

weather report

63°

at noon

Today

Sunset, 6:13 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:56 a.m.

Sunset, 6:11 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Soil Temperature 64 degrees

Humidity 44 percent

Sky sunny

Winds southeast at 6 mph

Barometer 30.30 inches and falling

Record High 91° (1950)

Record Low 26° (1986)

Last 24 Hours*

High 91°

Low 45°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low near 40, south winds at 10 mph.

Thursday: mostly sunny, high near 85, south winds at 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: dry, low near 45, high near 60.

Saturday: dry, low near 35, high near 50.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.06 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.04

Loan deficiency payment — 41¢

Corn — \$1.51 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.52

Loan deficiency pmt. — 47¢

Milo — \$2.19 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.24 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.11

Loan deficiency payment — 78¢

Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.10 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.64

Oil new crop — \$6.10 cwt.

Confection current — \$9 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Tearful funeral for slain children

LINDSBORG — Three small white coffins, piled with yellow flowers, faced mourners as they filed into the church across the street from the house where the children were slain.

Hundreds gathered Tuesday to bid farewell to the children of Catherine and Christopher Jones, as this rural central Kansas community settled by Swedish immigrants tries to come to grips with last week's killings.

The children were found dead in their Lindsborg home after their bloodied mother ran screaming to a neighbor's house for help late last Wednesday night.

Their father has been charged with three counts of first-degree murder in their deaths, as well as aggravated battery in the stabbing of his wife.

The funeral procession passed the family home, still surrounded by yellow police tape.

County to search for administrator

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County commissioners, after doing without one for three months, decided Tuesday to search for an administrator to help manage the county's day-to-day business.

"This is a \$6 million business and can't be run by working only four times a month," said Commission Chairman Gary Townsend, adding that he thought an administrator could save the county some time and money.

Townsend said he had spoken with Randy Allen, executive director of the Kansas Association of Counties, about hiring an administrator. Allen told Townsend the commissioners should proceed slowly. A county administrator can be appointed by the commission and he or she would answer to the commissioners, Townsend said.

Townsend also spoke with County Attorney Bonnie Selby, who has two county-paid secretaries, and said Selby would be able to let one go if a county administrator was hired.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said he would like the commission to advertise, interview and have someone hired by the first of next year. Frankenfeld made a motion to advertise the job. The motion carried with Commissioner Kenny Davis joining Townsend and Frankenfeld in favor.

Townsend presented the options of lining the new county landfill with either a dirt liner or a man-made liner. He suggested using a bentonite clay liner.

"The state doesn't require it, but this way the pond wouldn't have to be pumped out every day," Townsend said. "The water collected through the pumping could be tested and if it was not contaminated, it could be used on the roads."



Margaret Russell (foreground) and Noel Ramirez (on backhoe) make sure there is no unacceptable materials in the pile before shoving the trash into a trailer to haul to Garden City.
Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Wichita. She suggested that no roads be closed, preserving the rights of way for possible future use. The county has been studying a list of little-used roads which could be closed.

The commissioners discussed some complaints about the right of ways on county roads, but said the county can't afford to survey all of the roads. Finally, Davis made a motion for all county right of ways to remain the same and it carried.

The next topic to be discussed was paying a bill presented to the commission by Michael Irvin, former county attorney, for equipment for the county attorney's office. That included a copy machine, three phones, office chair, two transcribers, a typewriter, three surge protectors, a calculator, and miscellaneous office equipment for a total cost of \$992.

Townsend had met with his replacement, Selby, on Monday, and even though she didn't think she needed the transcribers, they came to the agreement to pay for them and be done with the matter. Frankenfeld made a motion to pay the bill for Irvin as presented and it carried.

Townsend said he had several calls from people complaining about ditches not being mowed. It was mentioned there are some problems getting the

right of ways mowed when there are crops in the field. Frankenfeld has had calls, too. Townsend said the County Road and Bridge Department has also had calls. Ron Lucas, owner of Goodland Greenline, has contracted to do the job.

Frankenfeld wondered what their course of action should be, as they haven't seen any improvement. It was decided to withhold 10 percent of the mowing fee, as stated in the contract, until the mowing is satisfactorily completed. So far, County Clerk Janet Rumpel said, she has paid Lucas for two mowings since he started in June. Curt Way, county public works direc-

tor, said he will try to work with Lucas on any problems.

There were two communications employee evaluations for the commissioners to look over. The evaluation period for new employees is six months. The department head makes a recommendation and the commissioners either approve or disapprove it. The commissioners could see no problems with the new employees. Townsend made a motion to give the employees a raise as stated by their supervisor's recommendation and it was approved by the commissioners.

The next commission meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday at the courthouse.

Request to bury power lines fails on 2-3 vote

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

A request from the Northwest Kansas Technical School to relocate or bury power lines near a planned new student physical fitness facility was rejected by the Goodland City Commission on a 2-3 vote Monday.

Director Larry Keirns asked that the city bury about two blocks of power lines to improve the appearance of the new campus expansion.

"I am asking that all or part of that cost be waived," Keirns said.

Public Works Director Ed Wolak said the total cost would be \$28,671, with about \$9,191 being material, \$4,880 in labor and \$14,600 in equipment costs. He estimated it would take about two weeks to put the power line underground. As to when it could be completed Wolak said, "It would be put on the work list."

Commissioner Hurd asked if this would be considered "new development" in a manner similar to the Paxton addition or the Wheatridge Estates.

"It is the policy of the city that developers pick up the cost of new developments," Hurd said. "How can we be partial to the school when we ask the others to pay the costs."

The director said he thought that policy should not apply.

"We at the school are not a developer; we are a public entity," Keirns said. "We are asking you to bury your lines. We are asking for a variance on your policy. We have not asked for other variances in the 30 years the school has been here."

However, commissioners were wary of taking on the cost.

"It is a working service, and there is no pressing need to change it," said Mayor Chuck Lutters. "Maybe as you

build, it could be worked in. I would not want to spend a lot of money for a cosmetic change."

"I think we ought to consider it," said Commissioner Rick Billinger. "We built a street for Wal-Mart, and I think we ought to do this for the school. I look at this as economic development."

"You didn't quite finish that story," said Commissioner Jim Mull. "The street was put in as a service road, not for a cosmetic purpose. I wish we could bury everything, but I don't think we can do this for the school. I think we need to look at the whole policy."

"I think we all need to discuss this and come to a decision," Commissioner Tom Rohr said. "If we do this, we will need to budget some money, and I don't see where that is coming from."

Hurd made a motion to stick with the city policy. Mayor Lutters said such a motion was unnecessary since no action by the commission would leave the current policy in place.

"I want to stick with policy," Hurd said.

Billinger then made a motion to bury the power lines with the technical school paying \$16,000 and the city paying the remainder. After some time, the motion was seconded by Mull.

The motion failed on a 2-3 vote with Billinger and Mull voting in favor, and Hurd, Rohr, and Lutters against.

In other business, the commission:

- Read a proclamation for National Business Women's Week which is to be celebrated Oct. 18-22. The proclamation is being sponsored by the Goodland chapter of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women.
- Approved an ordinance rezoning three lots along West Ninth Street from R-1 residential to R-2 residential to allow a duplex to be built on the property.

- Looked at several samples of concrete pavers to get an idea of the color the new intersections will have when reconstructed next spring. The pavers are to be part of the reconstruction of the intersections at Main and Eight, Seventh and Sixth. The commission did not make any decision, but did seem to agree by consensus that the "antique red" looked to be the closest to what is currently in the streets.
- City Manager Ron Pickman reported the Kansas Department of Transportation has decided to rebid the K-27 project in November. Pickman said the transportation officials said there would probably be more bidders in the next round, and hoped the price could be worked out with what was available.
- Approved a resolution supporting the passage of several bill in Congress which produce revenue through charges on offshore oil and gas drilling which are then used to fund recreation and wildlife conservation. Pickman said the city is being asked to support this because the funds are used for city projects, and Goodland has been a recipient of such funds in the past.
- Pickman announced he had engaged Terra Cotta Technical Services to do the soil testing on the new pool site at a cost of \$3,500.
- Approved payment to Allied Inc. \$89,801 for work completed on the water improvement project and a request for reimbursement from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment of \$100,568 from the water improvement project grant.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. The next regular commission meeting will be 5 p.m. Monday in the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

Everyone helps dig it out



The Goodland Cowgirls varsity volleyball team gets down low to save the ball in a match against Weskan Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Cowgirls went on to win the match 15-5, 15-7.
Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News