possibly be re-opened if the heirs of the building choose to spend a small fortune having the electrical wiring replaced. I just wanted to be the first to let you know that we may have a problem getting any qualified clerk/OIC to accept an assignment there.

It has been under the jurisdiction of this office for some time to keep Rentiesville staffed. Unfortunately the staffing problems I have been having here at Checotah are going to prevent me from letting any of my employees have the opportunity to serve the Rentiesville community. The clerk I sent from Checotah to Rentiesville upon my accepting the Checotah Postmaster position has since retired. Since then I have been unable to fill that position and find myself short staffed. My remaining clerks are both hesitant to both accept the responsibility of Rentiesville Post Office and find it difficult to hold the doors open for the appropriate time allotted for only 5 min of work. Plus it ties them to an office where they are not getting the appropriate training for any upward mobility.

I apologize if this notice gives you any problems but please be aware that should Rentiesville require staffing I would appreciate it if you could find other alternatives due to my staffing problems in Checotah.

*Merry Christmas~
Cindy Nix
Postmaster
Checotah, OK 74426-9998*

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Massey, Diana S - Oklahoma City, OK

From: Sheckels, Lynda F - Oklahoma City, OK
Sent: Sunday, November 13, 2005 7:30 PM
To: Mccracken, Sue A. - Oktaha, OK; Walker, Ruth E - Oktaha, OK; Galvan, Angel M - Council Hill, OK; Collins, Loyd G - Boynton, OK; Deal, Mary A - Hitchita, OK; Murray, Thomas D - Checotah, OK
Cc: Massey, Diana S - Oklahoma City, OK
Subject: Rentisville Post Office

Postmaster/OIC:

The Postal Service is in search of a PMR/Clerk to operate the Rentisville Post Office if it were reopened for 2 hrs a day. This would be 6 days a week.

If you have an employee whom you could share to clerk at the Rentisville Post Office please let me know, this employee would be responsible to work 6 days a week with no relief. If you are unable to supply us with an employee to fulfill these needs please send us a written response as to the reason, no employee, employee detailed to other position, short staffed.

Please complete the attached and send back to me.

Thank You

Lynda Sheckels
Post Office Operations Manager
3030 NW Expressway Ste 1042
Oklahoma City Ok 73198
fc: 405-553-6147
Cell: 405-202-2283

MANAGER, POST OFFICE OPERATIONS
OKLAHOMA DISTRICT



November 14, 2005

Rentisville Post Office Clerk Vacancy

 I have an employee who would be able to fulfill the responsibility of operating the Rentisville Post Office 2 hrs a day six days a week.

 X I do not have an employee to fulfill the needs of the Rentisville Post Office due: No Employee Employee detailed to other office Office is understaffed. X Other PMR not interested

 Mary Deal, Hitchita Postmaster/OIC
 11/14/2005 Date

Lynda Sheckels
Manager, Post Office Operations
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Oklahoma City Ok 73198-9992
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Sheckels, Lynda F - Oklahoma City, OK

From: Mccracken, Sue A. - Oktaha, OK
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2005 9:50 AM
To: Sheckels, Lynda F - Oklahoma City, OK
Subject: Rentisville1.doc

MANAGER, POST OFFICE OPERATIONS
OKLAHOMA DISTRICT



November 14, 2005

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I do not have an employee to fulfill the needs of the Rentisville Post Office due:
 No Employee Employee detailed to other office Office is understaffed.
Other My PMR regularly assists several offices on a regular basis and is currently serving as OIC. In addition the commitment of 6 days a week with no relief would not allow me to take medical leave as needed nor any kind of vacation leave.

I have discussed this with Ruthy and she agrees.

Sue McCracken _____ Postmaster
11/14/05 _____ Date

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Sent: Monday, November 14, 2005 11:50 AM
To: Massey, Diana S - Oklahoma City, OK
Subject: FW: Rentisville Post Office

-----Original Message-----

From: Murray, Thomas D - Checotah, OK
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2005 10:33 AM
To: Sheckels, Lynda F - Oklahoma City, OK
Subject: RE: Rentisville Post Office

Lynda,

I am currently short 2 clerks. One resigned and one was promoted. When I get these 2 replaced it will be no problem to staff the Rentisville office for 2 hours per day.

Tom Murray

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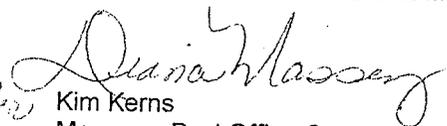
Postal Customer
Rentiesville, OK 74459

The Rentiesville Post Office has been suspended since April 23, 2004. The reason this office was suspended was due to safety and health reasons. The post office wiring system was not up to code and several electrical outlets tested to have open ground. The electrical panel box was unprotected with electrical wires coming from the electrical box.

A few customers have been receiving mail through general delivery in Checotah, OK. General delivery is a temporary service. At the time of the suspension, rural type mailboxes had been established at your residence.

Effective June 20, 2009, your mail will be delivered to your residence to rural type mailboxes serviced by a rural carrier from Checotah. If you do not have a rural type mailbox at your residence, you will need to provide an approved curbside mail receptacle. The mailbox must be placed where they can be safely and conveniently serviced by the rural carrier. You should contact the Postmaster at Checotah on placement and height of the mailbox. The Postmaster at Checotah will also be able to provide you with your address if needed.

If you have any questions concerning this change in delivery, please contact the Postmaster at Checotah at 473-5606 or Diana Massey at 405/815-2532.


Kim Kerns
Manager, Post Office Operations
Oklahoma City, OK 73125-9201

cc: Postmaster, Checotah, OK 74426

3030 NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY ST., STE 1042
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73198-9993
405) 553-6221
FAX: 405) 553-6004

PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

Section I Responsiveness to Community Postal Needs

- X Tell what we are doing and why.
- X Is reason for discontinuance justified and documented in the record?
- X If suspended, tell the type of alternate service customers are now receiving.
- X Reason for vacancy and information on postmaster/OIC
- X Number of customers, type of service they received, and will receive.
- X Hours of service, daily window transaction average, number of permit mailers, and postage meter users.
- X Last 3 fiscal years of revenue and revenue units.
- N/A Decline in service workload/reduction in EAS level, if appropriate.
- X Nearest post office, office level, miles away, hours of service, number of post office boxes available.
- X Administrative/emanating office – office level, miles away, hours of service, number of post office boxes available.
- N/A If the nearby/administrative post office has a different post office box fee schedule, this is stated in the proposal.
- X Preproposal activities – questionnaires: number of favorable, unfavorable and no opinion responses must equal the total number of questionnaires returned.
- X List customer concerns and USPS responses.
- X Community meeting. Number of customers who attended, customer concerns and USPS responses.
- X Information on petitions and congressional inquiries included with USPS responses.
- Revised proposal states dates and locations the proposal was posted for 60 days. Number of comments received, customer concerns and USPS responses.
- X Advantages and disadvantages of proposed alternate service.
- X Any other pertinent information concerning postal needs.

Section II Effect on the Community

- X Brief background of area, community government, population, etc.
- X Number of businesses, religious institutions, schools, local government offices, social organizations, etc.
- X Was post office used as meeting place?
- N/A Shelter for bus stop?
- X Public bulletin board?

- X Government forms?
- X Assistance to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc.?
- N/A Historical value of office?
- X Address change?
- X Community identity preserved?
- X Growth trends (flat, up, down)?
- X Any other nonpostal items identified.

Section III Effect on Employees

Paragraph explaining about postmaster vacancy/OIC/other career and noncareer employees of the office. If a postmaster or other employees are reassigned this must be explained and tell whether the reassignments are voluntary.

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Section IV Economic Savings

 X A statement of annual savings includes a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster's minimum salary	EAS - A	\$	<u>18,325</u>
Fringe benefits 33.5%			<u>6,139</u>
Rental costs, excluding utilities			<u>600</u>
Total annual costs		\$	<u>25,064</u>
Less estimated cost of replacement service		-	<u>6,281</u>
Total annual savings		\$	<u>18,783</u>
One-time expense for installation of curbside maiboxes		\$	<u>925</u>

- X Is postmaster salary based on the minimum salary?
- X Does postmaster salary reflect the current office evaluation?

Section V Other Factors

- X The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration (if appropriate).
- N/A List other factors as appropriate.
- N/A Other factors when replacement service is a CPO.

Section VI Summary

The proposal must include a brief summary that explains why the closing or consolidation is necessary and an assessment of how those factors supporting the need for change outweigh any negative factors. In taking competing considerations into account, the need to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service must be paramount.

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Section VII Notices

Appropriate notice is made that this is a proposal and not a final determination. If a final determination is made to discontinue the office, information on the appeal process will be provided at that time.

X

Checklist completed by: Kathryn A. Hottel
(Investigative Coordinator)

Date: 4/2/2010

Reviewed and certified by: Diana Massey
(District Post Office Review Coordinator)

Date 4/6/10

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April 2, 2010

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA, S.W., ROOM 10804
WASHINGTON, DC 20260-3500

SUBJECT: Posting of the Proposal to Close the Rentiesville OK Post Office
Docket No. 74459

This is to advise you that on April 14, 2010, I will post for public comment a proposal to close the Rentiesville Post Office in McIntosh County, Congressional District No 2.

If you have any questions, please contact Diana Massey, Delivery & Retail Analyst at 405-815-2532.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Gosdin".

Julie A. Gosdin
District Manager

Enclosures (2) Form 4920
Proposal

cc: Manager, Delivery and Customer Service

4025 W. RENO AVE.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73125-9800
405)815-2101
FAX: 405)815-2010

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UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE

April 8, 2010

POSTMASTER, CHECOTAH OK 74426-9998

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions Regarding Posting of
the Rentiesville OK Proposal
Docket No. 74459

Please post the enclosed proposal to close the Rentiesville Post Office in the Checotah lobby. The proposal must be posted in a prominent place from April 14, 2010 through close of business on June 14, 2010. The posting must last at least 60 days and the first day does not count.

Round-date stamp the cover of the proposal on the date of posting and on the date of removal. Also, post the "Invitation for Comments" next to the proposal and round-date it in the same manner.

Additional copies of the proposal and comment forms are enclosed. Provide them to customers upon request.

Also enclosed is the official record on which this proposal is based. Customers may read it, however, they may not remove it from your office. When a customer requests a copy of the record, provide it upon payment of any fees prescribed in *Administrative Support Manual*, Section 352.6. If you do not have photocopy equipment, take the customer's name, address and telephone number and contact the district for a copy of the record.

At the expiration of the posting period, further instructions will be provided. If there are any questions, please contact me at 405-815-2532.

Diana Massey
Post Office Review Coordinator
Oklahoma District

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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE RENTIESVILLE OK POST OFFICE
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

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I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the suspended Rentiesville OK Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by a rural route administered by the Checotah Post Office, located 5.2 miles away. Service has been provided to roadside mailboxes installed by the Postal Service on the carrier's line of travel.

The postmaster retired on March 31, 1998. From that date until the Emergency Suspension on April 4, 2004, the Rentiesville Post Office remained open for 2 hours per day. It was staffed by clerks from the Checotah Post Office. Since the suspension of service, customers have received delivery and retail services by rural delivery emanating from the Checotah Post Office, an EAS-20 level office. Window service hours at Checotah Post Office are from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday to Friday and 10:00 to 12:00 on Saturday. There are currently 104 post office boxes available. There were 30 boxes available at the time of the suspension.

The Rentiesville Post Office, an EAS-A level office, was staffed 12 hours a week. Window services were available from 9:30 to 11:30, Monday to Friday, 12:30 to 13:30 on Saturday. Retail services included the sale of stamps, money orders and special services such as registered, certified, insured, COD, and Express Mail. It accepted and dispatched all classes of mail. Office receipts for the prior three years were: \$2252 in FY 1997, \$1519 in FY 1996 and \$1272 in FY 1995. There were no permit mailers and no postage meter customers.

On March 20, 1998, 34 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Rentiesville Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers. Twelve questionnaires were returned. There were no favorable responses to the proposal, 7 unfavorable, and 5 expressed no opinion regarding the proposed alternate service.

On March 25, 1998 representatives from the Postal Service were available at the Rentiesville Post Office from 11:00 am to 12:00 to answer questions and provide information to customers. Twenty-one customers attended the meeting.

In March 1998 five petitions supporting the retention of the Rentiesville Post Office were received. Original signatures on all five petitions totaled 49. In April of 1998, three congressional inquiries were generated by the Mayor of Rentiesville. Nineteen individuals wrote letters, eleven of whom also signed one or more of the five petitions. All matters were looked into and responses were provided to the congressional representatives, the Mayor, and the 19 individual customers.

The following postal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, from customer letters, congressional inquiries, and petitions:

1. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens and those with disabilities.

Response: Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the rural mail carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions may be arranged for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the Checotah postmaster for more information.

2. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about losing the convenience of the services offered at the Post Office.

Response: Retail services provided at the post office are available from the rural mail carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Special services, such as certified, registered, Express Mail, and CODs may be obtained from the

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carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

3. **Concern:** Customers stated a 60 day notice of the impending suspension was not provided.

Response: We are currently in the investigative stage of the discontinuance process. We look at alternative forms of service and offer the community the best form of service. The Postal Service will post for 60 days the proposal to close or consolidate a post office after all investigative data is gathered. You will be given another opportunity to respond to the proposal before it is removed and forwarded to Washington DC.

4. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern regarding the limited hours of operations at the Rentiesville Post Office.

Response: Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis. A workload analysis for the Rentiesville Post Office conducted October 9, 1997 indicated that this office qualifies for 12 hours of service per week. This is determined in part by the number of deliveries and revenue in the office.

5. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office to purchase money orders.

Response: Services provided at the Post Office will be available from your mail carrier and customers will not have to travel to another postal facility for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox.

6. **Concern:** Customers wanted to know what kind of service they would receive.

Response: You will receive curbside delivery in a rural mailbox provided by the Postal Service. The rural letter carrier will provide the same retail services you are currently receiving; purchasing stamps, mailing packages and other special services such as certified, registered, and Express Mail.

7. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about mail security.

Response: Customers may place a lock on the mail box. But the box must have a mail slot big enough to accommodate the normal daily volume of mail. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for that purpose.

8. **Concern:** Customers stated that the community had a Post Office for 94 years with historical value and wanted that to continue.

Response: A building inspection revealed serious deficiencies with the current building. There are no suitable alternate quarters available. Carrier service will be more cost effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster.

9. **Concern:** Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposal to discontinue.

Response: Carrier service can be and, in this case, is more cost effective than maintaining a postal facility and a postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$18,154.

In October 2004, Administrative Services inspected the facility and found that the building's electrical system was not up to standard, including open ground to electrical outlets, electric panel unprotected, and exposed wires running from the electric box up the wall and into the ceiling area. The roof was leaking and some of the ceiling tiles had fallen down. The Lessors were notified. There are no

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documents indicating a response. The lease agreement was year to year. Either party could terminate with a 30 day written notice.

In November of 2005, Post Office Operations Manger, Lynda Sheckels, attempted to reopen the Rentiesville Post Office but could not find an interested or available employee. Daily transactions averaged 1.34. During a 28 week survey conducted in 1998, there were 63 days out of 168 days with no activity at all. The small number of customers served and minimal number of daily transactions indicated that rural route delivery would continue to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service to the Rentiesville community.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. Carrier delivery service is beneficial to some senior citizens, the handicapped, and working people since customers will no longer need to travel to the post office to pick up their mail.
2. The carrier provides retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
3. Carrier service will provide 24-hour access to the mail.
4. A savings for the Postal Service, which contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
5. Customers opting for local carrier service will no longer have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages to the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community.
2. Meeting the carrier at the mailbox to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most postal transactions.
3. A change in mailing address. The community name and the ZIP Code will continue to be used in the new address.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Rentiesville is an unincorporated rural community located in McIntosh County. The land area is 1.72 square miles. The community is administered politically by a Mayor. There are 5 part-time local government employees as of March 2007. Fire protection is provided locally and police protection is provided by McIntosh County Sheriff's Department. There are no schools in Rentiesville, but there is a park with a playground. The community is comprised of retired people, those in the management or professional occupation, and those in a service related industry, all of whom commute to work. The mean travel time to work is 39 minutes. (Source:www.city-data.com). Residents travel to nearby communities, including Checotah and Muskogee, for supplies and services.

There are two identified religious institutions in the community. Rentiesville has a large Community Center. The Down Home Blues Club hosts the D.C. & Shelby Minners' Blues Festival that attracts about 3000 fans a year.

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The Civil War Battle of Honey Springs took place in Rentiesville on July 17, 1863. It was the largest military clash ever to have occurred in Oklahoma. Reenactments are held about every 4 years.

Rentiesville is one of only 13 towns remaining out of the original 40-50 communities that were founded in eastern Oklahoma by freed slaves following the Civil War. Rentiesville is number 4 on the list of "Top 101 ZIP Codes with the largest percentage of African first ancestries".

A notable person born in Rentiesville is John Hope Franklin, Professor Emeritus of Duke University, historian and author of numerous books, including "From Slavery to Freedom." He is the 1995 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Appointed by President Clinton, he served as Chairman of the Advisory Board to the President's Initiative on Race. John Hope Franklin sent a letter to the Postal Service when he heard about the closing of the Rentiesville Post Office. His father, Buck Colbert Franklin was the Rentiesville Postmaster in 1915. Mr. Franklin was born at the Post Office which was located in the front of the family home.

Nonpostal services provided at the Rentiesville Post Office will be available at the Checotah Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the post office will also be available at the Checotah Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

Nonpostal Concerns

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, from customer letters, congressional inquiries, and petitions:

1. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the loss of the Post Office as a gathering place and an information center, including the use of the bulletin board.

Response: Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the churches and residences in town.

2. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity.

Response: A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Rentiesville ZIP Code in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

Based on information the Postal Service obtained, it was determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. Carrier service is expected to be able to handle any future growth in the community.

To help preserve community identity, the community's name and the ZIP Code will be retained in the mailing address. It will continue to be listed in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster retired in March 1998. The Postmaster organizations were notified of the Emergency Suspension October 25, 2004. No qualified personnel were available. No postal employee will be adversely affected.

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IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$20,721 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster's Salary (EAS-A, Minimum)	\$18,325
Fringe Benefits @33.5%	6,139
Rental Costs, Excluding Utilities	600
Total Annual Costs	\$25,064
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	-6281
Total Annual Savings	\$18,783

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V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Rentiesville, OK Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by a rural route administered by the Checotah Post Office, located 5.2 miles away. Service will be provided to roadside mailboxes installed by the Postal Service on the carrier's line of travel.

The postmaster retired March 31, 1998. No employees will be adversely affected.

In 2004, the Rentiesville Post Office provided 12 hours of window service per week to 14 P O Box customers. Eighteen customers were served by a rural carrier emanating from the Checotah Post Office. There were no permit mailers and no postage meter customers.

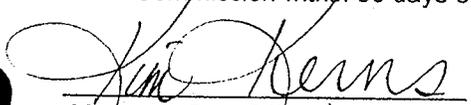
Carrier service will continue to provide effective and regular service to the community. There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services will be available from the carrier, alleviating the need to travel to a post office for service. Customers opting for carrier delivery will have 24-hour access to their mail. To help preserve community identity, the community name and the ZIP Code will be retained in the mailing address. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$18,783 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most postal transactions.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. **Support Materials.** Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Checotah Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in the Checotah office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Rate Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



 Manager, Post Office Operations

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
Invitation for Comments on the Proposal to Close
the Rentiesville Post Office
and Establish Rural Route Service

To the customers of the Rentiesville Post Office:

The Postal Service is considering the closing of the Rentiesville Post Office for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

During the 60-day posting period from April 14, 2010 through June 14, 2010 you are invited to provide written comments. Comments will be most helpful if they offer specific opinions and information, favorable or unfavorable, regarding the potential effect of the proposed change on postal services and on the community. Your comments will be carefully considered and will be incorporated into the official record which will be made public if the proposal is finalized.

Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Checotah Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to:

Dianna Massey
Post Office Review Coordinator
4025 W. Reno Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73125

For more information you may call Dianna Massey at (405) 815-2532 or write to the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kim Kerns
Manager, Post Office Operations
111 S. Adair
Pryor, Ok 73461-9998

NOTICE

APPLICABLE LAW PROHIBITS ANY CUSTOMER OR POSTAL EMPLOYEE FROM MAKING CHANGES TO OR ADDING OR REMOVING PAGES FROM THIS OFFICIAL DOCUMENT, THE POSTING OF WHICH IS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW.

IF CHANGES ARE NECESSARY, PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PERSON AND ADVISE WHAT CHANGES ARE NEEDED.

NAME: Kathryn Hottel

ADDRESS: Operations Programs

4025 W. Reno Avenue

Oklahoma City, OK 73125

TELEPHONE: (405) 8152524

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June 9, 2010

POSTMASTER
CHECOTAH OK 74426-9998

SUBJECT: Instructions for Posting the "Notice of Taking
Proposal and Comments Under Internal Consideration"

At the close of business on June 14, 2010 take down the "Proposal" and the "Invitation for Comments" from the lobby. **Round-date** them upon removal and verify that the mandatory 60-day posting period was observed. **Note:** The posting must last at least 60 days and the first day does not count.

On the same day, prominently post in the lobby the enclosed "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments Under Internal Consideration." The notice should remain posted until you receive further notice from this office.

Please return the posted "Proposal," "Invitation for Comments," the official record, and any related discontinuance materials to this office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Diana Massey
Post Office Review Coordinator
4025 W Reno
Oklahoma City OK 73125-9993

Enclosure

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**NOTICE OF TAKING PROPOSAL AND COMMENTS
UNDER INTERNAL CONSIDERATION**

June 15, 2010

Postal Customers of Rentiesville Post Office:

The Postal Service appreciates receiving the views of those of you who submitted comments on the proposal to discontinue the Rentiesville Post Office, which was posted April 14, 2010 through June 14, 2010. These comments will be considered carefully as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels within the Postal Service.

When a final decision is made by the Postal Service that decision will be posted in place of this notice. If the decision is to approve the proposal, any customer of the Rentiesville Post Office who disagrees will have the right to appeal that decision to the Postal Rate Commission in Washington, D.C.

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Kim Kerns
Manager, Post Office Operations
4025 W Reno Ave
Oklahoma City OK 73125-9992

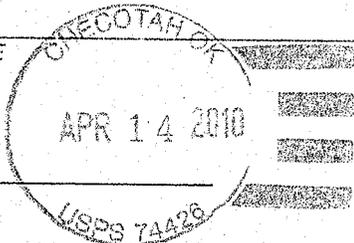
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JUN 15 2010
USPS 74428

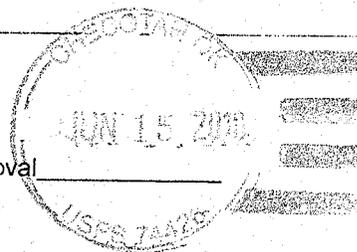
PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE RENTIESVILLE OK POST OFFICE
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

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Date of Posting _____



Date of Removal _____

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Invitation for Comments on the Proposal to Close

the Rentiesville Post Office

and Establish Rural Route Service

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Post Office Review Coordinator
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Oklahoma City, OK 73125

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Thank you for your assistance.

Kim Kerns
Manager, Post Office Operations
111 S. Adair
Pryor, Ok 73461-9998

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MEMO TO THE RECORD
June 23, 2010

No comments were received concerning the 60 day posting of the proposal to discontinue the Rentiesville OK Post Office.

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OKLAHOMA DISTRICT



June 23, 2010

MEMO TO THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Certification of the Record
Rentiesville OK Post Office
Docket Number 74459

This certifies that all comments and documents enclosed in the attached record are originals, or true and correct copies of the originals.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Gosdin".

Julie A. Gosdin
District Manager
Customer Service and Sales

4025 W. RENO AVE.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73125-9800
405)815-2101
FAX: 405)815-2010

LOG OF POST OFFICE DISCONTINUANCE ACTIONS

Office Name, State, ZIP Code: Rentiesville OK 74459
 EAS Level: A
 District: Oklahoma
 County: McIntosh
 Congressional District: 2
 Proposal: Close X Consolidate
 Reason For Proposal: No qualified employee in the area
 Alternate Service Proposed: Rural route service to rural type mailboxes
 Customers Affected:
 Post office box: 34
 General Delivery: _____
 Rural route: _____
 Highway contract route (HCR): _____
 City Route: _____
 Intermediate rural: _____
 Intermediate HCR: 20
 Total number of customers: 54

Date:	Action:
05/06/2005	Office suspended. Reason suspended: No qualified employees in the area.
06/06/2005	Suspension notice sent to Headquarters.
03/31/1998	Postmaster vacancy occurred. Reason: Retirement
	OIC: Career: _____ Noncareer _____ Other Employees: _____
03/14/1998	District manager authorization to study.
03/20/1998	Questionnaires sent to customers. Number sent: <u>34</u> Number Returned <u>12</u> Analysis: Favorable <u>0</u> Unfavorable <u>7</u> No Opinion <u>5</u>
03/25/1998	Community meeting. Number attended: <u>21</u>
April 1998	Petition received. Number of signatures: <u>49</u> Concerns expressed:
April 1998	Congressional inquiry received: <u>3</u> Concerns expressed:
04/02/2010	Proposal and checklist sent to district for review.
04/02/2010	Government Relations and Retail Operations notified by district 10 days before the 60-day posting (Form 4920 attached).
04/14/2010	Proposal and invitation for comments posted and round-dated.

LOG OF POST OFFICE DISCONTINUANCE ACTIONS

06/14/2010	Proposal and invitation for comments removed and round-dated. Comment analysis: Favorable <u>0</u> Unfavorable <u>0</u> No Opinion <u>0</u> Total <u>0</u>
NA	Revised proposal posting (if necessary).
NA	Revised proposal removal (if necessary). Comment analysis: Favorable _____ Unfavorable _____ No Opinion _____ Total _____
NA	Premature PRC appeal received. Concerns expressed:
NA	Coordinator verified CPO offeror(s) is still interested.
NA	Updated 4920 completed (if necessary).
6/23/2010	Certification of the official record.
6/23/2010	District transmittal of official record to Vice President, Delivery and Retail and copy of transmittal letter to Vice President, Area Operations.
	Headquarters logged in official record (option entry).
	Record returned to district for additional consideration.
	Record returned to Vice President, Delivery and Retail after district additional consideration.
	Record returned as not warranted.
	Final determination posted at affected office(s) and round-dated.
	Final determination removed and round-dated.
	Postal Bulletin post office change announcement form sent to Headquarters.
	No appeals letter received from Headquarters.
	Appeal to PRC received.
	PRC opinion received on appeal: Affirmed: _____ Remanded: _____ USPS Withdrawn: _____
	Address management systems notified to updated AMS report.
	Discontinuance announced in Postal Bulletin No.: _____ Effective date: _____

Review Coordinator/person most familiar with the case: Diana Massey

Title: P O Change Coordinator Telephone Number: 405-815-2532

Diana Massey
District Post Office Review Coordinator

405-815-2532
Telephone Number

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT



June 23, 2010

VICE PRESIDENT, DELIVERY AND RETAIL
ATTN: FREDERICK J. HINTENACH
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA, ROOM 5621
WASHINGTON, DC 20260-5621

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL RECORD

Enclosed for your review and approval is the official record to discontinue the suspended Rentiesville, Oklahoma Post Office.

All appropriate actions have been taken, and we have considered the concerns/comments of affected customers. The record has been thoroughly reviewed, and all necessary documentation is included. All documents in the record are numbered, contain docket and item numbers on each page, and a chronological index of all documents in the record is included. Effective and regular service will be provided to community residents by permanently implementing the alternative service proposed.

Refer questions about this post office discontinuance to Diana Massey, Post Office Review Coordinator, at 405-815-2532.

Julie A. Gosdin
Julie A. Gosdin
District Manager
Customer Service and Sales

Enclosures: One copy of record
Headquarters acknowledgment of receipt of official record
Self-addressed envelope

cc: Vice President, Southwest Area (no enclosures)

DEAN J. GRANHOLM
VICE PRESIDENT, DELIVERY AND POST OFFICE OPERATIONS



DISTRICT MANAGER
CUSTOMER SERVICE AND SALES
OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
3030 NW EXPRESSWAY STREET
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73198-9800

ATTENTION: Post Office Review Coordinator

SUBJECT: Final Determination
Rentiesville, OK 74459-9998

The final determination to discontinue the subject post office is enclosed, along with a Postal Bulletin announcement form to be completed and returned to this office through the district.

Please provide public notice by prominently posting a copy of the final determination in the appropriate post office(s). Make a copy of the completed record available for public inspection during normal working hours at the post office(s) during the mandatory 30-day posting period. Please note that the first day of the actual 30-day posting period begins at day "zero".

POSTAL BULLETIN - POST OFFICE CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Complete the enclosed Postal Bulletin post office change announcement form in its entirety and send it to this office (in triplicate) on the day the final determination is removed. One form will be used to document the official record, one sent to the Accounting Systems Development office and the third copy will be forwarded to the Headquarters Address Management for the post office change announcement. Please note that Headquarters Address Management will not announce any post office closing or consolidation except when requested in writing by this office. Announcement form mailing instructions are provided at the bottom of the form.

APPEAL

Providing there are no appeals to the Postal Regulatory Commission, the office will be officially discontinued the first Saturday 90 days after posting the final determination. If the final determination is appealed, we will furnish you with appropriate instructions. Please contact this office if a different date is needed for the official discontinuance. It must be noted, however, that the law prohibits discontinuance sooner than 60 days after the date the final determination was posted.

NATIONAL FIVE-DIGIT ZIP CODE AND POST OFFICE DIRECTORY UPDATE

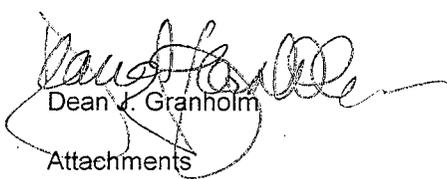
Please coordinate with your Address Management System unit to make sure that the Address Management System (AMS) Report is updated according to existing Headquarters Address Management instructions. That request, however, shall not be made until this office has notified you in writing that no appeals are pending.

OFFICIAL RECORD

Chronologically file this memorandum in your copy of the official record. All final determination postings must be added to the record at the end of the 30-day public posting period. Do not send them to Headquarters. The official record should be archived at the district by the post office discontinuance coordinator after the appeal decision is rendered and/or the post office change announcement has appeared in the Postal Bulletin.

If further assistance is needed, please contact Richard Rudez at (202) 268-5062.

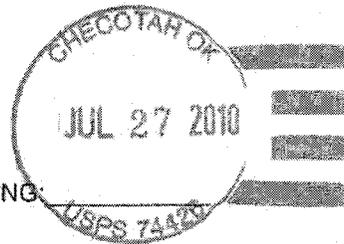
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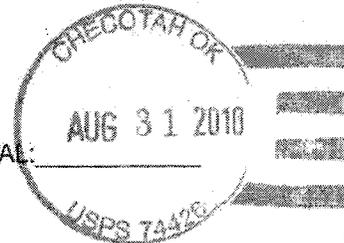
Dean J. Granholm

Attachments

cc: Vice President, Area Operations, Southwest Area
Vice President, Government Relations & Public Affairs
Vice President, Retail Products and Services
Vice President, Facilities
Headquarters Library
Headquarters Historian



DATE OF POSTING:



DATE OF REMOVAL:

FINAL DETERMINATION TO CLOSE
THE SUSPENDED
RENTIESVILLE, OK POST OFFICE
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 74459

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service has determined to close the suspended Rentiesville, OK Post Office located at 200 McIntosh Street and provide delivery and retail services by a rural route administered by the Checotah, OK Post Office, located approximately five miles away. Service will be provided to roadside mailboxes installed by customers on the carrier's line of travel.

The postmaster retired on March 31, 1998. The post office facility had severe safety and health deficiencies and the lessor was unable to correct the deficiencies. No suitable alternate quarters were available; therefore, service was suspended on April 23, 2004.

The Rentiesville Post Office, an EAS-A level, provided service 11 hours a week from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday to 14 post office box and 32 intermediate rural customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as registered mail, certified, insured, COD, and Express Mail; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail. Daily retail window transactions averaged two. Office receipts for the last three years were: \$1,272.00 (4 revenue units) in FY-2001; \$1,519.00 (5 revenue units) in FY-2002; and \$2,252.00 (7 revenue units) in FY-2003. There were no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

Since the suspension of service, customers have received delivery and retail services from rural route delivery emanating from the Checotah Post Office, an EAS-20 level office located approximately five miles away. Window service hours at Checotah are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. There are approximately 100 post office boxes available.

On March 20, 1998 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Rentiesville Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at Rentiesville. Twelve questionnaires were returned. Seven responses were unfavorable and five expressed no opinion regarding the proposed alternate service.

On March 25, 1998 representatives from the Postal Service were available at Rentiesville to answer questions and provide information to customers. Twenty-one customers attended the meeting.

Five petitions supporting the retention of the Rentiesville Post Office were received in April of 1998 with a total of 49 signatures.

Three congressional inquiries were received in April of 1998.

The following postal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petitions, and from the congressional inquiries:

1. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens.

Response: Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the Checotah Postmaster for more information.

2. **Concern:** Customers said they would miss the special attention and assistance provided by the personnel at the Rentiesville Post Office.

Response: Courteous and helpful service will be provided by personnel at the Checotah Post Office and from the carrier. Special assistance will be provided as needed.

3. **Concern:** Customers stated the Rentiesville Post Office had been closed without going through the formal discontinuance procedure.

Response: Operation of the Rentiesville Post Office was suspended because of an emergency but it has not been officially discontinued. An emergency suspension is a temporary change, not a permanent closing of the Rentiesville Post Office. A community meeting was held and questionnaires were sent to the Rentiesville community. The proposal to close the Rentiesville Post Office was posted for the 60-day mandatory posting period and regulations require the posting of a final determination to close a post office, which informs customers on how to appeal that determination to the Postal Regulatory Commission.

4. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the limited hours of operation at the post office.

Response: Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue. A workload analysis conducted indicated the office qualifies for 12 hours of service per week. Carrier service will provide 24-hour access to the mail.

5. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service.

Response: Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

6. **Concern:** Customers inquired about what the alternate service would be.

Response: Customers will receive curbside delivery to a roadside mailbox located close to the customer's residence. The rural carrier will continue to provide the same delivery and retail services that you are currently receiving.

7. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about mail security.

Response: Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.

8. **Concern:** Customers asked why their post office was being discontinued while others were retained.

Response: Post offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a emergency suspension in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.

9. **Concern:** Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance.

Response: Economic savings are only one of several factors considered. Economic savings have been calculated as required for discontinuance studies. Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates annual savings of \$6,913.00.

10. **Concern:** Customers wanted a post office established.

Response: A post office is not created when effective and regular service can be provided by established forms of service, such as rural delivery. Growth and workload will be monitored to determine the future service needs of the area and changes will be made based on those needs.

11. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response: Retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

MAILING PACKAGES

Carriers will accept packages at the mailbox without a customer being present, provided the package is under 13 ounces and the postage is fully prepaid. Just estimate the amount of postage needed and leave the money in the mailbox. If insurance is desired, the value of the contents must be specified. The carrier will take the package to the post office, and it will be weighed to determine the appropriate rate. The package will be mailed that same day. The carrier will leave the customer's change and insurance receipt, if appropriate, in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, *Stamp Purchase Order (Rural)*, available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders can be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

Some advantages to the final determination are:

1. Carrier delivery service is beneficial to some senior citizens, the handicapped, and working people since customers will no longer need to travel to the post office to pick up their mail.
2. The carrier provides retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
3. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
4. A savings for the Postal Service, which contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will no longer have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages to the final determination are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet in the community and a postmaster position in the community.
2. Meeting the carrier at the mailbox to transact business.
3. A change in mailing address. The community name and ZIP Code will continue to be used in the new address.

The proposal to close the Rentiesville Post Office was posted with an invitation for public comment at the Checotah Post Office from April 14, 2010 through June 15, 2010. No comments were received.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Rentiesville is an incorporated rural community located in McIntosh County. The community is administered politically by a Mayor and Council form of government. Police protection is provided by the McIntosh County Sheriff's Department. The Rentiesville Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection. The community is comprised of retired people, farmers, and those who commute to work at nearby communities.

The First Christian Church, the Church of Christ, Rentiesville Volunteer Fire Department and Town of Rentiesville Hall are located in the community. Residents travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Rentiesville Post Office will be available at the Checotah Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the post office will also be available at the Checotah Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

Rentiesville is one of only 13 towns remaining from the original 40-50 communities that were founded in eastern Oklahoma by freed slaves following the Civil War. Rentiesville is number 4 on the list of "Top 101 ZIP Codes with the largest percentage of African first ancestries".

A notable person born in Rentiesville is John Hope Franklin, Professor Emeritus of Duke University, historian and author of numerous books, including "From Slavery to Freedom". He is the 1995 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Appointed by President Clinton, he served as Chairman of the Advisory Board to the President's Initiative on Race. John Hope Franklin sent a letter to the Postal Service when he heard about the suspension of the Rentiesville Post Office. His father, Buck Colbert Franklin was the Rentiesville Postmaster in 1915. Mr. Franklin was born at the Post Office which was located in the front of the family home.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petitions and from the congressional inquiries:

1. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the loss of a gathering place and an information center.

Response: Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the other churches and residences in town.

2. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity.

Response: A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Rentiesville name and ZIP Code in addresses.

Based on information the Postal Service obtained, it was determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. Carrier service is expected to be able to handle any future growth in the community.

Based on information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will not adversely affect the community. Carrier service has been in effect since the suspension of the Rentiesville Post Office on April 23, 2004.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster retired on March 31, 1998. The career OIC returned to their regular position at a nearby post office when the office was suspended. No other employee will be adversely affected.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates annual savings of \$6,913.00 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster's Salary (EAS-A, Minimum)	\$6,227.00
Fringe Benefits @33.5%	2,086.00
Rental Costs, Excluding Utilities	+ 600.00
Total Annual Costs	\$8,913.00
Less Cost of Replacement Service	-2,000.00
Total Annual Savings	\$6,913.00

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service has determined to close the suspended Rentiesville Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by a rural route administered by the Checotah Post Office, located approximately five miles away.

The postmaster retired on March 31, 1998. Operations were suspended on April 23, 2004 due to safety and health deficiencies of the postal facility. There were no suitable alternate quarters available. The career OIC returned to their home office. No other employee was adversely affected.

The Rentiesville Post Office provided 11 hours of window service per week to 32 customers. Daily retail window transactions averaged two. There were no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

Carrier service will continue to provide effective and regular service to the community. There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services will be available from the carrier, alleviating the need to travel to a post office for service. To help preserve community identity, the community name and ZIP Code will be retained in the mailing address. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$6,913.00 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most postal transactions.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this final determination is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. **Support Materials.** Copies of all materials upon which this final determination is based are available for public inspection at the Checotah Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. **Appeal Rights.** This final determination to close the suspended Rentiesville Post Office may be appealed by any person served by that office to the Postal Regulatory Commission at 901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20268-0001. Appeals must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the date this final determination, is posted. If an appeal is filed, copies of appeal documents prepared by the Postal Regulatory Commission or the parties to the appeal will be made available for public inspection at the Checotah Post Office during normal office hours.


Dean J. Granholm
Vice President
Delivery and Post Office Operations

07/07/10
Date