

Endorsement of Rusty Grissom for Cleveland County Commissioner



I am honored to endorse Rusty Grissom for reelection for Cleveland County Commissioner. I have had the honor of knowing Rusty for over 25 years. I have worked with him closely, developed a friendship with him and his family, and I have seen his character and his competence on display year after year. Rusty has been a great leader in his first term as Commissioner, and I am excited to see him continue his work.

In his 21 years as an Oklahoma Electric Cooperative (OEC) Board Member, Rusty always represented the members in his district in a great way and was a very active and involved Board Member. Rusty was elected for four separate terms as OEC Board President. He was also appointed by the OEC Board to represent the co-ops interests on the board of OEC's power supplier, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), for the majority of his tenure on the Board. WFEC accounts for 70% of all of OEC's costs and is the most complicated aspect of our utility...so his role was crucial and Rusty excelled in the role.

Rusty was instrumental in the launching of OEC Fiber. Rusty recognized the great need of our members for true, reliable high-speed internet. He was a champion of the idea of OEC stepping up to solve this great challenge. He was 100% behind the initiative the whole way. Not surprisingly, Rusty was elected to serve on the inaugural OEC Fiber Board, where he provided critical leadership through the challenging formation and early stages of OEC Fiber. It is not an exaggeration to say that OEC Fiber would not be the great success it is today without Rusty's vision, leadership and commitment.

Throughout our working relationship, I also had the pleasure of developing a personal connection to Rusty, Tammy, Whitney and Taylor. Rusty is a true family man and cares deeply for the success and wellbeing of his family. I am proud to call Rusty a good friend and someone who will always be loyal and committed to me and my family.

If there is a theme to everything written above, it is Rusty's leadership and commitment to service...service and leadership to OEC Members, service to his family, service to his friends and, most recently, service and leadership to Cleveland County. Rusty is honest, intelligent, hard-working and committed. He will do what is right, and he will continue to lead the County with his heart, mind and passion for residents and businesses of Cleveland County. He was the right person for the role 3 years ago, and he again is the right person today.

With proud enthusiasm, I support Rusty Grissom for Cleveland County Commissioner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Grace', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Grace
Friend
CEO – OEC & OEC Fiber