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Sherman County was one of two counties that were hit by the Substation Fire in the summer of 2018. This fire traveled 20 miles in under 3 hours. A rancher's life was loss battling this blaze. Three of the four towns in Sherman County were under evacuation orders. People had just minutes to save livestock and animals. The Sherman County fairgrounds became a place of haven for these displaced animals while the fire raged and for weeks afterwards due to destroyed fences and pasture. Firefighters and residents used the fairgrounds as a parking, staging and camping area. Plans are currently being made for improved uses for future emergency situations. Help, in the way of funds to support propose projects will be needed. That is why I support HB 2948