OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

STIGLER COMMUNITY BUILDING

LOCATION: A Street and Highway No. 82, Stigler, Oklahoma 040, Haskell County 061

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

OWNER: City of Stigler, City Hall, Stigler, OK 74462

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Haskell County Courthouse, Stigler, OK 74462

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; unaltered; original site

A multi-purpose facility, the Stigler Community Building is a single story, L-shaped $(35' \times 79')$ with a 36' x 14' extension) structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof, now covered with composition shingles, is hipped with an intersecting gable and valley. A small gable porch covers the main entryway, and wood sash windows are placed singly and by twos. The window sills are of pre-formed concrete. On the wing there is an exterior chimney.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1940; architect/builder: unknown

The community building is significant because it provided a gathering place for the Stigler community where activities occurred that engendered spirit and pride, an outcome sorely needed during the dark days of the depression. Architecturally it is remarkable in terms of type, WPA style, materials and character of workmanship. Also construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers, primarily coal miners, who had faced previously the prospect of starvation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Stigler East, Okla. 1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 6, Block 124, Stigler City original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 44-A, 44-B