

Paint the floor



Danielle Hellerud helped the senior class paint 2002 on the floor in the Senior Hallway during the decorating for homecoming Wednesday. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

County to buy pickups and plow

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The Sherman County Commission on Tuesday approved a resolution granting legal authority to apply for a state grant, approved the 2002 budget and discussed buying a dump truck, snow plow unit and three pickups for public works.

At the regular meeting, Randy Hrabe, of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, asked about appointing members to a committee to review loan applications for the county's revolving loan fund, which will be set up if the county receives a grant from the state. The fund would offer low-interest loans to struggling businesses.

The commission passed a resolution to apply for a \$100,000 grant from the state to be used for a revolving loan program, allowing local businesses to receive low interest loans. The program would loan up to \$15,000 to a new or struggling business to create and keep jobs in the community.

The commissioners discussed having a county and a city commissioner, a banker, someone from the Chamber of Commerce and one other person serve on the committee, but no deci-

sions were made. The commissioners will discuss the matter further at their next meeting scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 27.

The commission designated Stephen West, manager of Western State Bank and chamber member, as the contact person for information about the program and approved resolution 01-13, giving the county legal authority to apply for the grant. The application must be in by Oct. 15.

Curt Way, manager of public works, told the commissioners that he can get a 2001 carryover dump truck and snow plow unit for \$84,829. Way said he would also like to purchase two or three pickups for this year.

The commissioners discussed the best way to finance the purchases, deciding the best way would be to pay cash for the pickups and put \$30,000 down on the truck and snow plow unit. The county would then finance the truck and snow plow for three years, having two remaining payments after the initial down payment. Way is to check on the financing and get prices for the pickups.

No citizens were present for the hearing on the 2002 budget, which called for a cut in the property tax levy

of 10.4 percent or 5.367 mills. The commission approved the budget.

In other business:

- The commission appointed Schyler Goodwin, from the Goodland Development Corporation, to the board of the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development council. Goodwin will represent Sherman County and keep the commission informed of what is going on in the organization. The council finds and writes grants for various projects in the community.

- Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he had talked to Way about the county's recycling program and to one of the city commissioners. The city is not interested in helping with the program, he said, and wants the county to handle the project. The commissioners discussed raising the fees charged to the city for recycling, but put off a decision until the next meeting.

- Rasure said he would be interested in attending the meeting about grants and economic development put on by the Kansas Department of Commerce in WaKeeney on Thursday.

- The commission approved resolution 10-12, denouncing the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Penta-

gon.

- Terry Ballard, county appraiser, explained to the commission that he had originally over assessed some property for Dallas Rice and needed an order to correct tax rolls. The commissioners signed the order.

- Rasure said he had spoken to Chriss McDiffett, district engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Norton, about the bridge south of Goodland on K-27. The department of transportation will begin making repairs on the bridge in two or three weeks to get it back up to a higher load limit.

- Way spoke to the commissioners over the speaker phone and told them that Margaret Russell, supervisor of the Sherman County Landfill, said she had learned that the city has a truck load of tires for the "Junk Parade." Way was concerned about the cost to the county of accepting that many tires. The commissioners told him to contact Goodwin because they understood that Bankwest intended to pay for the disposal of the tires.

- The commissioners met in an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter with Janet Paulson, a county resident.

World to see a lot of military activity

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the Persian Gulf, including refueling planes. Although numbering fewer than a dozen, they come in addition to more than 100 aircraft already told to move to locations around the globe.

Victoria Clarke, spokeswoman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, said, "you'll see a lot of activity. We're preparing for what could very well be a wide range of options. So, you will see a lot of people moving, you'll see a lot of equipment moving."

Key lawmakers and administration officials negotiated for much of the

night on the terms for a bailout of the airlines, whose business has been devastated in the wake of last week's terror-hijackings. The emerging measure offers \$5 billion in direct aid, \$10 billion in loan guarantees, and provisions to shelter the carriers from liability arising from the deaths and destruction that resulted in the attacks.

House leaders hoped for passage by day's end, and Northwest Airlines added urgency to the effort, announcing layoffs of 10,000 jobs. But there were last-minute sticking points, as some lawmakers raised objections to the liability protections and others sought money to bolster air service to smaller, less profitable markets.

Also, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced today \$10 million in federal emergency assistance to New York's police officers. The money will be used to cover some of the law enforcement costs related to last week's terrorist attacks.

The tally of missing and presumed dead stood at well over 6,000 in attacks in which terrorists flew hijacked jetliners into the World Trade Center twin towers and the Pentagon. A fourth plane crashed in the Pennsylvania countryside after passengers struggled with their hijackers.

Improbably, perhaps, fires still

burned at the site of the Trade Center as New York struggled to return to normal. Hundreds of rescue workers in yellow slickers dug through the wreckage despite sporadic, sometimes heavy rain and lightning. And yet, "The chance of recovering anyone alive is very, very small," conceded Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

More than three-fourths of Americans said they watched Bush's speech, according to polls taken by ABC-Washington Post and NBC News. Eight in 10 who saw the speech said it increased their confidence in the nation's ability to handle the crisis. Nine in 10 Americans support Bush's overall handling of the situation, while two-thirds support his call for a broader war on terrorism.

In his speech Thursday night, Bush told the Taliban to hand over bin Laden and his terrorist followers or "share in their fate" when the United States strikes.

The president also announced creation of a Cabinet-level department to tighten security at home and coordinate efforts to prepare for potential attacks. "Some speak of an age of terror," the president said. "I know there are struggles ahead and dangers to face."

Also in his speech, Bush promised "active steps that strengthen America's

economy and put our people back to work," but gave no details. He made that pledge amid predictions that the terrorism response could cost \$100 billion and send the federal budget into the red for the first time in four years.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., made clear that no budget issue is more important than this fight. Asked on CBS' "The Early Show" if he is prepared to spend the entire Social Security surplus to battle terrorism, Daschle replied: "We have to put our nation's security before we put any other questions to the Congress or to the American people."

Bush's speech, delivered under unusually tight security to a joint meeting of the House and Senate, was greeted with roars of bipartisan approval in the packed House chamber, with millions of TV viewers looking on.

"We are resolved to work together, not as Democrats or Republicans, but as Americans," Daschle said following Bush's address.

More acts of terrorism are possible, Bush noted. And, he added, "Now this war will not be like the war against Iraq a decade ago, with a decisive liberation of territory and a swift conclusion. It will not look like the air war above Kosovo two years ago."

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