

Protect Wagoner County

Are Coweta City Planners & Councilors Selling out Citizens?

On October 6, Coweta City Councilors approved annexing 193 acres between Highways 72 and 51B 16192 State Hwy 51B). [Beale Infrastructure](#) wants that land to build a hyperscale data center.

Who is Beale Infrastructure?

Beale Infrastructure is behind several data centers in Arizona and Oklahoma. The company is led by Beale Infrastructure Holdings, LLC, **based in Chicago, Illinois** with headquarters filing in **San Francisco, California**. The location of their headquarters and speaks volumes.

According to LinkedIn Beale Infrastructure: “develop(s) digital infrastructure and power solutions for the world’s leading technology companies.”

They claim they “partner closely with customers, communities and power utilities to enable innovative solutions with sustainable long-term impact.” So then why have Coweta residents been left in the dark? Why have they been in negotiations with Coweta City Planners **for the past two years**, but Coweta/Wagoner County residents are just now hearing about it? Why was the land annexed BEFORE residents learned of it, and **why is Beale pushing for this vote before the end of the year?**

The “public information” meeting with Beale workers held little information. Not a single one I talked to could answer the basic question of how much water the facility will use. However, I learned Beale had met with the District Water Company #5 earlier that day and told *them* it would use 5.2 million gallons a day. So much for transparency to the public.

I talked with some of the Coweta City Councilors the day of the Beale “public info” meeting, who said they did not have much information on the data center specifics. **Why are our city planners and city councilors making decisions and voting on how to move forward without important specifics and details? This vote needs to be postponed until next year to afford the city planners, city councilors, and residents time to research & determine the actual impact (pros and cons) it will have on our community. That is just wisdom.**

Research shows Data Centers have a potentially long-term negative impact on a community.

CLAIM: They create jobs.

FALSE: While being built, they create short-term jobs for the building crew, but which are typically out-of-state crews. Once completed, the centers need only approx. 25 people or less to keep them running.

TRUE: What the data centers do is TAKE jobs from citizens as A.I. takes over. Just recently, Amazon announced it is laying off approximately 14,000 corporate employees as part of a major restructuring effort where actual people aren’t needed to do those jobs any longer--thanks to A.I.

What We Know About the Dangers of Data Centers:

According to reports from hotspots such as Virginia and Ohio, after data centers were built in those areas, the price per kilowatt-hour rose from 16.41 cents to 17.47 cents between May 2024 and May 2025 for residents--a 6.5% increase. Data centers were cited as a key accelerator alongside grid hardening for extreme weather for that increase.

- **Projected National Impact:**

[Based on current data](#) from locations with existing data centers, we can expect our electricity bills to increase an average of 8% - 25%.

- **Wholesale Price Surge:**

Wholesale electricity costs [have risen](#) in areas with data centers by 267% since 2020.

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- **Direct Water Use:**

Large data centers can use 1-5 million gallons of water per day for cooling. Hyperscale data centers use 3-7 million gallons. If Beale associates told Rural Water District #5 that they projected over 5 million gallons of water a day would be needed—we are looking at a hyperscale data center for our area. Evaporative cooling systems require more water, but even newer cooling systems drain water supplies. It has been suggested that the Coweta “Project Atlas” data center will use treated sewer water for cooling. However, even if that is the case, it would be only a fraction of the water needed.

The “Project Atlas” project qualifies as a hyperscale data center which would use more water than Coweta residents use in a day by 4 or 5 times the amount.

- **Taxpayers Stuck with the Costs**

We are told it will help fund schools and create tax revenue. Facts are taxpayers in several U.S. states are facing significant financial burdens due to tax abatements granted to data center developers, with some states reportedly losing hundreds of millions to billions of dollars in potential revenue annually. At [least ten states](#) have missed out on up to \$100 million per year in tax revenue. The data center exemptions are considered among the most expensive state subsidies for any industry. So why are cities and states doing it?

Why are our city planners and councilors making these uninformed decisions behind closed doors?

SUMMARY FACTS ABOUT DATA CENTERS:

- They TAKE jobs
- Increase electricity costs
- Decrease the water supply for residents
- Cost states hundreds of millions to billions of dollars in potential revenue ANNUALLY.
- Tax-payers pick up the costs while builders, like Beale, take the profit.
- The long-term damage to the environment and public health risks from data centers must be taken into consideration. The mass amount of energy and water consumption, pollution from backup generators, and health impacts on nearby communities have not been analyzed sufficiently or taken into consideration as data centers are being created across our state.

SAY NO! - Action steps: Please attend the following meetings to let your voice be heard:

1. Coweta City Planning Commission meeting: Nov 17 @ 6 p.m. – 310 S Broadway, Coweta City Hall

Note: The Planning Commission is responsible for zoning changes, who in turn make their recommendations to the City Council for the Dec. 1 vote. We want to get this all delayed until more investigation can take place. Email the planning commissioners to ask that they slow this process down so that more research can be done and to NOT recommend rezoning at this time at the Nov 17 meeting.

- Jessica Morris: jessi_leigh83@hotmail.com
- Linda Dyer: lindaldyer1@gmail.com
- Joanna Jones: sewstamp@valornet.com

2. Coweta City Council Meeting – Dec 1 @ 6 p.m. – Location TBA – THEY WILL VOTE ON IT!

Please email or call now to ask them to delay a vote until more information can be gathered to make an informed decision!

- Naomi Hogue, Mayor: Phone: not made available, nhogue@cityofcoweta-ok.gov
- Jeremy Barnett, Vice Mayor: (918) 292-9164, jbarnett@cityofcoweta-ok.gov
- Lauren Givan, Member: (918) 704-1464, lgivan@cityofcoweta-ok.gov
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