

Council looks at cost of helping airport

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on. The county, he said, agreed to the extra money.

- Approved Attachment No. 1 to the Miller and Associates agreement for the water plant project for Phase II, which includes plant optimization, the additional scope of work and the fee schedule.
- Received the 2008 Economic Development budget. Director Wade Carter said they are asking for an additional \$10,000 in 2008 and have trimmed a lot out of their budget. He said they've only used 36 percent of their budget this year and are helping out with some quality projects.
- Discussed the Moffet property on State Street. Mr. Miller, who is also on the economic development board, said if they take the property, there are people willing to pay for it to be renovated. But, he said, they need to know if it was structurally sound or not.

The city is having an engineer check the soundness of the old gas station. Mr. Miller asked if, when the engineer was here, he could put together a bid for economic development on what the cost would be to have a structural study done on the house behind the gas station.

Mr. Lawson said he would pass along the request and would send economic development a copy of the report on the gas station.

- Adopted Resolution 7-2007, amending the city's employee handbook. Bereavement leave will now include step-parents as

immediate family members.

- Asked City Attorney Karen Griffiths to make an agreement between Steve Horney and the city, concerning his property at 316 N. State Street. Mr. Horney would like the city to tear it down, clean it up and send him a bill, but he wants to get the furnace and air conditioner out first.
- Approved using BRB Contractors to demolish the existing clarifier at the sewer plant for the lump sum of \$28,280 with the money to pay for it coming from the project's contingency fund. Work will include the removal and disposal of equipment, removal of the concrete walls to three feet below the revised grade, breaking up the concrete base slab, filling the structure with concrete rubble and dirt, stock piling any extra dirt on the site, placing the concrete rubble as rip rap along the creek banks, and re-grading the area to drain properly.
- Heard that the city will begin sealing streets on Aug. 7.
- Heard a formal request from Councilwoman Elaine Mann that the mayor and council receive training in what they can and can't do. Mr. Lawson will contact Garrett Beydler to see if he would be willing to hold a training session.
- Asked the Public Safety Committee to do a safety study to see which streets are too narrow and how safe they are.

Come one, come all... ice cold beverages...



Two young entrepreneurs "set up shop" on opposite corners Monday to capture the thirsty traveler trade. LaNae Dial, foreground, hawked her iced tea, while Tracy Riggins, held up his sign that said, "Kool-Aid - 25 cents." — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

County valuation goes up with oil prices

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August open air market.

- Worked on the 2008 Norton County budget with John Mapes, a certified public accountant with Mapes and Miller. All department budgets have been presented for the commission to review. The budgets were adjusted and revised as the commission said they didn't want to see an increase in this year's county mill levy, or at best, a very small increase. Mr. Mapes said he would revise the budget figures and get a new copy to the clerk's office.
- Heard the weekly report from Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald. He said he was getting ready to take bids for a new Bobcat skid loader, which has about 50

hours on it. Bid specifications will be sent to several dealers requesting a bid be submitted.

- Postponed the Monday, July 30 meeting to Tuesday, July 31, so that payroll and vouchers can be approved.
- Spoke to Dr. Steve Graf about buying millings. The commission told Dr. Graf that the county isn't selling millings at this time. Dr. Graf said that he understands the county isn't selling to private individuals. However, he said, he has a business and that should be treated differently. The commission said they would talk to Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan to see what the maintenance plan was and then would get back to him.

Program gives bikes to youth

Bikes For Youngsters is a program at Norton Correctional Facility that restores donated bicycles. The facility is planning a celebration to coincide with its 20th anniversary and to raise money for the pro-

gram.

Felton's Ace Hardware is sponsoring the fund raiser and is one of two locations where you can buy tickets to be eligible for one of over 70 prizes that have been donated by local merchants and businesses.

White Fields Coffee House also has tickets available.

Tickets sell for one dollar each or six tickets for \$5.

The drawing will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday Aug. 8 in the lobby of the administration building at Norton Correctional Facility.

You do not have to be present to win.

Prizes range from half a beef, to gift certificates and coffee mugs.

Businesses recognized by the state

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vices of Northwest Kansas, Norton; Husky Hogs, Long Island; Midwest Contractors, Inc., Norton; and Norton County Hospital, Norton.

This year, a total of 270 companies were nominated for awards. Out of that 270, three business excellence awards were given, four business achievement awards were given, and 39 merit awards were given. There were three categories — manufacturing and distribution, service, and retail.

Nicodemus celebrates its freedom

The 129th Emancipation Celebration and the 130th Birthday of Nicodemus will be this weekend. The event kicks off with a meet and greet in the park at 5 p.m. Friday followed by a party in the park at 7 p.m. The evening is capped off with a dance at 10 p.m. Bright and early Saturday a pancake breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10 a.m. followed by a parade at 11 a.m. A moon-a-three-on-three tournament will be held and at 1 p.m. a program, "Educate to Succeed", will

be led by Debra Dandridge. A fashion and talent show will start at 3 p.m.; a gospel extravaganza will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by a fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. and finally, another dance at 10 p.m. Sunday morning culminates the weekend activities with 10:30 a.m. church services with guest

speaker, the Reverend Raymond Groves of Rapture Baptist Church, Denver.

There will be other kids activities plus food and drink vendors. Kansas University Medical center will be offering a free medical screenings and Homecoming Wristbands will be on sale for \$10.

The Norton Downtown Open Air Market will be held August 9.

Area hand crafters and produce vendors are wanted. Businesses are welcome. Contact Christina Files at fileschristina@yahoo.com or 785-202-1577



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Hearing for U.S.D. 211's 2008 Budget

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, July 24, 2007. NOTICE OF HEARING 2007-2008 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 211 will meet on the 13 day of August, 2007 at 7:30 p.m., at 105 E. Waverly for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including budget profile) is available at and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2007 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2007-2008 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2005-2006 Actual		2006-2007 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2007-2008			
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2007 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)	
OPERATING								
General	06	4,889,719	20,000	5,111,089	20,000	5,044,534	417,573	20,000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	870,114	14,953	963,776	13,916	1,089,000	381,180	15,703
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bilingual Education	14	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Capital Outlay	16	264,513	0.000	250,586	1,999	1,015,093	72,823	3,000
Driver Training	18	13,276		9,841		30,757		
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	275,664		299,956		326,378		
Professional Development	26	4,890		946		22,890		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	2,103		2,194		14,124		
Special Education	30	727,460		964,700		1,034,308		
Vocational Education	34	80,350		84,683		110,001		
Area Vocational School	36	0		0		0		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0		
Federal Funds	07	139,643		128,862		129,096		
Gifts and Grants	35	460		899		15,741		
At Risk (4Yr Old)	11	0		0		0		
Cost of Living	33	0		0	0.000	0	0	0.000
At Risk (K-12)	13	122,439		202,862		259,875		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Fund—Continued	Code 99 Line	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2007 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
KPER Special Retirement Contribution	51	209,301		254,032		318,184		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0		
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	13,951		16,048		0		
Tuition Reimbursement Fund	57	0		0		0		
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES**								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	7,623,883	34.953	8,290,254	35.915	9,410,981	871,576	38,703
Less: Transfers	105	1,156,770	xxxxxx	1,319,975	xxxxxx	1,389,055	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	6,467,113	xxxxxx	6,970,279	xxxxxx	8,021,926	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	726,738	xxxxxx	793,112	xxxxxx	871,576	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	80,554	2.997	83,852	2.997	100,000	72,822	3.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	80,554	2.997	83,852	2.997	100,000	72,822	3.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	794,695		864,982		944,398		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$19,363,849		\$20,542,076		\$20,878,649		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$22,673,369		\$23,950,381		\$24,274,423		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2005		2006		2007		
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0		0		0		

* Tax Rates are expressed in Mills
** Sponsoring District Only

Ged President

Janice Bussee Clerk of the Board

Thanks for Reading!

There will be a meeting of the Norton City/County Housing Committee on Thurs., Aug. 2 at 7:00 P.M. This meeting will be held in the new Norton County Economic Development Office inside of the Nextech building at 113 N. Norton, Suite B, in Norton. Anyone who is interested in housing issues for the community is welcome to attend. For any questions please contact Wade Carter at the Norton County Economic Development Office at 785-874-4816



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