

Commissioners receive complaint about sheriff

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One of the commissioners had received a complaint about an elected official and the matter was discussed and resolved at the Tuesday, July 15, Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting.

Andy Beikman, commission chairman, said Gale Walz had called to complain that Craig Van Allen, sheriff, was campaigning in his area and using a county vehicle on county time.

Mr. Beikman said he had called Sheriff Van Allen about Mr. Walz's accusation. The sheriff said he was driving the county roads updating the county's 911 address system since the appraiser's office didn't have time. If someone asked him about his stand on issues in the election, he was glad to talk to them but campaigning was not his sole purpose for being out in the county.

Carol Gamblin, 911 dispatch director, was at the Tuesday meeting and said Allied Information Solutions, the company which had set up the county's 911 system, had asked them to do an addressing update. They had asked the staff in the appraiser's office but were told they didn't have time to do the checking.

Sheriff Van Allen, she said, was helping them out by driving the county roads.

Dispatch office report

In her dispatch office report, she said the tornado siren in St. Francis was now working and can be activated from the office. She was

given permission to purchase a portable hand-held radio for the office personnel.

Mrs. Gamblin said she would like to appoint Jennifer Padgett as assistant director. She will be able to assume full responsibilities if Mrs. Gamblin is out of the office for extended lengths of time. The commissioners approved the appointment.

Ambulance department report

Janelle Bowers, ambulance director, reported that she and Mike Hanson, emergency medical technician and instructor, will be at a director's class July 22 through 26.

Aug. 12 has tentatively been set as the first responder class. The class will be taught by Mr. Hanson.

She said the Kansas State Board of Emergency Medical Service has awarded a grant for \$321 per student.

The June ambulance service write-offs amounted to \$9,011. She said this was a high number but most of the write-offs were Medicare and Medicaid.

Mrs. Bowers said she had ordered shelving from Lampe Hardware, St. Francis. The shelving will be installed in the new St. Francis Emergency Building and will cost \$2,000.

She was also given approval to purchase a used gurney for an ambulance. The cost is \$1,500. The new cost is around \$3,000.

Mrs. Bowers asked for an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the financial matters of a third party. No decision was made.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, along with the commissioners, went through the Local Public Authority selection and negotiation process. Penco Engineering was selected for Runzel Bridge, 7 miles west of St. Francis on U.S. 36, then 1 mile north.

The commissioners signed highway permits for Petroleum Development Corporation to bore under county roads and put in PVC tubing. The same company wanted to place the tubing under and above ground in the ditch. This is a temporary permit and for testing purposes only.

In other business

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• The commissioners agreed to pay mileage for Robert Van Allen, judge, to attend s in W-Keeney and Colby.

• Mary Morrow, register of deeds, was given permission to attend a district meeting in Colby. She also said she would like to discuss her budget with the board at their budget work meeting.

Next meeting

The commissioners planned a budget work meeting on Wednesday, July 23, in the commissioners' room.

The next regular commissioners meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



VOLUNTEERS (from the left) Cindy Neitzel, Rhonda Born and Penny Gienger, have been painting in preparation for the fair.

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Fair volunteers are needed

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The Cheyenne County Fair is just a few weeks away but, if people don't step forward and volunteer to help operate games and rides on Saturday, especially the Octopus and Swings, it will be necessary to shut them down.

"We don't want to have two rides not running during the busiest night of the fair but we just don't have the people to man them," said DeEtta Knorr, who is charge of lining up people to work rides and games.

The rest of the time slots on

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday have pretty much been filled. However, there are other activities going on including the demolition derby in front of the grandstand which appears to be keeping people from volunteering.

Volunteers running rides only work for two hours.

"It is work but it is great to see the kids having fun," Mrs. Knorr said.

Visitors who have come to town for the fair, whether they be friends or relatives, may want to spend a couple of hours working at the carnival. What fun it will be to tell their friends back home about running a ride or helping kids play "Plinko."

It is also a fantastic way to meet people they haven't seen for years.

For more information or to volunteer, people can call Mrs. Knorr at 785-332-2551.

Workers needed before the fair

Getting ready for the fair is also work! People who arrive when the lights are brightly shining, the music playing and kids running around with cotton candy and prizes won with tokens, don't realize the "behind the scene" work that has

taken place.

Amusement Authority volunteers start in the spring and spend time painting, cleaning, replacing, fixing and setting up.

People don't need to wait to be asked to help!

"We need everyone who is willing to help us get ready," Mrs. Knorr said.

Cindy Neitzel, Penny Gienger and Rhonda Born are volunteering this year. They have been mostly painting.

Ms. Born said that it is relaxing and rewarding to see a booth frame newly painted. Ms. Neitzel felt the same way and tries to arrange her work schedule so she won't miss a Thursday evening work night.

Mrs. Gienger said she is planning on being a member of the Amusement Authority.

People are also needed on the Authority board. They start meeting after the fair, sorting out the games that worked or didn't work, repairs that will be needed before the next fair and take stock of leftover prizes (if there are any).

To find out more about the Amusement Authority, call Greg or Susie Walz, 785-332-2968 or 332-2332; or Mrs. Knorr, or any Authority member.



BERT FOLLETT, above, and Tom Williams, right, are working toward getting the new ice cream stand finished in time for the Cheyenne County Fair. The ice cream stand will be run by members of the First Christian Church.

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Club Clip

St. Francis Lions Club

The St. Francis Lions Club met on Monday, July 14, at the Main Street Coffee Shop.

The new officers who were installed in June, Norman Morrow, president; Laura Reeser, secretary; Dorothy Kellner, treasurer; Francis O'Leary, first vice president; Dick Rohweder, second vice president; Dale Patton, third vice president; Milton Lampe, Tail Twister and Carl Williams, Lion Tamer, began their tenure.

Mr. Rohweder reported on the circus which the club sponsored on June 13. He felt the community had given great support and children of all ages had a good time.

The guest speaker for the evening

was Joe Leibbrandt, district Extension agent, who gave a very informative presentation about services offered through his agency and how individuals can avail themselves of these services.

Members were reminded that the calendar sales would end July 21. Elmer Kellner is the contact person.

Concerning the county fair, the members have again agreed to man the booths for the train and the tubs.

When the school district gives the Lions a list of school supplies they can help provide supplies as needed for students.

The members approved provid-

ing some vinyl material for the prisoners to use to repair wheel chairs that are given away around the area.

Mr. Lampe reported that he took 110 pairs of glasses, 80 glass cases, 42 sunglasses, three hearing aids, two cell phones and numerous ink cartridges to Hays for recycling. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please contact Mr. Lampe. He also reported their are over 15 bicycles available for anyone who wants one. Anyone needing a bike or if you have a bike that you wish to donate to one that needs reconditioning, please contact him.



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- Graduate of Goodland High School, Fort Hays State University and Washburn Law School.
- Successfully practiced law in Northwest Kansas for the past 25 years.
- Sherman County Attorney for 10 years. Current Kanorado Judge.
- Court Trustee for the 15th Judicial District for the past 14 years.

If elected I would provide a strong and dedicated voice for the people of the 15th Judicial District. With over 70 jury trials and numerous appellant court and Supreme Court appearances, I have the experience to handle the job in a fair and impartial way. My family has been residents of Northwest Kansas since homesteading in Thomas County in 1882. We have watched and helped this area grow for the past 126 years.

Please support and vote for me in the August 5th Republican Primary for District Judge, Position 2. This position is for the entire judicial district but the judge must reside in Sherman County. I have been a resident of Sherman County for the past 33 years.

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From Row: Deputy Jonathan Lanz, Sheriff Craig Van Allen, Clerk Carol Gamblin.

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