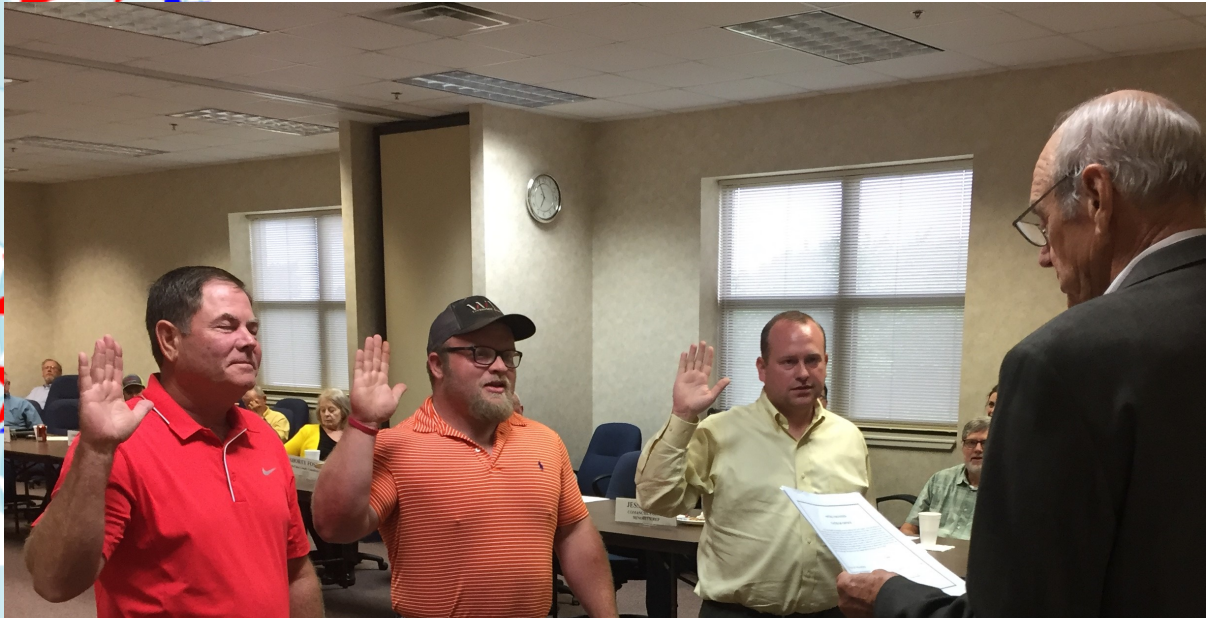


## HOLIDAY CLOSING

ASCOG will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day and will open for business Wednesday, July 5.

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(L to R) Todd Churchman, Bryce Bohot, Kyle Eastwood, Gerald Hayes)

## THREE NEW MEMBERS FOR ASCOG'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

New ASCOG trustees are **Todd Churchman**, Stephens County Commissioner replacing Dee Bowen, **Bryce Bohot**, Jefferson County Commissioner replacing Billy Kidd, and **Kyle Eastwood**, Anadarko Mayor, Caddo County mayoral representative replacing Steve DeVaughn. Collectively, they were sworn in by Judge (Retired ) Gerald Hayes.

*"The four cornerstones of character on which the structure of this nation was built are: Initiative, Imagination, Individuality and Independence.*

Eddie  
Rickenbacker

Happy  
Independence  
Day to all!

## AREA AGENCY ON AGING TO HOST PUBLIC HEARINGS

The ASCOG Area Agency on Aging will host public hearings in July to obtain feedback into the funding for Older Americans Act services received through the USDHHS and OKDHS. Seniors and those who care for seniors are encouraged to attend. Hearings will be hosted in each of ASCOG's eight counties. The July hearings are scheduled as follows:

July 13, **Anadarko** Nutrition Site, 11:00 a.m.

July 17, **Chickasha** Nutrition Site, 11:00 a.m.

## PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

A few departments are close to completion of tanker or brush rigs. The 80/20 grants have been completed, all operational grants have been submitted to the Department of Agriculture. Fund

## REAP

Between now and the scheduled workshop dates it is recommended all applicants should: (1) select an eligible project that can be fully funded including leveraged dollars, (2) get cost estimates from an eligible source and (3) take formal board action including approving making the application for the project, approving a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, and approving any cash or in-kind leverage from the applicant agency. Keep in mind that these matches are not required, but do figure into the scoring system. **2018 REAP grants will have the same time requirements. Projects must begin within 6 months and be completed by June 30, 2019.** There will be several **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES** so every applicant should have a representative attend at least one of the workshops.

Please remember, ASCOG CED staff will write your REAP application for a \$150 fee. If the application is not funded, there is no charge for writing subsequent grants the following year for the same project. This fee must be paid for by the applicant and not out of REAP funds. The purpose of this option is to ensure every potential REAP applicant has the potential to submit a competitive, well-written application. For those who do not want to take the time, who do not have the needed expertise within their staff, or just don't want to go through the hassle, ASCOG staff can help. Having ASCOG CED staff write your grants does not guarantee approval, but it does ensure that your grant is well-written where the scorers can fully understand the importance of the project to your community/county. If you need several thousand dollars for an eligible project, \$150 is a good investment for a grant that averages over \$40,000. PLEASE call CED staff if you have any questions.

### **2018 REAP WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:**

July18 – Lawton – Great Plains Technology Center – Bldg. 700 – Room 701

July25 – Duncan – Red River Technology Center – Room D106

July27 – Fort Cobb – Caddo Kiowa Technology Center – Room 436

Aug. 1 – Chickasha – Canadian Valley Technology Center – Bldg. 200, Room 1

Times are all 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

### **2018 REAP Schedule:**

July 11 – Application posted to ASCOG Website.

September 27 – Applications due close of business.

November 16 – Applications scored.

December 21 – Awardees announced on ASCOG Website.

**ASCOG MEDICARE COUNSELOR TO PRESENT  
INFORMATION ON  
MEDICARE FRAUD AND HELP FOR LOW-INCOME  
BENEFICIARIES**

**Ken Jones**, one of ASCOG's two certified Medicare Counselors, will present information about Medicare fraud prevention as well as assistance to Medicare beneficiaries who need help paying for Medicare premiums. See schedule below. For more information, contact Ken Jones at 580.736.7972.

July 20, **Grandfield** Senior Center, 10:00 a.m.

July 20, **Tipton** Senior Center, noon.

July 27, **Frederick** Nutrition Site, 11:00 a.m.

July 31, **Cache** Nutrition Site, 11:00 a.m.

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