

# Before



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MILLER PROPERTY just east of the city plant has been cleaned up with the debris being hauled away. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Property cleanup top of agenda

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Property cleanup in St. Francis was at the top of the city council's agenda on Monday, July 25. There had been some major steps and, while the council was pleased about that, there were other property owners who had made little if any progress. They were especially happy with the Miller property just east of the city plant at 615 W. First. It had been cleaned up with all the debris being hauled away. Some of the property owners who had received warning letters

earlier, had cleaned up and taken off the city's list. Each of the council members were provided pictures of property that needed more work than others. Royce Neitzel, who owns the property at 602 S. River Street, had talked to J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent. He had given the superintendent permission to clear the limbs from the power lines. The superintendent said Mr. Neitzel had indicated he would be cleaning up the property. The council was concerned about the property on 417 E. Jackson which belongs to Ted

McCoy. There is a swimming pool and an out building in the backyard. They decided to have the city attorney, Mike Day, start action on this property. There were other property owners that had been warned who appeared to not have made an effort to remove old vehicles and clean up. There were others who were making an effort. The next meeting will be Aug. 8 and they will be discussing these properties and others when they meet.

# Commissioners listen to complaints about hummer

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners heard complaints about the Hummer which was recently acquired from the Army by the sheriff's department. After all the discussion, the commissioners agreed that they were OK with the acquisition.

Rodney Neitzel, St. Francis, started out by telling the commissioners how thankful he and his family were of the county's emergency system. However, he was concerned about the increases in his taxes, both on his personal property and his businesses.

He said he thought that the Hummer was something that the county government didn't need. It was pointed out that the Hummer had been something that the sheriffs, including Troy Gardner, had applied for. The vehicle is an Army surplus and only counties that qualify are eligible to get one. It was free with the exception of the cost for the government's paperwork which is 5 percent of the cost of the vehicle. In the county's case, it was \$1,700. The shipping cost \$1,000. The tag cost \$25. There was still a question on insurance but, since the Army still owns it, all the insurance necessary was liability.

Mr. Neitzel said there would still be the cost of lights, lettering and equipping the vehicle including typical maintenance.

The Hummer, the commissioners said, will be used by all county emergency departments. Mr. Neitzel said it was nice to be prepared but the county couldn't be prepared in all instances. For instance, it would be nice to have boats if the Republican River were to flood. If there is a blizzard, why can't private vehicles be used in rescuing people? And, why can't the state highway department be contacted?

The vehicle will go where other vehicles, even 4-wheel drive pickups have trouble going, the commissioners said. Recently,

there was a wreck where the vehicle ended up in rough terrain. If the Hummer would have been available, it would have been quicker and less wear on the vehicle used to rescue the victims. There were several other instances named.

The money used for the Hummer expenses was already in the sheriff's budget. Mr. Neitzel said he didn't think the government should put money anyway. Since it is the taxpayer's money, they, the taxpayers, should be able to save it the way they want to.

It comes down to money and where it is best spent, Mr. Neitzel said. For instance, when the tornado siren went off recently, we, at the Hilltop Market, could not hear it. There are all sorts of ways things can be done for public safety.

It is hard to put a price on a

person's life, said Dale Patton, commissioner. And if \$5,000 in a Hummer saves life, it is worth it.

In our county, our emergency system is maintained by volunteer EMTs, firemen, said Ryan Murray, emergency manager. We need to think about anything that will add safety to their jobs.

Mr. Neitzel said the Hummer was, in his opinion, falling into the column of "things that the county did not need."

The Hummer was cheaper than purchasing a new pickup or even an all-terrain vehicle, the commissioners agreed. I'll take the flack, said Andy Beikman, commissioner, but I think that the Hummer is a good deal.

Supporting Mr. Neitzel was Bill Fiedler, St. Francis. Supporting the commissioners were Ryan Murrain, Janelle Bowers and Craig Van Allen.

## Special meeting held to discuss budget

A special meeting of the St. Francis Board of Education met for an early morning meeting on July 25 for the review and discussion of all funds in the 2012 budget.

All board members were present with the exception of Ed Marin. Following the review, the proposed budget was approved and was printed in the July 28 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*.

The overall mills levied for this budget is projected at 40.062 mills for a total of 1,093,751. Last year's budget was set at 39.628 mills for a total of \$1,011,569

A budget hearing is scheduled to be held at the next regular board meeting on Thursday, Aug. 11, in the board room in the high school.

*Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved school board minutes.*

**WE'D LOVE TO TEACH YOUR CHILD!**  
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**Time:** 4 - 6:30 p.m.  
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Please bring your child's immunization records.  
New students need to have a physical, available at Cheyenne Clinic  
For more info, please contact JaNan (785) 332-8595 or Amy (785) 332-3954

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Sunday, Aug. 7  
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Cheyenne County Clinic Basement

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10th Annual  
Sunday, August 14, 2011 — Noon - 4 p.m. MT  
at the Haigler Village Park  
Haigler, Neb.  
Featuring: *The Garage Bunch*

Nate and AJ

Skeeter Bite

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