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City council approves new jail fee

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The Norton City Council approved a jail detention fee in their regular meeting on Aug. 18. The ordinance creates a fee, to be charged against any defendant who is sentenced to a term of confinement in jail and incarcerated in the Norton County jail. The motion to approve the ordinance was passed by the council with Toby Kuhn being the one opposing vote.

Chris Miller of Miller and Associates presented Contract Change Order #4 for the well renovation project. He stated Well #24 was not developed because it

only pumped 120 gallons per minute. This resulted in a decrease of \$22,513.64 in the Contract price to Downey Drilling. This Change Order changes the total contract price to \$378,184.36. Miller stated this will result in a final payment owed to Downey Drilling in the amount of \$39,586.37 for the well renovation project.

"I recommend that the final payment be held until the City receives payment from Downey Drilling in the amount of \$7,301.19 for liquidated damages as previously set by the Council," said Chris Miller.

Miller said Miller and Associates is

waiving the final invoice of \$768.60 for inspection which was to be paid by Downey Drilling in addition to the \$7,304.19.

The council approved the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Engineering Project #267-C1-003 for well renovations. The Certificate of Substantial Completion gives the City a 1 year warranty from the date the certificate is approved if anything goes wrong.

Jeff Otter said the new Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance premium for the contract year beginning October 1 have been received. The council approved to increase the monthly city maximum

contributions for health insurance by the percentage of the increase for each type of plan under Option 3 respectively.

Police Chief, Pat Morel, said there are containers placed at various businesses around town for donations toward the drug dog matching funds. He reported applications are still being received for the police officer position which is being vacated by Asa Stiles.

Donna Foley said the Chamber of Commerce Board met and announced there was an increase in Crazy Days participation this year and the Moving Wall fund raiser was a success.

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Briefly

Volunteer guards needed for wall

Volunteers are needed for guard duty for the Vietnam Memorial Wall from Sept. 23 to Sept. 27. If you can help, call Jon Wyatt, Director of the American Legion Riders, Post 63, at 785-202-0282.

Surveyors to begin work on highways

This week, the Kansas Department of Transportation will be conducting pavement evaluation tests on portions of U.S. 83 and U.S. 24 Highways in Thomas and Sheridan Counties - which include the use of a pilot car operation to control traffic.

KDOT technicians will be working in four-mile segments while performing the tests. The traveling public should expect a minimal wait of 15 minutes or less while the survey is underway.

For information, contact the Kansas Department of Transportation. District Three Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org.

Sign up for scouts

Girl Scout representatives will be in Norton to share the benefits of scouting and make registration convenient for parents. Scout volunteers and/or staff will be available to answer questions and assist with registration: 6:15 p.m. Thursday, August 26th at the City Hall building, 301 E. Washington, Norton and then join us at the Norton Theatre for a movie!

Sign up now for U.S. 36 sale

The U.S. 36 Hwy border to border garage sale will be Sept 17-19. Contact the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce by August 27 to be included on the map.

Markets

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Wheat \$5.42
Milo \$3.33
Soybeans \$9.27
Corn \$3.60
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Clear with a low around 51.
Wednesday - Sunny with a high near 84. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Wednesday Night - Clear with a low around 54. South wind around 10 mph.
Thursday - Sunny with a high near 84. Breezy with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph.
Thursday Night - Clear with a low around 58.

Kingham Report

Friday, August 20.....Low 67, High 92
20 Rain
Saturday, August 21.....Low 60, High 100
Sunday, August 22.....Low 65, High 97
Monday, August 23.....Low 68, High 98
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, may we feel your presence in all that we do each day. Help us to keep our lives in order to better serve you. Amen.



Don DelMonte, a miner, and his three year old Tennessee walking horse Rico are traveling from Kentucky to Los Angeles for Suicide and Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention. He is doing

this to honor his niece he lost seven years ago to suicide and for all of those who have suffered some form of abuse throughout their lives. Over the weekend after five months on the road, Rico

suffered damage to one front hoof and then came down with colic.

—Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Man fights to save horse during Norton visit

When Don DelMonte left Lexington, Ky., March 5 on the back of his three-year old Tennessee Walker stallion named, Rico, he was on a mission trip to raise awareness about child abuse and suicide prevention. Now, he's on a flight for life to save his horse.

Headed for Los Angeles, Mr. DelMonte had been in Kansas several days when he was steered to Newt and Bonnie Younquist in Kensington. Mrs. Younquist is the director of the U.S. Highway 36 Association and called ahead to set up lodging for Mr. DelMonte and Rico during the remainder of their trip across Kansas. He stayed with the Younquists four nights while Rico rested. Friday, horse and rider made it to Norton where Carolyn Applegate had arranged accommodations for the two at the Brooks Motel.

Saturday, the two were scheduled to make a stop-over at the Norcatur home of Jim and Carolyn Plotts. Here's where things took a turn for the worse. When the two arrived in town, Rico had a badly broken front hoof. It was immediately determined that he could not continue until the hoof could be mended. And, even then, it was thought he might need another day or two off before trying to go on.

Sunday morning contacts were made and a farrier repaired the shoe and hoof, but, Rico wasn't acting right. He wanted only to lay down and not get up, although, he would with kind words and coaxing from his owner.



Rico has been transported to Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine for treatment. At the moment the trip has been put on hold.

Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Worry turned into real concern as day turned into afternoon and then into night. Rico was indeed, a very sick horse. He was not eliminating his feed and colic was suspected. The Plotts', concerned neighbors who

had heard of Rico's plight and Mr. DelMonte stood by, helpless, as the sorrel stallion moaned in obvious pain.

It was after midnight when Dr. Aaron White of Norton Animal Health Center was called and within 30 minutes he was examining Rico. His diagnosis confirmed the suspicion of colic with the possibility of what veterinarians call a "twisted gut". A sometimes fatal ailment.

Dr. White inserted a nasal-gastro tube into the horse's stomach and drenched him with a gallon of mineral oil; gave him an injection of a muscle relaxant; and, two liters of hydrating fluids intravenously. Dr. White's other recommendation was to keep him walking in hopes the blockage would correct itself. His parting comments were, "If this doesn't take care of it, the only other thing to do is surgery."

That's why, Monday morning, when it was obvious Rico's condition had not changed, plans were made to transport him to Manhattan for surgery at Kansas State University's School of Veterinary Medicine. Mr. Plotts and Mr. DelMonte left Norcatur pulling a horse trailer borrowed from Don Daniels. They stopped in Norton at the veterinarian's clinic for one more examination before heading east.

The results of Rico's surgery and Mr. DelMonte's plans regarding the completion of his trip will appear in Friday's edition of The Norton Telegram.

County commissioners tackle budget, fading books

The Norton County Commissioners met in a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 16. Chairman Richard Thompson, Commissioner John Miller, Commissioner Carolyn Applegate and County Clerk Robert D. Wyatt were present.

Register of Deeds, Wanda Vincent spoke about micro-filing. She asked for ten books this year at a cost of \$1,820 as quoted by Salina Blueprint. She said the 32 current bound books were fading and hard to read. The quote of \$495 per book from Mid-Continent was looked at. The

commission agreed that the books need to be preserved and to proceed with discussion and possibly receiving a better price.

John Mapes of Mapes and Miller Accounting was present to finalize the 2011 budget. After discussion, the commission set the 2011 budget for publication and will hold the budget hearing on Monday Aug. 30 at 9:30 a.m.,

City Administrator, Rob Lawson stopped to thank the commission for the staff which assisted with the recent spill at the water facility. He said that he could

not have asked for better help.

Diane Stiles, Norton City/County Economic Director, discussed the proposed business to downtown. She said she thought it would be beneficial for the City and County to discuss what proposal they would like to present to the corporation.

At 10:15 they went into executive session for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and to include Diane Stiles. The motion was given and second by Commissioner Applegate. The motion passed. Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:20 with no action

taken.

Again at 10:30, when County Attorney R. Douglas Sebelius joined the meeting, another executive session was called to discuss attorney client information. The motion was given and seconded by Applegate. Motion passed. The commission returned to regular session at 10:40 a.m. with no action taken.

Curt Archibald, Norton County Solid Waste gave the commission a short general operating report.

Rich Mullen, Ag Valley Cooperative, (COUNTY - Continued on Page 5)

