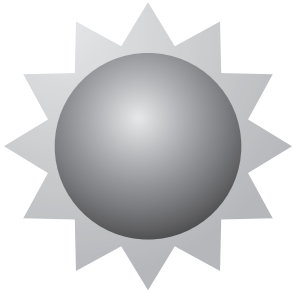


Weather Corner



National Weather Service

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 48. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, high near 84. Northwest wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, low around 52. North wind around 5 mph becoming southeast.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 89. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 93.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 95.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 91.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87.

Wednesday: High, 84; Low 55
Precip: Wed .11 inches
Month: 2.50 inches
Year: 19.34 inches
Normal: 16.41 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)

Sunrise and Sunset
Friday 7:03 a.m. 8:31 p.m.
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

County commissioners examine road-side farming

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the right of way," said Supervisor Clair Schrock.

Theimer said he had watched the roads in Summers Township for 87 years. He said leaving a strip of weeds is an invitation to farm the ditches.

Some roads in the townships don't get mowed at all, Chairman Ken Christiansen said, and some townships are ready to give up.

"How many times have we voted on a county unit system in Thomas County?" asked Commissioner Paul Steele, "and it's been voted down.... Maybe the policy we set for two passes got us in trouble.... What do you think we should do?"

"Well, it is public property, and people shouldn't be farming the ditches" said Theimer. "There needs to be prosecution of violations."

Christiansen said he understood Theimer's frustration. As far as the county goes, he said, they would maintain the rights of way, but he couldn't speak for the townships.

Bob Rundel told the commissioners about a problem that arose at the county fair, and wondered if there was anything they could do about it.

The fair rule book states that no animals will be released until Saturday morning at 8 a.m. He said the horse department had released horses and some one had taken a sheep out, but that his children were denied their premium because he took a couple of pigs out of the barn that were light weight, and weren't in the sale.

"My kids didn't even know I was doing it," he said. "Before I got home, my wife called me and said to bring them back, so I did,

and put them in the pen.

"I saw they had taken some of the horses out, and someone had taken a sheep out, so I thought it was alright to take the pigs home. It seems the fair board had a meeting of who ever could get together, to do something about taking the horses out, because of the noise from the races. Not everyone knew about the meeting.

"The official fair book says the fair board can make changes to the rules, but it doesn't say you have get permission after they change them, to take your animal out early. I'm asking, how does the Fair Board call a special meeting, and whose rules apply?"

Rundel said when he got back to the barn on Saturday morning to pick up the pigs at the stated release time of 8 a.m., they weren't there. He found out one was on the kill floor at the Grinnell locker and one was on a truck at the Colby Sale Barn. He said he retrieved the one out of the truck, but it was too late for the one that was at the Grinnell locker.

Commissioner Byron Sowers said the rules are made by the Fair Board and he thought they should follow their own rules. He asked whether the fair board was subject to the Open Meetings Act, and the consensus was that as appointees of the commissioners, they are a public board, subject to the same open meetings rules as other public agencies.

The commissioners agreed to talk to the fair board and come to some sort of conclusion.

Brian Staats and Kay Lynn Renner of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball presented the commissioners with the 2008 audit. Staats said there were no cash violations, and the cash was secured. Staats

said the audit looked good, and the county appeared to be in compliance with Kansas law. He said the county's debt is on the low side compared to other counties.

He said the firm had cited the county with four technical violations. The violations, which occurred in special liability, re-appraisal and household waste, stemmed from the state changing the budgeting rules in midstream on how to close a fund and transfer it to another fund.

In the management letter, Staats said he would recommend a vacation policy that when an employee is on leave, the department have some one who can take care of their job while they are gone. It amounts to cross training within the department, he said.

He also suggested that the county pool their funds and not have so many different bank accounts. He said accounts should be reconciled and given to the county clerk daily, and he recommended the treasurer distribute the delinquent taxes once a year.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard a presentation from Dick Wolfe, with Kom-Tech software
- Reviewed a "hold-harmless Agreement" as drafted by the road and bridge department and Commissioner Steele for the township roads.
- Agreed that commissioners Sowers and Christiansen will be attending a meeting on swine flue preparations in Hays on Monday.
- Agreed to pay for transportation of a body for an autopsy in an unattended death.
- Set the next meeting for 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31.

City residents to decide on new tax

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bond issue on paying for the fire station is approved."

Beringer said many people think the fire station has already been paid for, but the bond for the project still has to be paid off.

Councilmen Tim Hutfles voiced his support for the resolution.

"I think this is a fair and equitable way to pay for this," he said.

Mayor Ken Bieber echoed Hutfles' sentiments.

"I thought it formed a good

coalition to get this thing through," he said.

Armstrong said one of the advantages of the sales tax is you pay a little on every purchase you make so you don't notice as much as a property tax. She added a sales tax would pay off the bonds in 10 years, while a property tax would pay off the bonds in 20 years.

She said she will put together a "frequently asked questions" sheet for the public, visit with civic clubs and the council will hold a town hall meeting in the future.

Road department polls Kansas residents on 511 information service

The state Department of Transportation is surveying licenses Kansas drivers, calling random households across the state through Friday, Sept. 11 to gauge public awareness and usage of the statewide 511 program.

The survey should take only about 10 minutes, officials say. The 511 program allows travelers to learn about road conditions, construction detours and travel weather for the Kansas Turnpike or any Kansas highway. Since the program's start in 2004, the service has received more than 2.5 million calls.

"The 511 program helps save time, money and lives," said Barb Blue, program manager. "KDOT has been very proactive in mak-

ing improvements to the service, but this is our first large-scale research effort to really find out how people are using the program and how we can continue to make improvements."

Travelers can access road conditions, construction and detour updates, and weather information in three ways: by phone (511), by Internet (511.ksdot.org) or by mobile phone (511mm.ksdot.org). For everyone's safety, pull over before using the service on your mobile phone.

"511 is there for you," said Blue, "so if you get a call, please take a few moments to help us continue to make our state safer. You'll be helping us, and yourself."

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