



The Norton County Landfill is open for business. Once trash has been dumped, it is smashed by the bulldozer and covered with dirt. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

# Norton dump open

## After more than three years of work, county sanitary landfill ready for trash

It took more than three years but the Norton County Sanitary Landfill is open for dumping. The landfill was given the state's official stamp of approval on Wednesday, Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald told the Norton County commissioners on Monday. On Friday the Road and Bridge crew came and helped clean out the building used to store trash

before it was picked up to take it to the landfill in Phillips County. Mr. Archibald told the commissioners that his crew is still learning how to cover up the trash and is using dirt right now because a machine that will cover the trash with a fire-resistant paper product has not arrived yet. "We're gaining," he said. "We're learning more every day." Mr. Archibald said the dirt is

actually working out well at this stage. "That's what they wanted us to do to start with," Commissioner John Miller remarked. "In the long run this dirt is going to help us to compact," Mr. Archibald replied, saying that it is helping to level out the trash as the crews try to smash it flat. "It's been a little hectic out there," he said.

# New economic development director goes right to work

By VERONICA MONIER

After a long search and selection process, the Norton County Economic Development Board has a director.

At Tuesday's meeting, Chairman John Miller said Marlene Henderson has signed a contract, has looked at the three possible offices and has been getting bids to establish the office.

Ms. Henderson said of the three offices — the first in the airport building, which is owned jointly by the city and county; the second behind Russ' Jewelry, which is owned by First State Bank; and the third in the old Social and Rehabilitation Services offices, which is now owned by Dennis Gilhousen — she would prefer to rent the space offered by Mr. Gilhousen.

Mr. Gilhousen offered to rent three offices — a conference room, a small office for a possible secretary, and a larger office for the

## Experience won woman job

The Norton County Economic Development Board has hired Marlene Henderson as its director.

Board Chairman John Miller said Ms. Henderson was the most qualified applicant with economic development experience.

She comes to Norton from Colorado, where she ran a pub-

lic relations firm, a job she also had in New York.

She said she's worked in urban and rural economic development both on the east coast and in western Kansas.

Ms. Henderson said she was looking forward to working in a progressive county and hoped to make some positive inroads in development.

director — for \$350/month with all utilities paid.

She said she preferred this space because the expenses are so low and because the utilities are included. Eventually, she said, it would be good to move to the airport space, but it first has to be remodeled and set up as a hospitality center.

But, she said, that will cost about \$10,500 to get it set up.

"It could be a real asset to set that space up as a hospitality center," she said. "The airport could be a long and expensive project."

Mr. Miller said the First State Bank office needed renovation as well.

Plus, Ms. Henderson said, they

didn't know how much the utilities would cost. Rent would have been \$250/month.

Board member John Engelbert said he thought, with utilities, Mr. Gilhousen's office space would be cheaper. He said he couldn't see the utilities being less than \$100/month.

In other business, the board:

- Asked Ms. Henderson to see about getting a sign for the office.
- Accepted a revised budget Ms. Henderson requested. The revisions do not go over the board's budgeted amount for expenses.
- Bought a printer, copier, fax machine from End Zone Office Supplies for a price not to exceed \$160.
- Allowed Ms. Henderson to buy a laptop computer from Computer Pro for a price not to exceed \$1,400. Bids were also received from Mortenson Computer Services and Nex-Tech.
- Decided to get cell phone service for Ms. Henderson from Nex-

Tech. The board chose to go with the 1,300 minute plan for \$60 and told Ms. Henderson to use her own discretion when picking a phone.

• Will be sending Ms. Henderson to the Kansas Associa-

tion of Counties convention on Nov. 20-22 in Topeka to attend several programs on economic development.

• Set the next meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

# Tag deadline nears for 'S's

October is the month for renewing vehicle tags for those whose last name or business name begins with "S". The deadline is Monday, Oct. 31.

You must bring in or include proof of insurance for each vehicle, including the vehicle identification number, policy number and expiration date.

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