

# Administrator identifies a way to prioritize projects

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The hospital administrator, at the Thursday Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting, identified a way to prioritize projects which had been developed from the staff's list of hospital needs.

At a previous meeting, the board was presented a list which included everything from a cappuccino machine (submitted by a fun-loving employee) to a new kitchen. Of course, the cappuccino machine had been eliminated immediately. Other items that were very low priority given the

hospital's position and needs were another public bathroom, larger hospice room, mirror lighting, a front foyer, better ramp in front and a second conference room.

Still on the list and rated highest were the remodeled kitchen and remodeling the check-in area so there

is more confidentiality when patients are entering the hospital. The hospital's east entrance, which was recently pointed out by the state fire marshal, is in the process of being adapted to fit the regulation.

Shawna Blanka, administrative assistant, reported on a security sys-

tem. The nurses had said they did not feel safe at night. The city police were asked to patrol the facility regularly but the nurses felt that a security system would help. A security system would also be helpful in certain emergency situations when hospital operations demand that the building be able to be secured quickly.

Mrs. Blanka had talked to Rob Schiltz, St. Francis high school superintendent, about the security systems recently installed in both the junior-senior high school and the grade school. He said he had been very satisfied with the company, Access Control Systems.

Mrs. Blanka had figures for a system with two cameras and one without cameras. Without the cameras, the system will cost \$14,750; with the two cameras, it was only \$250 more (\$15,500). The system also has software for programming on a computer and entry cards for the staff.

The board agreed to purchase the system with the two cameras. They will probably be installed toward the end of March or first of April.

Several other prioritized projects may have to wait for more secure funding, including improvements to the obstetric area and increasing outpatient rooms.

### Administrator's report

Administrator Les Lacy reported on equipment that needs to be replaced. He said the hematology analyzer is several years old and will need to be replaced. The cost will be approximately \$41,000. He said that the hospital can maintain performance while saving money if the purchase is made before migrating to the new Lab Information System.

He also reported that one of the electrocardiogram machines had broken down and is not repairable. He said the staff is researching options to replace it but would like to be sure we get a best price. The machine had been on the capital equipment budget but was not scheduled to be replaced for a year or two.

The hospital needs to replace the crib which is not in compliance. The cost for the crib will be a little less than \$5,000.

Mr. Lacy had talked with several people with the Kansas Association of the Medically Underserved and the Kansas Department of Health

and Environment regarding the criteria for a Federally Qualified Health Center. He said the discussion showed a variety of issues that will need to be addressed before a decision to apply for a grant to become a Federally Qualified Health Center.

The statistics were reviewed. Hospital volume was stable. The clinics in both St. Francis and Bird City were stable with number of patients visiting the Bird Clinic being slightly higher than budget. St. Francis' clinic showed a few less.

He said one baby had been born in January and the hospital had been very busy during the month of February.

### Area director's report

Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, the company which leases the hospital, said the company's Swingbed Roundtable had met in Salina and 33 hospital staff members were present. Medicare has released new notices that must be given to Medicare patients within 48 hours of discharge from skilled care. It advises them of their appeal rights if they think they are being discharged too soon. The Kansas Foundation for Medical Care will review the record and either confirm the patient's readiness for discharge or their need for further care. Reviewed was a manual which assists in identifying criteria, developing care plans and documentation of care delivered in a swing bed situation.

The Alliance is evaluating the participation in a new purchasing partnership which is being developed by six Kansas and Missouri systems. The Alliance is also looking at improvements in electronic medical records for pharmacy. The system will allow identifying where the patient has been, the products used, tracing the name, birth, address and other information which will give a more positive identity of the person.

### In other business

- Shara Johnson, physical therapist, gave the report of her department.
- The Facility Improvement Plan had been sent to Kent Carmichael, architect.
- Tabettha Ketzner has been hired to fill the Human Resources position.

## Public Notices

### Notice of hearing published

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

BLUFORD V KELLNER, Deceased. Case No. 09-PR-09

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 19th

day of February, 2009, a Petition was filed in this Court by Royce Kellner, an heir, devisee and legatee and executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Bluford V Kellner, deceased, dated June 21, 1994 praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 19th day of March, 2009, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, in this Court, in the City of St. Francis in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Royce Kellner, Petitioner

VIGNERY & MASON L.L.C. 214 E. 10th, P. O. Box 767 Goodland, Kansas 67735 Telephone: 785-890-6588 Attorneys for Petitioner

### Notice of mortgage foreclosure

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF

Case No. 09CV5 Div. No. K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Foreclosure

SHARANNE LAMPE DEFENDANTS

### NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to: SHARANNE LAMPE; JOHN DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN); MARY DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN); CHRIS LAMPE, A/K/A CHRISTOPHER LAMPE

and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the defendants as are minors or are in anywise under legal disability; and all other persons who are or

may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, by JPMorgan Chase Bank National Association for judgment in the sum of \$14,807.27, plus interest, costs and other relief; judgment that plaintiff's lien is a first lien on the said real property and sale of said property to satisfy the indebtedness, said property described as follows, to wit:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CHEYENNE COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 140, PAGE 233. ID # 1682702009006, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 9 AND 10, BLOCK 10, PARK HILL ADDITION TO SAINT FRANCIS, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 140, PAGE 223. RECORDED 1/21/2005. Commonly known as 517 South Quincy Street, Saint Francis, Kansas 67756

and you are hereby required to plead to said petition in said Court at St. Francis, Kansas on or before the 12th day of April, 2009.

Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

SHAPIRO & MOCK, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 6310 Lamar - Ste. 240 Overland Park, KS 66202-4287 (913) 831-3000 Fax No. (913) 831-3320 Our File No. 09-101272/jrg

### Ordinance published for new electric rates

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ORDINANCE NO. 559

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 301 OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE 2003 CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 547, AND ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR THE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN THIS CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, that Ordinance number 547 is hereby repealed and that Section 301 of Article 3, Chapter 15 of the 2003 Code of the City of St. Francis, Kansas, and entitled "ELECTRIC RATES; BILLS", shall be amended to read as follows:

- 15-301. ELECTRIC RATES; BILLS. The rates for electrical power sold by the City of St. Francis shall be as follows:
- (a) Commercial Rates, per meter:
    - (1) Monthly Meter Charge ..... \$ 8.00
    - (2) First 250 KWH @ 15 cents per KWH .....
    - (3) Excess of 250 KWH at .11000 cents per KWH
  - (b) Domestic/Residential Rates, per meter:
    - (1) Monthly Meter Charge ..... \$ 8.00
    - (2) .11000 cents per KWH .....
    - (c) A charge of \$3 per month shall be added to the above and foregoing rates for all service provided for customers outside the city limits of St. Francis.
    - (d) Electric bills shall be rendered monthly as provided in Section 15-222.

This Section 15-301, as amended, shall take effect April 15, 2009, and be enforced from and after its publication in the official city newspaper, The St. Francis Herald.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.

/s/ SCOTT SCHULTZ, Mayor City of St. Francis, Kansas

Attest:

/s/ GLORIANNE MILNE Assistant City Clerk

### New rates published for use of city water

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ORDINANCE NO. 557

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 221 OF ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE 2003 CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 545, AND ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR THE USE OF WATER IN THIS CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, that Ordinance number 545 is hereby repealed and that Section 221 of Article 2, Chapter 15 of the 2003 Code of the City of St. Francis, Kansas, and entitled "RATES", shall be amended to read as follows:

- 15-221. RATES. The rates per month per water meter for the use of water in the city shall be as follows:
- (a) Water Meter Demand Charge. There is hereby established a water demand charge of \$11.00 per month per water meter to which City water is supplied.
  - (b) Water Rates: Inside City. The price for water for users within the City limits shall be \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons or any part thereof, per month.
  - (c) Water Rates: Outside City. The charges and rates as set forth in Subsections (a) and (b) of this Section will apply to those users who reside outside the City limits of the City with an additional \$7.50 service charge per month.

This Section 15-221, as amended, shall take effect April 15, 2009, and be enforced from and after its publication in the official city newspaper, The St. Francis Herald.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.

/s/ SCOTT SCHULTZ, Mayor City of St. Francis, Kansas

Attest: /s/ GLORIANNE MILNE Assistant City Clerk

### New rates published for refuse collection

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ORDINANCE NO. 558

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 523 OF ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE 2003 CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE 546, AND ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, that Ordinance number 546 is hereby amended and that Section 523 of Article 5, Chapter 15 of the 2003 Code of the City of St. Francis, Kansas, and entitled "SAME; FEE SCHEDULE", shall be amended to read as follows:

- 15-523. SAME; FEE SCHEDULE. The charges to be assessed and paid by the customer for collection, hauling and disposal of refuse and garbage as defined herein shall be as follows:
- (a) The charge for each residential dwelling unit occupied by one individual shall be \$11.50 per month, payable monthly.
  - (b) The charge for each residential dwelling unit occupied by more than one individual shall be \$13.00 per month, payable monthly.
  - (c) The charge to be paid for the collection, hauling and disposal of refuse shall be fixed and determined by the order of the mayor, with the consent of the city council, for each business, home business establishment or office according to volume of refuse and number of collections, but in no case shall such charge be less than \$18.50 per month, payable monthly.
  - (d) The charge for collection of items of trash excluded from regular collection by the city shall be set by resolution regularly passed by the city council.
  - (e) There shall be assessed to each solid waste billing account a monthly recycling and compost management fee of \$1.00.

This Section 15-523, as amended, shall take effect April 15, 2009, and be enforced from and after its publication in the official city newspaper, The St. Francis Herald.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.

/s/ SCOTT SCHULTZ, Mayor City of St. Francis, Kansas

Attest: /s/ GLORIANNE MILNE Assistant City Clerk

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## Sheriff Report

During the city council meeting, Deputy Cody Beeson reported on the activity of the Sheriff's office during the month of February.

Deputy Beeson reported that 88 hours of patrol and case work was done in the city of Bird City. In addition, deputies had presented several talks at the school.

He reported that business doors had been checked, one traffic ticket given, one report of vandalism, five

traffic warning, and one dog complaint.

He continued by saying the reduction in the hours of duty performed in Bird City was due to a county-wide narcotic investigation.

The investigation led to five people being charged and while none were from Bird City, he continued by saying the Sheriff's office felt the investigation contributed to the well-being of the citizens of Bird City.

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