

Grant County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee Meets to Enhance Outreach

Medford, OK – U.S. Census Bureau Patricia Woodward, Partnership Specialist, met with the Grant County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee (CCC) at the Grant County District 2 Shop in Medford on January 21. This meeting focused on information to educate the CCC leaders about the 2020 Census and their role in the committee to enhance outreach.

The Grant County CCC membership was officially sworn in as “Census Ambassadors” by Woodward and was provided training to lead and operate effectively. Cindy Bobbitt, Grant County District 2 Commissioner, was recognized as the Chair of the Grant County CCC and her efforts in raising awareness of the census to ultimately increase self-response and participation rates.

The Grant County committee plans are to implement locally-based outreach campaigns that can achieve a complete count through grassroots outreach focusing on the importance and benefits of responding to the census. Sample flyers for future distribution in Grant County were dispersed and discussed. These flyers focused on areas relevant to faith-based groups as well as the importance of funding for county and city transportation (roads and bridges). Lively discussion on the fact that the 2020 Census notices will only be mailing to E-911 addresses with no notification to post office boxes was held. Therefore, a request will be made to the Grant County Board of Commissioners to help with funding for an announcement and mailing to all post office boxes as well as E-911 address in Grant County on the importance of county residents to respond to the census.

Grant County CCC members present (L to R) were: Dea Mandevill, Medford City Manager; Kathy Morrison, Wakita City Clerk; Oma Lee Rogers, Medford citizen; Jeri Donaldson, Deer Creek citizen; Patricia Woodward, US Census Bureau; Cindy Bobbitt, Grant County District 2 Commissioner; Art Curl, Town of Pond Creek Manager; Dessie Scott, Grant County Commissioners Executive Assistant; Cindy Pratt, Grant County Clerk; Rose Moyer, Deer Creek citizen; Lynda Theilen, Lamont citizen; Sherri Eulberg, Grant County District 3 Executive Assistant; Max Hess, Grant County District 1 Commissioner; and Paul Mathews, Grant County District 2 Executive Assistant.

The next meeting of the Grant County Complete Count Committee (CCC) will be in March, date to be announced. For more information and/or if you are interested in being a partner with the Grant County CCC please contact Cindy Bobbitt, CCC Chair and Grant County Commissioner at 580-395-2895 or via email at cindybobbitt8950@gmail.com.