



ASCOG OFFICES OPEN TO PUBLIC

On June 15, ASCOG offices reopened to the public – no

appointment necessary. Guests are asked to maintain social distancing and remain in designated areas.

NEW ASCOG TRUSTEE

Jefferson County Commissioner Ricky Martin is the newest representative on the ASCOG Board.



Royse Reagan (left) welcomes Commissioner Ricky Martin to the Board of Trustees

ASCOG OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

ASCOG Offices closed Thursday, July 2, for Independence Day holiday.

(Open /Closed - ain't life deliciously ironic?)

ROBIN VANOVEN RETURNS TO ASCOG MANAGED CARE



After a brief hiatus, Robin is back, and we are happy to have her! She is great asset in serving Oklahomans on the Medicaid ADvantage Waiver which provides services for the frail elderly and adults with physical disabilities age 21 and over who do not have intellectual disabilities or a cognitive impairment. You can reach Robin at 580.736.7981 or by email at vano_ro@ascog.org.



Incoming President Dick Herrin (right) presents outgoing President Royse Reagan with gavel.

NEW SLATE OF ASCOG OFFICERS

The annual July Board of Trustees' meeting is highlighted with the election of new officers. Since the By-laws only allow the President to serve a total of two consecutive terms, every other year the president terms out and the rest of the board moves up. Such is the case in 2020! The new officers, respectively, are:

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Dick Herrin,

Max Gallaway,

Jesse Cross,

Ralph Beard,

Ronny Nelson,

Comanche County Mayoral Rep

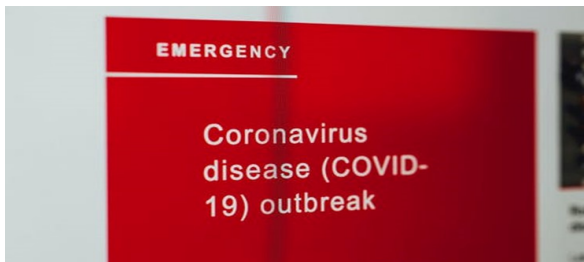
Stephens County Conservation Dir

Minority Rep

Grady County Commissioner

McClain County Citizen-at-Large

Members of the executive committee in addition to the above officers are Robert Crews, Caddo County citizen-at-large; Gerald R. Hayes, Cotton County citizen-at-large; Royse Reagan Jefferson County Conservation Director; and Terry Wyatt, Tillman County Conservation Director.



ASCOG TO RECEIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION'S CARES ACT RECOVERY ASSISTANCE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

EDA announced they are "pleased to make this investment in (ASCOG), a high-performing, regionally-focused partner committed to helping their region respond to this unprecedented challenge by utilizing the experience and expertise of current ASCOG staff in combination with community partnerships to address the unmet needs of local community economies, the economic stabilization and stimulus of communities, the public safety and security of communities and the health and wellness of communities." To learn more about how ASCOG can help your community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, contact one of the following planners: For Caddo, Comanche and Cotton counties – **Shannon Yarbrough** at 580.736.7965. For Jefferson, Grady and McClain counties – **Ronald Peel** at 580.736.7024. For Stephens and Tillman Counties – **Danielle Carpenter** at 580.736.7969.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Apache Tribe is seeking volunteers to help deliver meals in Anadarko. If you live in or near Anadarko and would like to help, contact **Bill Harris** at 405.320.6982. Our senior centers and nutrition sites are always looking for more volunteers. For more information on how you can help, contact **Stephanie Denton** at 580.736.7036.



Energy Efficiency Grant for Local Governments Deadline July 8

Up to \$100,000 available for Energy Efficiency Lighting Retrofit Projects to upgrade existing internal and/or external lighting systems that will reduce energy use and utility cost, reduce maintenance, and improve color rendering for better optics, safety and security. More information available at <https://www.ok.gov/dcs/solicit/app/solicitationDetail.php?sollID=3840>.

For grant writing assistance, contact one of the following planners: For Caddo, Comanche and Cotton counties – **Shannon Yarbrough** at 580.736.7965. For Jefferson, Grady and McClain counties – **Ronald Peel** at 580.736.7024. For Stephens and Tillman Counties – **Danielle Carpenter** at 580.736.7969.

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Census 2020 Update – It's NOT Too Late

The Census Bureau announced that four out of five households responding to the 2020 Census have done so online at 2020census.gov. However, only 60 percent of households have responded as of late May. Oklahoma is still behind the nation on responses. Billions of dollars for local communities are riding on census completion. It is not too late! You can still complete the census today. Our goal is to have 100% participation for a complete census.



ASCOG MANAGED CARE HIRING CONTRACT CASE MANAGERS

In the midst of COVID19, we still need to take care of

those folks who are at risk of nursing home placement by keeping them in their own homes. ASCOG is looking for qualified case managers to help us in this pursuit. If you are interested in contracting with us, please call **Ken Jones** at 580.475.6959.



ASCOG REVIEWING CDBG CIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 AND 2021

Every year ASCOG is allocated \$40,000 from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the HUD for the Community Development Block Grant/Capital Improvement Planning (CDBG CIP) grant. We are currently reviewing potential communities who are eligible to update their capital improvement plan. One of the major elements in community eligibility for this grant is their ratio of persons of low and moderate incomes. ASCOG owns technology and contracts with trained staff to assist communities in updating their CIPs. For more information, contact **Danielle Carpenter** at 580.736.7969.



USDA Rural Development Offers Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Assistance

The USDA RD Water and Wastewater program provides loans and grants to eligible entities in rural areas and towns for maintaining or developing water and waste disposal and solid waste facilities. Project priorities include populations less than 1,000, correcting health/sanitary standards, low income, mergers, serving new users, leverage funds and target areas.

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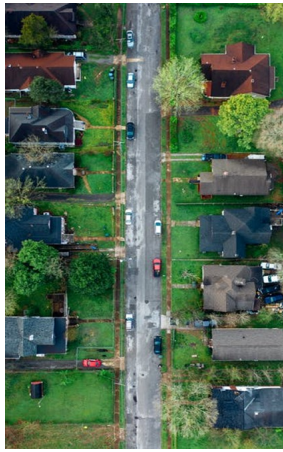


RURAL FIRE NEWS

Equipment inventory will be starting with priority on getting equipment being built ready for inspection. Recent rainfall has helped in some areas, but we are already assisting with preparedness efforts as the fire season has begun in western Oklahoma and the dry (drought) line is moving east.

Diligent, daily efforts are being made to check for grants to help assist in pandemic situations for PPE and equipment to help support departments.

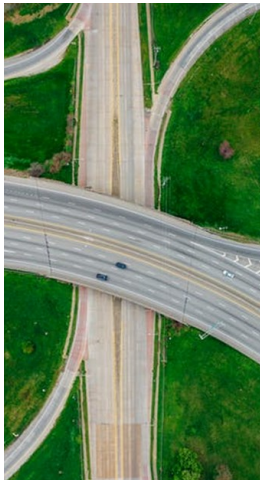
For more information on when training may start again, contact Perry Brinegar at 580.574.2132 or brin_pe@ascog.org.



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ODOT Seeks Input into Long Range Transportation Plan

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is seeking public input for their final draft of the long-range transportation plan from June 29 through July 29. "The purpose of the plan is to help provide a long-term vision for highways, state-owned rail,

public transit, ports and waterways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and airport access." For more information on how to provide input into the ODOT plan, contact one of the following planners: For Caddo, Comanche and Cotton counties – **Shannon Yarbrough** at 580.736.7965. For Jefferson, Grady and McClain counties – **Ronald Peel** at 580.736.7024. For Stephens and Tillman Counties – **Danielle Carpenter** at 580.736.7969.



ASCOG Announces New Provider for Title III Meals

Beginning July 1, the Senior Center for Creative Living has contracted with ASCOG to provide Title III Meals to nutrition sites in Comanche, Cotton and Tillman

counties. ASCOG has contracted with SCCL for decades to provide education and training for seniors. They have always been a great partner. Delta Community Action will continue to provide meals to Title III nutrition sites in the remaining ASCOG counties. For more information on Title III meals, contact the Senior Information Line at 1.800.211.2116.

SBA PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM MORE FLEXIBLE AFTER CONGRESSIONAL ACTION



The Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020 ([HR7010](https://www.congress.gov/bills/116/hr7010)) was signed into law June 5. Borrowers will have more leeway in how funds can be used and still be forgiven. They will also have more time to spend the funding. You can learn more in this Journal Record article - <https://journalrecord.com/2020/06/15/some-restrictions-eased-in-federal-ppp-loan-program/>.