

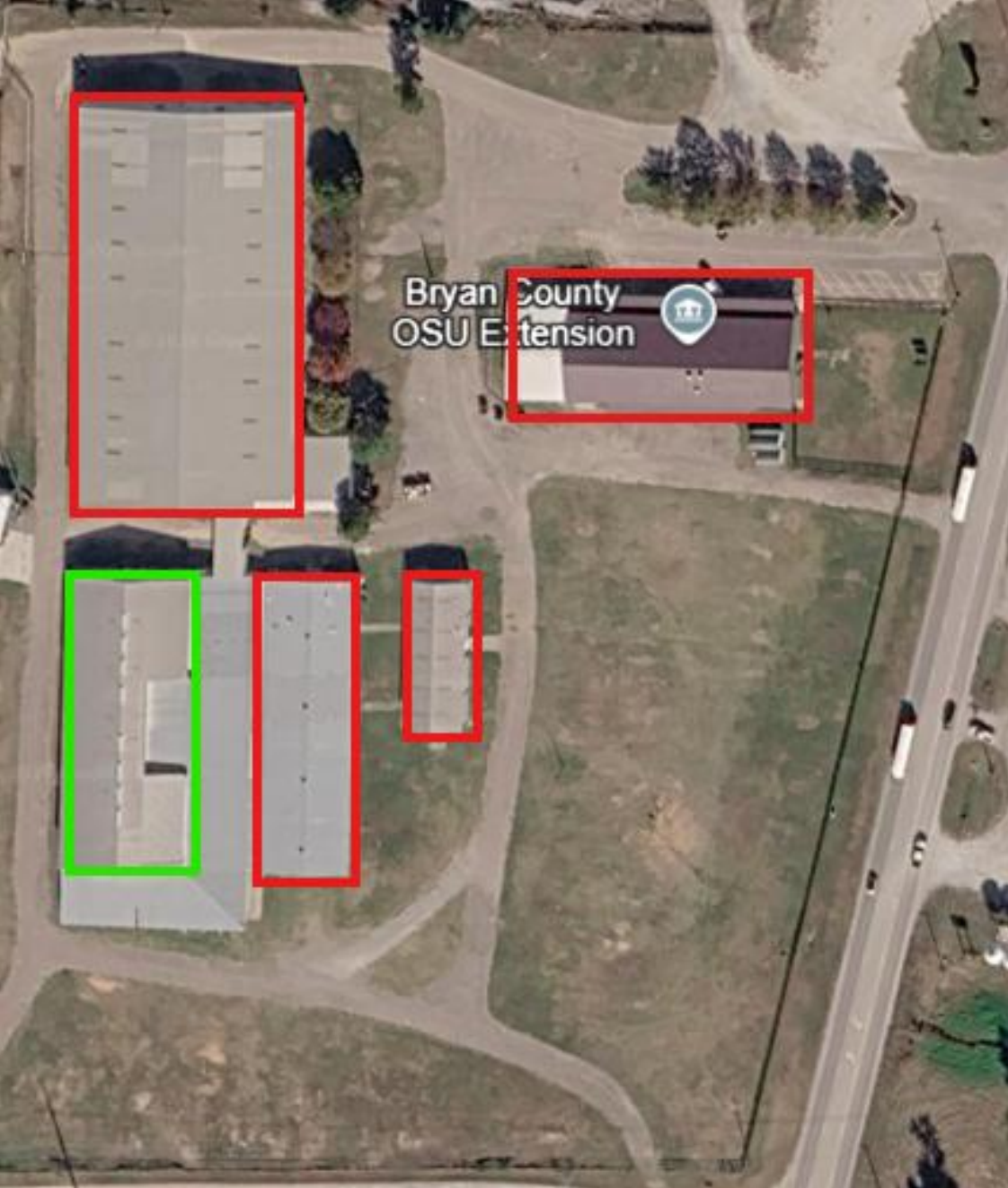
BRYAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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OVERVIEW

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Bryan County Fairgrounds Durant, OK

Rock Barn

- Constructed originally in 1940 as a WPA structure to house livestock and be storage for the county government. Hosting local fairs and statewide agriculture conferences.

Remaining livestock barns and buildings

- 3 additional buildings with pens constructed in 1980 to house additional livestock. Roughly 240 pens added at the time.

Community Center and OSU Extension Office

- Constructed in 1981
- Community Center remodeled in 2023 from ARPA funds received from County Government

Jim Dunegan Arena

- Constructed in 1998 with the purpose to house indoor rodeos and livestock exhibitions and be available for other public events as needed.

FUNDING AND INCOME INFORMATION

- Bryan County Fairgrounds receives \$12,500 annually from the County Government as a line itemed budget for maintenance and operations.
- Rental income is received from rental of the community center. Those funds are used strictly for grounds improvements.
- Rental prices were increased nearly 400% in 2024 after the remodel of the Community building which had led to an annual income average of **\$13,744.50** over the past 2 years. All earned costs have been put towards building and grounds improvements.



Recent Projects

Livestock barns and buildings

- 75 New Pens Purchased by the Bryan County Junior Livestock Board (Separate organization)
- New walls and rolling doors installed by community partners. Funds provided by rental income.
- New flooring installed in cattle wash racks. Funds provided by Bryan County Junior Livestock Board.



Recent Projects

Livestock barns and buildings

- Newly Renovated bathrooms in Livestock Buildings paid for by Rental income and Community support through donations



Recent Projects

Jim Dunegan Arena

- New Spray Foam Insulation on walls to replace old insulation that was falling. Paid for by Rental income and community Donations.
- New Electrical Panels installed in 2024 after a large-scale outage

CURRENT CONDITIONS AND CONCERNS

- Grounds are manageable and continue to host annual events
- Large Scale Electrical Issues
 - (Ballasts burning out, less than 50% of the plugs are operational, full light systems inoperable, 46 years of electrical wires spliced and paired together).
- Facilities unsafe for livestock due to inability to seal the barns from extreme weather in Summer and Winter Months
- Drainage Issues
- Less than adequate parking
- Building roofs deteriorating
- Insurance claims unlikely due to high county deductibles

FUTURE STATE OF THE BRYAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

- More renovations in the previous 3 years than the grounds have received in the past 30 years through donations, community support and increased rental income
- Massive Electrical Projects in the next 2 years to overhaul systems
- Repairing long term damage to existing structures (sealing barns from weather, reinstalling broken doors, gates and panels along arena,)
- Protection for spectators with added paneling
- ADA Compliant facilities
- Renovation of outdated facilities and buildings
- Updated outdated HVAC systems and replace outdated unsafe systems

WHAT ARE NEXT STEPS?

- Repair existing and expand or even Build New
 - Estimated Repairs \$2-\$3 Million.
 - Estimated New Building Facility \$15 Million
- Seeking funding
 - Grants
 - Donations
 - Fundraising
 - State assistance



Questions