

Renovation provides bank functional, attractive space

Visitors to the Peoples Bank and Trust, located at 215 S. Main in Inman, will find it hard to believe that the facility began its life as a carpentry shop and storage area. Renovations, which began last July, have transformed the former shop into an attractive full-service banking facility.

A spacious lobby featuring a comfortable seating area greets customers. The lobby is flanked on one side by a substantial, custom-built oak teller line and private offices on the other. Ceramic tile and carpeting have replaced the old concrete floors and brick support columns add architectural interest. A play area complete with toys, kid-sized furniture and a television is located at the front of the bank where children can be entertained while parents do their banking business.

Branch president Bob Ratzlaff is very pleased with the renovations, which were under the direction of Fuqua Construction, Inc. of Inman, the general contractor on the project.

“Max (Fuqua) did an unbelievable job,” Ratzlaff said. “Our architect (Andy Steffes of ADS Architects) did the basic layout and Max took it from there and did all the construction design. It’s been amazing. Everything has fit and worked with hardly any reworking at all.”

The bank operated out of a small space at the front of the building while construction was going on behind a temporary wall. In addition to the interior work, the



PROJECT PROFILE

Peoples Bank & Trust, Inman Branch
Owner: People’s Bank & Trust
Location: Inman, Kansas
Project Scope: Renovation
Project Type: Exterior, Interior
Square footage:
Design Build Team: Fuqua Construction
 Andy Steffes,
 ADS Architects

building face and sidewalks were redone, and a drive-through and ATM were added on the building’s north side. The bank remained open through the entire process



An attractive lobby and seating area greet customers. Brick pillars, rich-hued oak woodwork and earth-toned tile floors provide a sense of warmth and architectural interest.

with very little interruption, Ratzlaff said, which he credited to the smooth coordination of subcontractors by the Fuqua Construction team.

A prominent feature in the lobby is the marble-

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topped oak teller line, designed and crafted by Goertzen Homes. In discussing the project with Will Koehn, Goertzen Homes owner, Ratzlaff said he requested that the teller area look old – like it had always been there. The completed counter is reminiscent of the teller line in the original Peoples Bank in McPherson, pictures of which show very similar design elements.

That kind of attention to detail is evident in all the work done on the project. Ratzlaff stated that Fuqua Construction’s experience was invaluable in coordinating the process and keeping the project on schedule and on budget

“This went so smooth, I’d do another one if it went like this,” Ratzlaff said. “When you work with a contractor like Max, it’s a breeze. You just sit back and he takes care of it. I’ve never worked with craftsmen who were so particular about the details.”

The bank’s staff: Shannon Enns, Susan Leonard, Joyce Smith and Katie Bornholdt, selected the final decorating touches which were designed to give the bank a



The hand crafted oak teller line provides provides an efficient work area for staff and reflects the over 100-plus year history of the bank.

warm, homey atmosphere.

Peoples Bank and Trust provides Inman-area customers with all the options of a full-service bank. In addition to day-to-day banking, the branch offers commercial and home loan service, safety deposit boxes, and scheduled hours during which staff from the People’s Bank trust department are available to meet with customers. Ratzlaff said bank hours have been set to accommodate customers’ schedules, recognizing that many people work out of town and would need access to extended banking hours, including Saturday mornings.

The children’s play area is something new for People’s bank facilities and recognizes the bank’s commitment to providing services to young families. Ratzlaff said it’s difficult for parents to concentrate on business when they are concerned about what their children are doing. It is hoped that the play area will help strengthen the relationship between families and the bank, according to Ratzlaff.

Ratzlaff is enthusiastic about his new facility and the bank’s future in the Inman community, which, located between Hutchinson and McPherson, has a strong agricultural and small business economic base and good potential for growth.



Bob Ratzlaff, Peoples Bank and Trust branch president, stands in the children’s play area. Toys and a brightly colored mural provide an attractive and easily viewable area for children while their parents do business.