

March revenue beats estimates

March revenue receipts on Monday beat projections by \$12.3 million for the month with corporate income and sales tax receipts making strong showings.

"We're seeing the Kansas economic engine running," said Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan. "Companies are hiring, unemployment has significantly decreased compared to a year ago, and people have more money to spend - which is reflected in increased sales tax receipts."

row, monthly revenue receipts have topped not only estimates but actual collections from the year before. March 2014 tax receipts were \$15.8 million more than receipts collected in March 2013.

Corporate income tax receipts were \$17.8 million, or 59 percent, more than expected and sales tax receipts were \$7.3 million more than estimates.

Tax revenue receipts for the fiscal year to date are \$130.7 million more than estimates, or 3.4 percent.

Administrator of Good Samaritan is asked questions

By Karen Krien
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The Good Samaritan Village administrator brought his financial report to the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Monday.

Jeff Paulsen, administrator, said there had been a loss of \$10,766 in February. This brought on a lengthy discussion about whether or not any of the profits at the facilities stayed in the county or went to the Good Samaritan Society.

Brett Poling, commissioner, said that in January there was a profit of \$5,370, and in February, there was a loss of \$10,766. Instead of having to pay \$5,396, the difference between the January profit and the February loss, the county is paying the full loss of February.

Mr. Paulsen was unsure how this was calculated but thought it might go into a line account and, at the end of the year, it is dealt with.

Dr. Poling wanted to know exactly what was up with the money made and asked Mr. Paulsen to check into it. Karan Thadani, county attorney, will also do some checking.

We are responsible to the residents of Cheyenne County and their tax money, said Ernie Ketzner, commissioner.

Dr. Poling was also concerned that the maintenance personnel had no real direction. He suggested that this be discussed in executive session at the next meeting.

Mr. Paulsen reported on the apartments, noting that Apartment 10 was now completely renovated and ready to rent. The maintenance crew is working on Apartment 3.

He plans to advertise an open house showing two of the apartments. There will also be an incentive to encourage people to rent the apartments.

Earlier in March, there had been a water leak in one of the apartments. Mr. Paulsen said the damage caused by the water was being repaired. Dave Wright is putting in the carpet but, before he laid it, Mr. Wright said, since there were older people living in the apartment, the floor needed leveling, which he has completed.

The west entrance of the nursing home has been under construction as Roger Jensen, contractor, renovated the porch, putting on a roof, railings and steps. Mr. Paulsen said the contractor said he had about five more days left before the work will be completed.

Mr. Paulsen said the new heating and air conditioning equipment had not arrived. He had called CB Heating and Air Conditioning, Colby, and had been informed that it was supposed to have been shipped and will be in St. Francis by the end of the week.

He said the staffing is going OK but they will have one registered nurse who will be leaving. Right now, they have enough certified nurse aides.

Mr. Paulsen has been the interim administrator in the Good Samaritan Society nursing home in Goodland. He will be training a new administrator for that facility.

Audit and budget

Brian Thompson and Travis Vrbas, representatives for Mapes and Miller, an accounting organization from Norton, discussed creating an audit and budget for Cheyenne County. Currently, Mapes and Miller service the counties of Osborne, Phillips, Decatur, Grant, Norton, Rooks, and Trego. No decisions were made.

Road and bridge

Dave Flemming, public works director, said the Kansas Department of Transportation had paid the county \$100,000 for the short highway that runs through Wheeler. He also said there is \$91,897 in federal funds available. The road to Parks needs overlay. He had talked to several companies but it is estimated that it will cost about \$500,000 for the overlay. Even if he put the \$100,000 and \$91,897 together, there was still over \$300,000 needed. The commissioners agreed to put the money back and hold off on the overlay of the road.

They agreed not to allow a farmer to move a fence on county property southwest of town. If they allowed him to move the fence and farm on county land, they said, it would open a "can of worms" and the next farmer would want the same privilege.

The pressure washer at the shop needs replaced. Mr. Flemming presented bids but no decisions were made.

Veterans' artwork

Keary Carman, St. Francis, thanked the commissioners for their support of his business by allowing a business incentive. He explained that the business will actually be a place for displaying veterans artwork and will not be housing veterans as he had originally planned.

He had some artwork and a letter explaining the art, which he read to the commissioners.

New deputy clerk

Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, asked for 10 minutes of executive session. Following the session, Dale Patton, commissioner, announced Scott Houtman has been hired to become deputy clerk. He will begin April 1.

The commissioners reviewed the resignation letter from Deb George, who has been working in the appraiser's office. No decision was made on hiring a replacement.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

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Hospital board discusses personnel and possible management company

By Amanda Miller
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The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Thursday, March 27, to find there was going to be changes in the personnel. Judy Rockwood, chief executive officer of the hospital and director of nursing, announced her resignation. Tisha Loker was hired as the new clinic manager and Brenda Hays has accepted the director of nursing on an interim basis.

New clinic manager, Mrs. Loker comes to Cheyenne County Clinic from the McDonald area, where she has previously managed a chiropractic clinic in Colby. Mrs. Loker began on April 1.

Hospital management

Last month, NewLight Healthcare, a hospital management company, gave a presentation to the board. The county commissioners had asked the board to look and compare other options to Great Plains Health Alliance, which is the current leasing company. The hospital lease with Great Plains Health Alliance is up on Dec. 31, 2015. There is a 60 day termination notice in the agreement.

The hospital is currently a leased hospital with Great Plains

Health Alliance. NewLight Healthcare would manage, not lease, the hospital. Being a managed hospital puts more responsibility and liability on the board members. The board makes more decisions on the inner workings of the hospital, such as hiring personnel, with a leased hospital.

NewLight Healthcare is a full hospital management service out of Austin, Texas. They have clients in over 20 states currently, but none in Kansas yet.

After some discussion on NewLight Healthcare by the board members, they went into executive session. When they came out, it was decided the board would contact NewLight Healthcare to discuss what the next step would be with their management company.

Department head reports

Director of Cardiopulmonary/Respiratory Therapy Jason Johnson began the new department in August of 2013. He began seeing patients in September.

Mr. Johnson explained the procedures that can now be done at the hospital to the board members. These include a cardiac rehabilitation, for patients that have had stints put in, pulmonary rehabilitation, intubation when the certified registered nurse anes-

thetist is unavailable, as well as respiratory treatments and many others.

Brenda Hays, the trauma coordinator as well as clinical nurse specialist and infection prevention nurse, also gave a report. Mrs. Hays prepared the Level IV Trauma Center application, which was approved and a large

recognition for the hospital. As the infection prevention nurse, she tracks hospital acquired infections, which are very low. The fall prevention program has also been implemented.

Next meeting
The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 24 at 3 p.m. in the clinic basement room.

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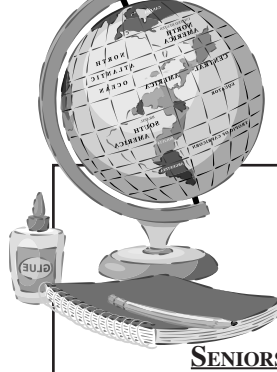
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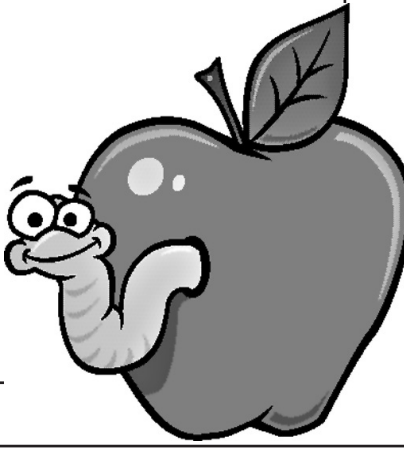
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