

weather
report

67°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:26 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:47 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:25 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 30 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest at 20 mph
- Barometer 30.21 inches and falling

- Record High 92° (1963)
- Record Low 24° (1953)

Last 24 Hours*

High	51°
Low	34°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low near 40, west winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday: mostly sunny, high 80 to 85, south winds, 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, low near 40, high 75 to 80.

Thursday: dry, low 35 to 40, high near 70 to 75.

Friday: dry, low near 30, high near 70.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Landfill application nears completion

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County commissioners held a telephone conference call Thursday with Mark McMullen of Terranext, a Denver-area engineering firm, to review the draft of the landfill site application.

McMullen said the application was about ready to be submitted to the state. He told the commissioners the life of the landfill site would be at least 91 years. This was based on a 2 percent increase in the amount of trash taken to the landfill each year of operation. He said if there was not as large an increase each year, the lifespan could be stretched up to 250 years.

The commissioners each asked questions of McMullen, most dealing with the liner. The proposal is to use a soil liner with compaction of the on-site material, and to determine the amount of compaction and demonstrate the reliability of the soil liner McMullen suggested using a test bed.

The test bed would be 100 feet by 100 feet and would be excavated in the same manner as the landfill pit, with compaction of every six inches to test each layer for density. He estimated it might cost \$4,000 for this to be done, depending on availability of local equipment.

County Public Works Director Curt Way said the county does not have the type of compactor McMullen is suggesting, but said it could rent it if

needed.

Commissioner Kenny Davis asked about the relative cost of using a plastic or clay as a liner instead of the soil liner. McMullen said each of the alternatives would be about 30 to 35 cents per square foot or about \$76,000 for the first five acres. He estimated the cost of the soil liner with proper compaction to be about \$40,000.

"What if the soil liner is leaking five years later?" asked Davis. "Who is liable and what are the options at that time.?"

"It would most likely be your problem," McMullen said. "It would be very tough to show who was responsible for the failure of the liner. There are a number of things that could happen with any one of the liners that could cause a leak."

All three commissioners said they were somewhat uncomfortable with the soil liner. McMullen then suggested a cover layer of soil could be placed on top of the soil liner to act as an additional barrier. He said this could also be a drainage layer to aid in the removal of the water by carrying it to the sump.

The commissioners said they would study the information some more and get back to McMullen at a later meeting in October. McMullen said if the application could be sent to the state in the next few weeks, the permit could be issued to allow construction within three to six months.

Putting the best paw forward



Andrea Grieve and her dog, Sugar, posed for a picture while waiting their turn to go in the ring during the Scruffy Dog Contest held Sept. 25 at the Flatlander Fall Festival in Goodland.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Kountry Kactus show cancelled; old U.S. 24 bond sale set

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

A promotor told the Sherman County commissioners on Thursday that he was canceling his request to lease the fairgrounds for Kountry Kactus on Oct. 8-10 because vendors would not have time to apply for city permits.

Franklynn Rankin of Goodland said he had learned Wednesday that the City of Goodland has an ordinance requiring out-of-county vendors to obtain a permit and have a background check. The cost is \$20 plus \$5 for each day. He said the permits were to be requested at least seven days prior to the event to allow for the time to do the background checks.

He said some of his vendors were not willing to pay the permit costs, and did not want to submit to the background check as it was an intrusion of their privacy. Rankin said he had lost most of his vendors because of the permit and was having to cancel the show. He said with more time, it was possible he would try to reorganize at a later date.

Commissioner Gary Townsend said the county did not have any such regulations, but they would understand Rankin's dilemma with the city ordinance since the fairgrounds are inside city limits.

The city established the permit requirement several years ago, at least partly to ensure that vendors collect sales taxes. The three-day show would have includes arts and crafts and country music performances.

Dave Warren of Chapman Securities had the paperwork and resolutions for

the commissioners to sign to proceed on the bond sale for the old U.S. 24 repaving project and the Caruso bridge replacement. At Warren's request, the commissioners set the bond sale for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, during their regular meeting. Warren said this time would allow all the bidders sufficient time to get their bids in after reviewing the opening of the bond market that morning.

Warren also reviewed the information he was asking be sent out to the potential bidders. County Clerk Janet Rumpel questioned why some of the information was being asked for because she had never had such requests on other bond issues. Warren said the information list had been developed by his firm from the many bond issues they had done and the various requests from the banks and other potential bidders. He agreed to remove some of the questions, such as listing the top five property taxpayers in the county and similar questions.

In other business the commissioners:

- Gave Mary Messamore, central dispatch director, permission to hire a new part-time person. She also talked about the possibility of cross-training other county employees, but the commissioners felt this would have to be a long-term project.
- Agreed to a bid from Brenner Ford for \$27,250 to replace the sheriff's department utility vehicle recently totaled in an accident. Sheriff Whitson said the insurance would cover \$23,000 of the cost and he had money

in his budget to cover the difference.

- Received a call from Steve Wagner of Hays Pathology about the charges for autopsies. Wagner said his group had submitted a bid to the Goodland Regional Medical Center to do autopsies, but the hospital had chosen a North Platte, Neb., group to do the autopsies. Townsend said the commissioners were looking at the costs of the autopsy fees which have increased dramatically in the last two years. He said the county should be getting the best deal possible because the taxpayers are paying.

- County Attorney Bonnie Selby told the board she is ready to proceed with the quiet title action on hospital property, and was preparing the paperwork to auction off the confiscated vehicles that have been stored for several years.

- Selby also talked to the commissioners about purchasing two transcribers and a typewriter from former county attorney Mike Irvin. She said she could not use the transcribers, but would have a use for the typewriter. A motion by Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld to purchase the three pieces of equipment died for a lack of a second. Davis said he could see paying for the typewriter but not the two transcribers. Townsend agreed that if the transcribers are not needed, the county should not pay for them. He said he would call Irvin.
- Townsend said he had talked to Wayne Bossert of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District about the weather modification program. Counties in the district have been

asked to opt in or out of the controversial program.

He said the recommendation is to wait until the water district and the state attorney general work out a solution. Bossert told Townsend that presently there are two opinions from two lawyers in the attorney general's office on this matter. The commissioners decided they will await further information from the state before considering any action.

The next regular commissioner meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday in the commission room on the first floor of the Sherman County Courthouse.

Two killed in rollover

A father and son from Branson, Mo., died but their wife and mother escaped when the family's car rolled on I-70 about 17 miles east of Goodland early Friday.

Seat belts apparently made the difference: neither the father nor the son was wearing one, the Kansas Highway Patrol reported, but the mother was.

The patrol reported that Lee W. Burns, 38, was driving a 1991 Ply-

mouth westbound on I-70 near milepost 35. About 4 a.m., the car ran into the median, came back across the westbound lane and slid into the north ditch. The car rolled twice, ejecting Burns and his son, Darby, 6, killing both.

The mother, Madelyn Burns, also 38, was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center, where she was treated for minor injuries. She was released Sunday.

Questions delay Oz park

DE SOTO (AP) — Hopes construction would begin next spring on the Oz theme park in Johnson County are dimming as questions surface about the park's ability to deliver on its revenue projections.

Oz Entertainment Co. had planned to begin building with the help of \$247 million in bonds. But the Kansas Development Finance Authority is still waiting on the studies used by Oz to support claims the park can attract more than 3 million visitors a year and generate enough to pay off the bonds.

Oz spokesman David Westbrook said Friday the company is reluctant to turn over those studies, saying they contain confidential information.

Last month, the authority board said it needed that information before it would adopt a resolution of intent to form a redevelopment district at the old Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant.

Designation of such a district would trigger \$202 million in sales tax revenue bonds and \$44.7 million in property tax increment financing bonds requested by Oz.

local
markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$2.19 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.11
 - Loan deficiency payment — .34¢
 - Corn — \$1.54 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.57
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — .42¢
 - Milo — \$2.22 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.07 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.96
 - Loan deficiency payment — .93¢
 - Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$6.05 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.56
 - Oil new crop — \$6.05 cwt.
 - Confection current — \$9 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$16 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Late news from the Associated Press



1 p.m.

Bidding war on for Sprint

NEW YORK — A bidding war has erupted for Kansas City-based Sprint Corp., with two companies reportedly offering as much as \$100 billion for the nation's third-largest long-distance telephone company.

Sprint's board members met Sunday to compare offers from MCI WorldCom Inc., the No. 2 long-distance company, and a higher, last-minute bid from BellSouth Corp., the Atlanta-based Baby Bell, according to two people familiar with the negotiations.

Sprint's board was scheduled to meet today to vote on MCI WorldCom's offer of about \$63 a share. BellSouth is trying to trump that deal with a \$72-a-share bid, according to the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Sprint shares closed at \$57, up \$2.75 a share, on Friday.



A senior participant rounded a barrel on his horse in the arena during Saturday's Kara Bentzinger Memorial Gymkhana. There were several events for kids of varying ages to participate in at the annual horseback riding contest.



A young rider maneuvered her horse through the gate on the trail course in the Kara Bentzinger Memorial Gymkhana held Saturday at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News