

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, 502 Math-Science Bldg., Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

COWETA CITY HALL

LOCATION: North Broadway Street, Oklahoma 040, Wagoner County 145

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--office

OWNER: City of Coweta, Coweta, OK 74429

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wagoner County Courthouse, Wagoner, OK 74467

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

A single story structure with a flat roof and parapets, the Coweta City Hall is L-shaped (38' x 64', with an extension of 38' x 20') and constructed of uncut and unrusted native stone. The mortar is slightly beaded. New metal sash windows sit on pre-formed concrete sills. Pilasters on each side of the front entry, set-backs on the front wall and angular extensions of the roof line give the structure a distinct art deco flavor. An addition for the fire station of materials identical to those used in the original building and enclosure of some rear windows with native stone do not impeach the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1939-40; architect/builder: unknown

The clear allusion to art deco style makes the Coweta City Hall relatively unique for a WPA building. And within the community the structure is notable for its type, style and workmanship. The importance of the building to the city is suggested by the fact that it remains in use. Especially significant is that construction of the municipal building provided needed jobs for individuals left without work because of the extent of the depression and infused wages for some 22,000 man-hours of labor into the local economy.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: less than one acre

Quadrangle: Coweta, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block 38, New Coweta

PICTURE REFERENCE: 155-a; 155-b