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Cimarron County Courthouse:

Location: Boise City, Oklahoma 40, Cimarron County 025

Owner: Cimarron County, Courthouse, Boise City, Oklahoma

Description: Condition: excellent, unaltered, original site

The Cimarron County Courthouse occupies a 190 foot square lot in the center of the original townsite of Boise City at the junction of U.S. highways 64 and 385. A three-story red brick structure, the building is approximately square and encompasses varied elements of neo-classic style. The lower level has a horizontally-running pattern of one raised brick interspersed with a course of five recessed bricks with a topped by a concrete water table. Windows and doorways are outlined with ornamental brickwork. Four large Ionic columns rise two stories from the water table to just below the frieze, where a stone inset reads "Cimarron County Courthouse." The third-story windows between the columns have small balconies with metal railings. A plain cornice and low, brick palisade are highlighted by a decorative carved stone Escutcheon. The front entrance features a flight of concrete stairs with brick banisters, an arched doorway and new metal-framed glass doors.

Significance: 1926; Builder/architect: S.S. Strong and B.C. Froman, M.C. Parker

The Cimarron County Courthouse is significant because it provided for the governing of the county and for the storage of legal records. The importance of the courthouse is underlined by its location in the exact center of the original townsite of Boise City, a town founded specifically to serve as the county seat of Cimarron County. The present building was constructed in 1926 to replace the original wood frame building which burned the previous year.

Acreage: Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle: 1:24,000

Verbal Boundary Description: The courthouse occupies an unplatted 190 square foot lot in the center of the original town of Boise City. From the N.W. corner of the unplatted courthouse square go due south 190 feet to the S.W. corner of the unplatted courthouse square; turn 90° and go due east 190 feet to the S.E. corner of the unplatted courthouse square; turn 90° and go due north 190 feet to the N.E. corner of the unplatted courthouse square; turn 90° and go due west 190 feet to the point of beginning. The boundaries begin at the edge of the lot and do not include any roadways.

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