Creek National Capitol

106 WEST 6TH STREET, OKMULGEE, OKMULGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA





Constructed in 1878, the Creek National Capitol, also known as the Muscogee (Creek) National Council House, is a National Historic Landmark (NHL, 1961) as well as contributes to the Okmulgee Downtown Historic District (1992). The property has seen many uses such as the office for the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, and civil defense until it was sold by federal order to Okmulgee County.

The Creek National Capitol is a two-story structure with a wood belfry and a surrounding lawn; set at the center of the town square. The main entrances, centered on the north (front) and south elevations, are each covered by a simple porch with a balcony above. Additional entrances are located in the side elevations. Throughout the buildings are large, double hung windows.

There have been a few additions to the property over the years including the insertion of exterior stone piers to reinforce the load-bearing masonry walls. The last significant renovation was completed in 1992 with the addition of a kitchen, bathroom, and mechanical equipment.

The rehabilitation sought to restore the building to its 1878 appearance was it occupied by the Creek Nation. Original stone walls were reconstructed and repointed; foundations waterproofed; the original windows were repaired; the newer doors were replaced with historically appropriate doors; and new roof shingles were applied. A vertical platform lift with glass walls was installed in one of the side rooms to provide ADA accessibility to all floors of the building while maintaining the overall volume of the space and minimizing the physical impact

Project Profile

Year Built: 1878

Start of Rehab: 3/24/2017

Rehab Completion: 11/30/2017

Date of Certification: 3/5/2018

Original Use: Tribal Gov. Offices

New Use: Tribal Gov. Museum

Est. Total Project Cost: \$3,539,677

Est. Qualified Rehab Costs: \$3,324,930

Est. Combined Federal/State Tax

Credit (40%): \$1,329,972

Historic Preservation Consultant:

Selser Schaefer Architects, LLC

Architectural Consultant:

Selser Schaefer Architects, LLC

Property Owner/Developer:

Mike Payne; Council House Landlord, LLC



Senator Roger Thompson (537)

Representative Scott Fetgatter (455)