

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY**

The ASCOG offices will be closed **Monday, October 10** for the Columbus Day Holiday.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR NANCY ENGLISH**



**NANCY ENGLISH** has a new title! She has been named as ASCOG's new Deputy Director. Nancy has been with ASCOG for almost 28 years. Her institutional memory and years of experience combined with her dedication merit her new designation. She will continue the duties she performed as the Director of Administration in addition to any new tasks assigned.

**MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT STARTS OCTOBER 15**

Medicare Counselors are available to assist Medicare beneficiaries during the open enrollment process on the following dates and locations:

- **October 17** – Red River Technology Center, Business Building in **Duncan** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **October 18** - **Ryan Pharmacy** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- **October 20** - Center for Creative Living in **Lawton** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please contact **Bethany Sullivan** at 580.736.7036 for more information.

**PUBLIC FORUMS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS SENIOR NUTRITION**

**Ken Jones** will be at the following sites to discuss the senior nutrition program as ASCOG works to find a new nutrition provider starting December 1:

- **October 3** - **Ringling Nutrition Site** – 10:00 a.m.
- **October 3** – **Ryan Nutrition Site** – Noon.
- **October 6** – **Frederick Nutrition Site** – 10:00 a.m.

For more information, contact **Ken Jones** at 580.736.7972.

**FORMER CED DIRECTOR AND FOUNDATION SECRETARY RODNEY LOVE PASSED AWAY**



**Rodney** passed away September 2 in Duncan. After a career in the grocery business, **Rodney** came home to Comanche where he served as city manager after which he joined ASCOG as

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director of community and economic development. At the time of his death, he was secretary of the South Central Oklahoma Community Development Foundation (the entity which owns the ASCOG building).

**PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITIES**

Near the end of October, **Perry Brinegar** will start inventorying the fire departments' trucks and equipment. Working with Forestry, he has also been able to pick up a few non-working or seldom used vehicles around the counties to get them removed from the fire departments' inventories and lower their insurance costs. Many area departments will be re-graded for ISO insurance purposes beginning in the later part of 2016 and continuing to mid-year 2017.

**REAP APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

ASCOG received 55 REAP applications by the September 29

deadline with a total request of \$2,227,827. With additional cuts this year, ASCOG will only be able to award approximately \$917,527. Recipients will be announced at the December 15 meeting.

**START CDBG GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW!!**

While the first applications are not due until the end of February, every community that has a CDBG eligible project should start making preparations now. Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Surveys may be necessary to qualify. If federal funds are to be used for engineering, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process is mandatory. Engineering plans and specs take time, so you should be talking to engineers now. Additionally, you must have an audit or agreed upon procedure for the Fiscal Year ending on June 30, 2016 as part of the application. If you have questions or need help, please contact the **Tom Zigler** (580)736-7971 or **Steve Kelly** (580)736-7965.

**BRBR PROJECT**

A Bio-solid Removal and Beneficial Reuse (BRBR) project with Kiamichi Housing Authority for sealing the lagoons at Kiowa, Oklahoma contract has been finalized and work is being done.

**LAWTON-FORT SILL JLUS**

With a signed contract now in hand, requests for proposals have been advertised nationally for a consultant with experience and the capacity to meet with stakeholders, assemble data and produce a viable booklet outlining the findings and strategies for implementation

expected to come from the study. The RFP responses are due October 20 at 3:00 p.m.

**MANAGED CARE MONITORING RESULTS**

Monitors from DHS recently completed their annual monitoring of ASCOG's Managed Care program. ASCOG received a score of 91. While some might not be impressed, those in the field know this is a phenomenal achievement. Many thanks to all the hard working employees in Managed Care!!

**ASCOG RECEIVES 2017 PILOT RTPO GRANT**

ASCOG and SWODA (our sister COG adjacent to and west of ASCOG's 8 counties) received a pilot Rural Transportation Planning Organization grant for \$192,000 with a \$38,400 match requirement. This regional grant is the first of its kind in Oklahoma where two COGs will be working together for a truly regional plan.

**TAP GRANTS AWARDED**

ASCOG's CED Planner **Steve Kelly** submitted two (2) successful TAP applications to ODOT.

Apache received an 80/20 grant to install sidewalks along the side of U.S. Highway 281. This section to be paved is highly traveled by the disabled going to the grocery store as well as by school children. Total cost of the project is \$704,305. The grant total is \$563,443.

Purcell received a 48/52 match for a downtown streetscape project.

The total project cost is \$1,451,881. Purcell's grant totals \$699,996.

These grants are a welcome addition to the arsenal of funding streams available for critical projects. One of the real keys is meeting the match requirement. If you have a transportation project and some dedicated funds earmarked for that purpose, this is a great way to improve your transportation needs. Call ASCOG staff now and they can assist you in getting your application in the pot. Great job, **Steve!**

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?**

Call Ronnie Ward (580) 736-7970 or Nancy English (580) 736-7019. We'd love to hear from you.