

# Commissioners delay mowing decision, change contracts

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County commissioners talked on Tuesday about mowing weeds along county roads, but didn't decide who would do it because they wanted to make changes to the contracts and see if the county could do some of the work.

Curt Way, road and bridge superintendent and the two mowing contract bidders, Ron Lucas of Kamal, Inc. and Darrell Schrader came to the regular meeting.

Way asked that the proposed contract have two amendments to have the

contractor meet with him on a weekly basis about where the mowing was to be done for the next week, and that the people doing the mowing notify him when they find signs knocked down or accidentally knock a sign down.

"It would be helpful to know where they are going to be mowing a week in advance so our road crews know, and we can respond to calls about the mowing," Way said.

Both bidders indicated they had no problems with these amendments to the proposed contract.

"I believe Darrell did a good job last year," said Commission Chairman

Chuck Frankenfeld. "The mowing went very well from the people I have heard from.

"There is quite a price differential between the two this year," he said referring to the bid from Kamal at \$24.50 per swath mile and \$26 from Schrader.

The estimated cost of the mowing would be \$117,600 based on Lucas's bid and \$124,800 based on Schrader's bid. The figures are based on an estimated 1,200 miles of county road which would be both sides mowed two times for an estimated 4,800 swath miles.

County figures show the mowing

contract cost the county \$142,276 last year, based on 5,928 miles mowed at \$24 per swath mile. The budget amount for this year is \$160,000.

"The price is up because of the increased moisture which means it will take more fuel and man hours to keep up," Schrader said.

"I think we need to look at how the county handles the cost," Frankenfeld said. "Could we do our own mowing this is getting pretty big?"

"Mine is the same price as seven years ago when we started," Lucas said.

"I have heard comments both ways about the mowing," said Commissioner Mitch Tiede. "You can't please everybody."

"When do they finish the first mowing across the county?" asked Commissioner Kevin Rasure.

Way said the first mowing begins about the third week of June and is usually completed by the first part of September. The second mowing begins after the first freeze.

Lucas said when he had the contract

the first mowing was completed by the middle of August. Schrader said he had the first mowing done by the first week of September.

Frankenfeld asked if the two bidders would be interested if the county split the contract. Lucas said he would not be interested in any split.

"When is the most important time to get the weeds mowed?" Frankenfeld asked.

"The first priority is to get the line of sight opened at the intersections and the second is for snow removal," Way said. "If the weeds are not mowed properly in the fall it makes snow removal more of a problem."

Part of the discussion centered around trying to get the weeds mowed the second time before they grow very high, and Way was asked if the county could handle the mowing.

Way said the county used to do the mowing with a man in each road district being tasked with this job, but he said then the road maintenance suffers.

"I get the job done," Lucas said. "You would be able to abide by the

provision for not mowing after 9 p.m.?" Frankenfeld asked.

"Yes, but I don't see why you want to put a restriction on when a person works," Lucas said. "I've got the low bid."

Lucas said he plans the mowing by doing a quarter of the county at a time, and has used three mowers.

Schrader said he used three mowers last year, but was planning to use five mowers this year to get both sides of the county going at the same time.

The question was raised about spraying more of the 1,200 miles of county roads to reduce the weeds and the need for mowing. Several areas were sprayed last year with this in mind and there were some favorable results, Way said, adding the expense might be higher.

The commissioners decided to table the contract discussion until 8:30 a.m. on March 13, and asked Way to get some cost figures together about having the county do some of the mowing as well as possibly spraying more roads to reduce the need for mowing.

## School resumes after deadly shooting

SANTEE, Calif. (AP) — Students and teachers returned to Santana High School today, two days after their world was upended by a fellow student with a handgun and a reservoir of rage.

About 150 counselors were on campus — one for every classroom — and walls were patched to cover the bullet holes left by Monday's shooting.

"It's going to be a tough day," said senior Brian Finkel, 18.

"The first priority will be to begin the healing process," said Granger Ward, superintendent of the Grossmont Union High School District. "There's a lot of anger. There's a lot of grief. There's a lot of sadness."

Two students died and 13 people were wounded in the attack. Another was injured while driving away in a car. Three victims who remained hospitalized Wednesday were reported in good condition.

Charles Andrew Williams, 15, was scheduled to be arraigned on murder and other charges Wednesday afternoon in San Diego.

Three students who might have known about Williams' alleged plans were kept out of classes while district officials investigate, Ward said.

Among them is Vanessa Willis, a 15-year-old neighbor of Williams who heard his threats to start a shooting spree but thought they were a joke.

She said she didn't care if students were upset that she has spoken up about classmates teasing Williams. "I feel bad for everyone that was hurt and everything, but they want to be mad at

me. ... They don't know the whole story," she said.

Across the country, an eighth-grade girl was shot at a Roman Catholic secondary school in Williamsport, Pa., police said. Her wound was not considered life threatening. Another eighth-grade girl was subdued and taken into custody, officials said.

In Santee, school administrators did not tell students of the new shooting.

"We're just keeping it in our radar," said Warren Williams, assistant district superintendent. "Just like students at Columbine, we're affected by what happened here. We're keeping low-level tabs on it."

Still, some students had already heard the news, 15-year-old student Cory Martinez said.

"It's crazy," he said. "It's scary to go to school, but I can't say I feel safe anywhere right now."

Few signs remain of the deadly gunfire that erupted two days ago.

Bullet holes that riddled a bathroom where the massacre began have been patched and covered with paint, and all traces of blood have been scrubbed from the floors.

"I want to talk to a lot of friends that I haven't talked to because I'm worried. A lot of my friends saw everything, and they are pretty upset about it," said freshman Ashley Hart, 14. "I'm not afraid. I'm fine. What upsets me is when my friends are crying."

Investigators said Williams, known as Andy, was filled with anger when he

was arrested.

Friends have said he was constantly picked on and was so skinny that some people called him "Anorexic Andy."

Such harassment doesn't excuse the shooting, said freshman Jake Clarke, 14. "You know everybody gets picked on," he said.

Williams' older brother also told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that the 15-year-old was often teased.

"He has big ears and he's real skinny," said Michael Williams, 20, a student at the Art Institute of Atlanta. "People like to pick on him. It was like that as long as I could remember."

But the older Williams said he never imagined his brother would react by shooting anyone.

The suspect, whose parents were divorced 10 years ago, lived with his father, while Michael Williams stayed with their mother in South Carolina before leaving for college.

He said he last saw his brother during the winter holidays. "Everything was fine. I don't know what happened after Christmas," he said.

The shooting also surprised friends in Brunswick, Md., where he lived before moving to Southern California last summer.

"I've never seen Andy get mad at anyone," his best friend, 16-year-old Scott Bryan, told the Los Angeles Times.

He recalled Williams watching news of the 1999 Columbine shootings: "He thought it was terrible, that it was just so sad."

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