### RECORDER'S NOTES By Pamela Bacon Logan County Clerk and Recorder

# ELECTION INFORMATION: KNOW THE FACTS!

## How often is census data done?

- Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a census to determine the number of people living in the United States. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts the census in years ending in zero
- It is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years. The data collected by the decennial census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is also used to distribute hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities.
- The results of the census help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding, including grants and support to states, counties and communities are spent every year for the next decade. It helps communities get their fair share for schools, hospitals, roads, and public works.

## When was the last census done?

• The most recent national census took place in **2020**; the next census is scheduled for 2030.

#### How do they count people for the census?

• The Census Act of 1790 established—and every U.S. census has been based on the concept of "usual residence," which is the place where a person lives and sleeps most of the time. A usual residence is not always the same as a legal residence, voting residence, or even the location where a person prefers to be counted.

#### What is the census really used for?

• The census asks questions about you, your household and your home. In doing so, it **helps to build a detailed snapshot of our society**. Information from the census helps the government and local authorities to plan and fund local services, such as education, doctors' surgeries and roads.

#### What are the disadvantages of census?

• The demerits of a census investigation are:

- It is a costly method since the statistician closely observes each and every item of the population.
- It is time-consuming since it requires a lot of manpower to collect the data.
- There are many possibilities of errors in a census investigation.

### What types of errors can occur in census survey?

The total error of the survey estimates results from the two types of error:

- sampling error, which arises when only a part of the population is used to represent the whole population, and
- non-sampling errors which can occur at any stage of a sample survey and can also occur with censuses.

#### What are the historical census data for Logan County?

#### 2000 Census Count:

Logan County	20,504
Sterling	12,766
Crook	128
Fleming	426
Iliff	213
Merino	246
Peetz	227

#### 2010 Census Count:

Logan County	22,709
Sterling	14,777
Crook	110
Fleming	408
Iliff	266
Merino	284
Peetz	238
Atwood	133
Padroni	76

# 2020 Census Count:

Logan County	21,528
Sterling	13,752
Crook	133
Fleming	428
Iliff	246
Merino	281
Peetz	213
Atwood	138
Padroni	75

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