

Commissioners discuss who receives keys to courthouse

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Considering compromises with the St. Francis city law enforcement and council was at the top of the agenda when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Friday. They discussed exchanging keys to the city and county facilities but no decision was made.

Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had recently met with the 911 Dispatch Board including Mike Day, city attorney. Mrs. Gilliland said one of the main points the city law officials would like is a key to the courthouse so, after the courthouse closes, they could still visit with the 911 dispatcher face to face. The commissioners didn't like the idea of additional keys out which could be lost and/or copied and the building could be entered unknowingly.

Dale Patton, commissioner, suggested that, maybe keys could be exchanged so the county law officers could use the city's jail facility overnight instead of having to transport people to the Goodland Bastille to be held overnight.

Mrs. Gilliland said she thought it was an excellent suggestion and would pass it on to Mr. Day.

The commissioners then talked about an idea which had been made when the 911 dispatch office had been moved to the courthouse. The suggestion included installing a camera and buzzer/lock release on the handicap door on the west side of the courthouse. This would allow the dispatcher to see who was at the door and let the person in if he/she wishes.

The commissioners agree to look into the cost of such a system.

Incentive plan

The commissioners had received a letter from the St. Francis City Council asking that the city not be included in any of the county's incentive plan for new businesses. The commissioners took the request as a sign the city did not want to work with the county in bringing in new business to St. Francis.

The commissioners asked Terry Miller, clerk, to make an appointment for Chuck and Diane Krebs, directors for the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, to attend a commissioners' meeting and have the plan revised. Mr. Miller suggested that the wording be simplified and easier to understand. He said he had people asking about incentives and the county's plan was hard to explain. Andy Beikman, commissioner, also felt like there were incentives which were not necessary.

The matter was tabled until the commissioners could meet with the Krebs.

Road and bridge department

Dustin Daniels and Bob Johnson, Martin Tractor representatives said Martin Tractor in Colby was being purchased by Foley Equipment Company, located in Wichita. Because of the exchange of owners, the commissioners needed to sign amendments to the current contracts so all contracts would be honored by Foley.

Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, and Mr. Fleming were given permission to attend two different meetings. Mr. Schlittenhardt will also be picking up a vehicle for the Road and Bridge Department as well as returning a vehicle part.

Mr. Fleming was given approval to purchase an excavator planetary for \$2,500. He had originally thought it would be \$4,500 and thought it was too much.

He also discussed three pre-stress concrete bridges where he plans to insert steel beams. This will, he said, make them stronger. They were built in the 1970s before trucks were being made as big as they are today.

In other business:

- The commissioners reviewed a letter from the Kansas Attorney General's office concerning the Bill Dungan's complain about Dave Yost feeding cattle near his land. The letter stated that criminal charges were not warranted and suggested if Mr. Dungan wanted to pursue the civil liability, he should contact a private attorney. The commissioners then went into executive session to discuss legal matters for 5 minutes with no decision being made coming out of the session.

- The commissioners approved \$4,256 for July insurance write offs for the ambulance department

- Sheriff Van Allen was given permission to sell the 1997 GMC Jimmy at sealed bids.

- The commissioners had received a number of favorable comments about the fairground road which was paved using incorporated millings from the recent highway paving project.

- The commissioners were invited to attend WebEx session regarding cash management and fraud attacks held at First National Bank on Sept. 15. The presentation will highlight ways computer criminals are hacking into business systems, including government entities.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will start at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



DONNASTEVENSS shows Joni Pevler the quilt she made for her as a going away gift as Joni heads to college.
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormack

Employee leaves for college

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For the last five years, Joni Pevler has worked for Donna Stevens at Donna's Gift Palace, St. Francis.

Having someone, especially a young person, work for the same place for five years has a lot to say for her, said Mrs. Stevens.

Joni graduated from high school

this year and will be off to college.

"I have enjoyed working at Donna's Gift Palace," she said. "She has taught me good work ethics and has brought many friendships into my life."

Mrs. Stevens has always hired high school students which has helped them earn money while having fun.

"My favorite thing about working at Donna's is getting to meet new people," Joni said.

Mrs. Stevens said some of the young people who have worked for her are Heather and Hannah Sowers, Ally Reichert and Brandon Rueb, just to name a few.

Cara Hunt, who graduated this year, has also been working at Donna's.

Two honored at council meeting

By Peggy Horinek
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Spotlighting the Positive was how the St. Francis City Council began their meeting on Aug. 10. The council presented certificates of thanks to Margaret Poling and Crissy Cooks. The council said they have done a lot of positive things, among which are the hours they have donated to the swimming team. The swim team, they said, is where the kids really learn to swim and become strong swimmers.

Spotlighting the Positive is a program that the council likes to keep going. If the public knows of a person they feel deserves to be honored, please contact one of the members and share their story.

Streets

All the streets that were previously chip sealed will be having their final fog sealing done this week. The streets will need

to be cleared of cars so they can sweep them and have them ready for the fog sealing.

The Spencer Street and alley problems are still a big concern to the council. As of now, there are still no easements that have been approved. Several solutions were discussed with Mike Day, city attorney, and the matter will be brought up again at the next meeting.

Pool report

The pool report was given by councilman Bruce Swihart. As reported by Lauren Ross, pool manager, the water quality in the pool has been good all year. A Pool Board meeting was to be held Wednesday at city hall. It was noted that the numbers had been down this year but the morning lap swimming increased. Another morning may need to be added next year.

In other business:

- The city budget, which was

published in *The Herald*, was approved.

- Two small business incentives were approved: one for Michael Grover, Republican Valley Auto Supply, and the other to Mickey Graves, Saintry Liquor.

- John Amack applied for a trailer park to be established at Fourth and Francis streets on the west side of the alley. After discussion it was voted to allow a trailer park and a permit was issued. It had already been zoned residential/commercial.

- The city-owned small bucket truck will be advertised for bids with the bids to be in by Sept. 14.

- Roger Jensen said that the E-waste pick up in St. Francis was the second biggest collection in eight counties. He said that it went great. It will be back again in six weeks.

- There were 11 building permits applied for. Granted permits were: Merlyn Sherlock-driveway, Dwight Rose-garage, Erick Farmer-carport, Mark Brown-cement beside hose, Pete Jensen-patio, Travis Milne-side-walk, Tim Burr-fence, Raedell Winston-fence, Hair Loft-step, Dwight Rose-side-walk and Mike Zwegygart-fence, carport.

Next meeting

The next City Council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 24.

Family holds potluck reunion in Colorado

The Ludwig and Christina Zwegygart family reunion was held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Bethune, Colo., on Aug. 9, with a potluck dinner. Music was provided by Robert and Gertie Zwegygart and Jerry Meyer.

Those in attendance were: Gus and Martha Zwegygart of St. Francis and daughter, Ruth of Shawnee Mission; Robert and Gertie Zwegygart of St. Francis;

Willard and Donna Zwegygart, Kip and Deonn Wiese of St. Francis; Sheryl, Dusty, Paige and Sierra Thiede of Winnemucca, Nev.; Amelia, Clara, Dorothy and Jerry Meyer of Bethune; Betty Zwegygart, Roger and Alice Coffin, Delmer and LaVonn Zwegygart of Parker, Colo.; Larry Beringer of Sharon Springs and Milbert Beringer of Bethune.

Everyone present enjoyed the day.

Introducing

Cade Austin Wessels

Derek and Amy (Shay) Wessels of Austin, Texas, announce the birth of their son, Cade Austin Wessels, born May 25, 2009, at 5:53 a.m. at St. David's North Austin Medical Center.

Cade weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches in length. He was welcomed home by his sister, Kennedy, age 2 1/2.

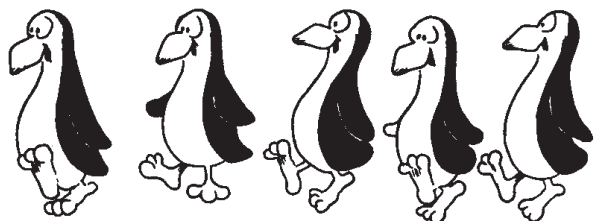
Cade's grandparents are Rodney and Kay Shay of St. Francis, Wayne Wessels of Austin, Texas, and Yvonne Fant of Leander, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Margaret Shay of St. Francis, Rose



Cade Austin Wessels

Wessels Hunger of La Grange, Texas, and Phyllis Billieu of Leander.



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
Special District
2010

The governing body of
Cemetery District 2
Cheyenne County

will meet on the 31st day of August, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioner Room 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 is available at the county clerk's office, and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2010 Expenditures and Amount of 2009 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2010 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2008		Current Year Estimate for 2009		Proposed Budget Year for 2010	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*
General	25,449	0.799	28,940	0.747	65,000	22.958 (0.660)
Debt Service						
Totals	25,449	0.799	28,940	0.747	65,000	22.958 (0.660)
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditures	25,449		28,940		65,000	
Total Tax Levied	23,073		22,820		34,763,990	
Assessed Valuation	28,885,966		30,582,238			

Outstanding Indebtedness,	2007		2008		2009	
	Jan 1	Dec 31	Jan 1	Dec 31	Jan 1	Dec 31
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	0
No-Fund Warrant	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

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