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New Big Five Ardmore Office Building Named for Mike McComber



Big Five Executive Director Kent Watson and Mike McComber tour the newly renovated office building in Ardmore.

Big Five Community Services has moved into new offices in downtown Ardmore named for long-time board member Mike McComber. The city completely renovated the 4,300 square foot building which is now called the Mike McComber/Ardmore Big Five Community Services, Inc. building.

McComber has been on the board since 1990 and has served as chairman. He is also a former county Treasurer in Carter County. Big Five Executive Director Kent Watson said of McComber, "He has been a driving force for helping others and to help people in need."

Big Five programs based in the new offices include Head Start, Public Transportation and dispatch for the Southern Oklahoma Rural Transportation System, Developmental Disabilities office, Rx for Oklahoma Prescription Assistance, Family Caregivers/Respite and Grandparents as Parents, and Emergency Services through the CSBG program.

"Our new location will be beneficial because it is a true partnership with the City of Ardmore. We leased the building and they refurbished it free of charge," Kevin Stinson, Carter County Administrator for Big Five explained. Other benefits include additional parking for public transit to serve the city.

"We are also running the trolley that both the City of Ardmore and the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce uses to take prospective employers and businesses thinking about relocating to Ardmore around the community," Stinson added.

The new center will create a greater presence for Big Five in the community. "Our clients will benefit as we become more visible to additional citizens about our services and we expand our partnerships, Stinson added

The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission was formerly housed in the building. Renovations included a complete overhaul of the building including upgrading heating/air, technology lines, lighting, flooring, additional office space, new rest rooms, additional concrete parking lot area, new signs, and additional security measures.



David Bradley, Executive Director, National Community Action Foundation, met with Mike McComber and other agency leaders in the new offices during a recent trip to Oklahoma.



Ardmore Chamber of Commerce officials joined Mike McComber to cut the ribbon for the building named after McComber that serves as the Big Five Community Services office in Ardmore.