

Public hearing for fire truck decision has few attending

By Karen Krien

The public hearing concerning the fire truck grant was held at 9 a.m. during the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Friday. Only a handful of people including Don Spangler, representative of Weis Fire and Safety, were in the room when the hearing was held.

The hearing was held as a recommendation by the grant administrator Amy Griffey because the fire chief George Harper was an employee of Yost Farm Supply. The Hay Fire Equipment company, in its bid, noted that it had planned to purchase the trucks from Yost Ford-Mercury. Even though the Yost company that Mr. Harper works for is a separate company from Yost Ford-Mercury, Ms. Griffey said it was important that the hearing be held so everyone could voice their opinions. There were no complaints heard.

Another reason for the hearing was the fact that the commissioners, after hearing the firemen's concern, had not taken the low bid of \$263,205 from Weis Fire and Safety, Salina, choosing instead, the bid from Hays Fire for \$264,881.

Both the Weis and Hays companies had sent letters to the commissioners.

Mike Weis said he would like to address the "concerns" that were discussed about the truck and some manufacturing methods and some apparent misinformation. He said he would have provided a truck to the specifications wanted by the

firemen. One of the main problems the firemen had with the chassis was the skid. The firemen wanted aluminum. Weis said their method of construction was to use a steel skid which allows for a lifetime tank warranty.

At one of the meetings, Mr. Spangler said the company could provide aluminum or could put aluminum over the steel. The Hays company representative said if aluminum was applied over the steel, an electrolysis would occur because two types of metal were being put together. It would eventually weaken the frame.

In the Weis letter, Mr. Weis stated that they can put a 1/4 thick rubber isolation pad between the two metals. Also, they had a 10-year warranty covering corrosion and structural components. Besides discussing the valves used, he said again, that Weis Fire had never sued Hays Fire Equipment and the Hays company had never sued Weis.

In the Hays Fire Equipment letter, Clayton Meyers talked about the chassis and how they solicit bids. The letter said that they solicit bids from local area vendors in the area where the trucks are placed. They will select the best value to meet the needs of the fire department.

"If we can attain a bid from a local vendor that is competitive and meets the needs as specified, it is our preference to purchase from them," the letter read.

Ms. Griffey had reviewed the concerns with the time frame in the contract and recommended the contract be altered to fit the time frame. Hays Fire also needed to add Cheyenne County Commission to a paragraph and the back page of signatures.

With everything in place and no one contesting the conflict of interest, the public hearing was closed.



HUGE GARAGE SALE— The junior class is getting items together from 34 family to hold one of the biggest garage sale. The sale is their money making project for the after prom party and graduation. Those pictured are Mac Frewen, Lauren Ross, Alecia Zimelman, BJ Killingsworth and Addie Swihart.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Interesting Facts-

- Some people once believed that a sapphire would protect the wearer against the powers of darkness.
- It takes from 10 to 15 days of drying in the sun to make a sundried raisin.

Plans for applying for grant told

By Karen Krien

Carol Redding, Cheyenne County Development Corporation Coordinator, told the commissioners at their Friday meeting that the Development Corporation had decided to apply for a \$100,000 micro loan grant.

The money would be used to encourage small businesses and entrepreneurs by loaning them up to \$25,000. The borrower will pay interest which will be accumulated to build up the loan fund.

The grant is a Community Development Building Grant. This type of grant is used by county and cities for different projects and there is a limit as to how many grants a county and cities can apply for in one year. The county road and bridge supervisor planned to apply for a bridge grant

in 2006. The commissioners agreed to look into who and what grants are also in the planning. They also asked Ms. Redding to contact Amy Griffey, with the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, Hill City

If the commissioners find there is no problem with the Development Corporation applying for the loan and the loan is approved, then who would administer the funds and where would the grant money be placed. Jack Eldridge, county auditor, who was in the courthouse working on the county's budget, was called in. He said that if the county is the recipient, the commissioners would be responsible for how it is spent. He said that the Development Corporation would probably be administering the loans so grant money should go to that organization.

Ms. Redding said she would report to the commissioners on activity of the loan program.

Training program
Mrs. Redding said the Chey-

enne County Development Corporation Board is sponsoring Educational Development 101, a training program presented by the Kansas Department of Commerce. The program will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 17 at the Bird City American Legion

The program will provide an overview of the basic operations of an economic development program. The training will be presented in three parts: basic economic development, team development and strategic planning.

Anyone interested in taking the training should notify the Development Corporation office by Aug. 8. Call 785-332-3508.

Building purchased
Mrs. Redding said the Development Corporation would be moving to the Kite Realty Building on St. Francis' Main Street. She was excited that they will now be located where they will be readily accessible to people needing assistance. She also thanked the commissioners for providing the office space in the courthouse.

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The St. Francis High School junior class needs money for this year's after-prom party and for

graduation in 2007. They are an active class and have held several money-making projects but the thought of selling candles or candy just wasn't their thing. That's when Jo Ellen Frewen, mom of junior Mac Frewen came up with the idea — "Let's have a 34-family garage sale!"

Mac went to the city council for approval to use the band shell in Sawhill Park and the huge garage sale was set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

on Saturday. At noon, the prices will be slashed in half (except for the furniture). People will really have the opportunity to get a good deal. However, at 1 p.m., people will be able to start stuffing items in a paper sack. Each sack, no matter how much is in it, will cost only \$3.

To add to the fun of the sale, the Killingsworth family will be providing cinnamon rolls and running a hot dog stand with all proceeds

going to the class.

"We have lots of things already lined up for the sale," Mrs. Frewen said.

Some of the items include exercise equipment, a scanner, mini trampoline, baby clothing, name-brand teen clothing and furniture.

On Thursday evening, the class will have a "tag, bag and load" party and pizza will be served. All class members are urged to show up for work, laughs and pizza!

Class plans different money maker



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- '95 GMC Sierra, blue, 150,523 miles, ext. cab, 4 WD, 5.7, V8, CC, PW, PDL, cass.
- '94 GMC Suburban, blue, 112,117 miles, PW, PDL, cass., 4WD
- '99 Chevy K-2500, blue, 144,598 miles, 3 dr., ext. cab, long LS, 6.0, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD/cass
- '99 Mercury Mountaineer, maroon, 81,427 miles, 5.0, tilt, CC, CD/cass., PW, PDL, leather
- '99 Buick LeSabre, white, 68,889 miles, Limited, 4 dr., 3.8, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, cass/CD, leather

UNDER \$15,000

- '99 Cadillac DeVille, cashmere, 79,079 miles, cass, leather/heat, PDL, PW, CC, tilt
- '98 GMC K1500, red, 101,686 miles, reg cab, short, SLE, 350, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD/cass
- '98 Toyota Tacoma, maroon, 72,193 miles, reg. cab, 4 WD, 4 cyl., tilt, CC, cass., hitch
- '03 Chevy Cavalier, blue, 23,232 miles, 2 dr., 4G, CC
- '98 Chevy Tahoe, black, 122,127 miles, LT, 5.7, V8, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, cass., leather
- '99 Jeep Grand Cherokee, green, 109,525 miles, 4dr., V8, 2, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, 6CD, lther, sun roof
- '04 Chevy Aveo, silver, 21,787 miles, 4 dr., MP3 Player, auto
- '01 GMC Jimmy, pewter, 80,544 miles, PW, PDL, 4 WD
- '04 Chevy Cavalier, white, 30,675 miles, LS, 4 dr., 4G, PW, CC, CD, remote
- '05 Olds Alero, silver, 27,299 miles, GL2, 4G, PW, CC
- '99 Dodge Durango, white, 63,631 miles, 4 WD, SLT, V8, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD/cass., leather

UNDER \$20,000

- '00 Ford Expedition, maroon, 75,753 miles, XLT, V8, CC, cass/6 CD, bucket hitch, 3rd seat
- '02 Pontiac Grand Prix, blue, 37,285 miles, 4 dr., GTP, Super-Chg., CD, lthr/heat, sun roof, spoiler
- '00 Chevy K-1500, black, 81,089 miles, ext. cab, short, 5.3, tilt, CC, PW, PDL
- '05 Chevy Cobalt, silver, 8,923 miles, LS, XM
- '02 Chevy TrailBlazer, pewter, 66,030 miles, 4 dr., LS, I-6 4200, CC, CD, receiver hitch
- '04 Buick LeSabre, silver, 10,340 miles, 4 dr., V6, cloth, PW, PS, CC

UNDER \$25,000

- '01 Ford F250, green, 103,028 miles, ext cab, short, diesel, manual, tilt, CC, PW, PDL
- '04 Buick LeSabre, maroon, 24,810 miles, Limited, 4 dr.
- '01 GMC TK15743, red, 49,251 miles, crew cab, SLE, 6.0, tilt, CC, PW, PDL, CD, 40-20-40
- '00 Ford F250, blue/green, 90,135 miles, ext. cab, short, Lariat, 4 WD, Power Stroke, CD/cass, lthr.
- '05 Buick Rendezvous, silver, 8,515 miles, FWD, 6G, PW, CC
- '01 Chevy K-2500, white, 43,290 miles, V8, PS, AC, PW, PL
- '02 GMC TK25753, pewter, 77,200 miles, ext. cab, SLE, 6.0, CC, PW, PDL, CD

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