

County delays new hospital board appointment

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Sherman County Commissioners Tuesday morning decided to delay the appointment of a new hospital board member, purchase of a generator for the Bastille and a resolution setting fees for sanitary septic systems.

They did agree to waive the landfill fees for the Tots daycare, and agreed to the engineering contract with Penco of Plainville for the upcoming replacement of the Kanorado bridge on Old Hwy. 24.

The hospital board appointment to replace Dr. Greg Bongers was delayed to give the board members time to discuss the appointment. They are considering looking at people who applied for the last board appointment, and Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he has additional names of people who have indicated an interest in the position. The appointment will be on the agenda for the next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Purchasing a generator for the Sherman County Bastille was tabled to find out where the money would come from, and look at delaying it until the next budget cycle. The estimated cost for a 30,000 watt generator is \$21,182 for the minimum size to handle the existing needs. A second bid for a 50,000 watt generator was \$22,700, and this would allow for some safety margin as well as future expansion or additional power needs.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he felt they needed to look at this more closely, and Commissioner Rasure asked where the money would come from. Commission Chairman Chuck Frankenfeld suggested they get more information and have Sheriff Doug Whitson at the next meeting.

A resolution setting service fees and license fees for sanitary septic systems has been requested by the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group. This regional group covers 16 counties, and was originally approved

by Sherman County in June 1993.

Commissioner Rasure said he was unsure of whether this was duplicating contractor license fees at the state level. The commissioners called the regional office in Hill City, and an official said there is no duplication at the state level.

In a cover letter with the proposed fee schedule and resolution, Michael Balthazor, program director, said the fees are being implemented to off-set budget cuts from the State Water Plan. The fee structure shifts the cost to the contractors and users in the 16-county area, and has been approved by the 16-county board of directors.

Rasure said it appeared the fee structure will mostly affect those in the area who install, clean or inspect sanitary septic systems, and asked if they had been notified of the proposed annual fees. The resolution was delayed to the next meeting to give time for contact to be made with the local contractors to get their input, and possibly to have Balthazor attend the meeting to answer

questions.

The commissioners approved waiving the landfill demolition fees for the Tots daycare facility.

Mary Zwick, daycare director, told the commissioners they will be remodeling the old Victory Baptist Church building to be used as a commercial daycare, and that it will be mostly volunteers doing the demolition work. She said they will have paneling and carpet to be hauled out to the landfill. There is a brick sign to be removed, but she said someone has volunteered to handle this.

"We are a non-profit group trying to bring additional quality daycare to Goodland," Zwick said. "We are not out to make a profit for anybody. We have many quality daycares in the community, but a large need still exists."

The commissioners agreed to waive the fees because the daycare is not a for-profit commercial venture, and because they understand the commu-

nity need.

Replacement of the bridge on Old Hwy. 24 about 2 miles east of Kanorado isn't scheduled to go to bid until the spring of 2003, however, the engineering work has been underway for some time and the commissioners approved a contract with Penco of Plainville for this work. The engineering will cost the county \$20,000, and is similar to other bridge contracts, said Curt Way, county public works director.

The agreement was requested by Way because the Kansas Department of Transportation likes to have these in place at the beginning of the project. He told the commissioners that the field checks of the area around the bridge must be done by the middle of December.

Commissioner Frankenfeld asked if any of the engineering cost would be covered by the state, and Way said the engineering cost was not covered and was the county's responsibility.

The bridge replacement is expected to cost \$380,000 total, and 80 percent of that will come from the state highway funds and the county will have to come up with the 20 percent (about \$76,000). Way said he is talking to Amy Griffey of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission to see if there are any grants available to help cover the county's 20 percent.

At the opening of the meeting, Schyler Goodwin, president of the Goodland Development Corporation, told the commissioners he had attended a meeting where a Sherman County advisory board was selected. He said the Sherman County group will meet at 11:30 a.m. the first Monday of every month at Ray's Cafe.

The next meeting will be 8 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31, in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse located at the corner of Eighth Street and Broadway Avenue.

China joins terrorism war but wants defined targets

INTERNATIONAL
SHANGHAI, China (AP) — President Bush and Chinese President Jiang Zemin declared themselves partners in the war on terrorism Friday, although Jiang cautioned that the U.S. air war in Afghanistan must be aimed at clearly defined targets to "avoid innocent casualties."

"President Jiang and the government stand side by side with the American people as we fight this evil force," Bush said after his first face-to-face meeting with his Chinese counterpart.

Bush met with Jiang on the eve of the annual summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, a gathering of 21 regional countries and territories. The summit is expected to approve a declaration expressing the readiness of the 21 to combat international terrorism.

Jiang also said the United Nations should play a major role in the effort to bring stability to Afghanistan — a view fully shared by the Bush administration.

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli tanks and troops moved into Bethlehem and Beit Jalla in the West Bank early Friday after a Palestinian militia leader was killed in a bomb blast blamed on Israel — a surge in violence despite U.S. appeals for calm.

Atef Abayat, local leader of the Tanzim militia in Bethlehem, died along with two other members of his militia in a huge explosion in his car on Thursday. Within an hour, Palestinian gunmen opened fire at the Jewish neighborhood of Gilo, built on war-won land annexed to Jerusalem, and after midnight, Israeli tanks started rolling into Palestinian territory.

The Israeli forces took control of hills and houses in Beit Jalla to stop the firing, according to the Israeli military. Soldiers and armed Palestinians exchanged gunfire. Tanks and armored vehicles parked among the houses in the village. Doctors said seven Pales-

tinians were wounded, three critically, in Israeli fire at Beit Jalla, Bethlehem and another nearby town, Beit Sahour.

NATIONAL
NEW YORK (AP) — When Wadhi El-Hage was charged with being a key player in Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network and having a role in the 1998 embassy bombings, authorities say they asked him to cooperate with their investigation.

"He was told it was up to him as an American, as a father, as a Muslim to help stop (terrorism)," Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald said Thursday. "He chose terror and hatred over his family."

The remarks came as the Lebanese-born El-Hage — a naturalized American who was once bin Laden's personal secretary — and three other terrorists were sentenced to life in prison without parole for the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

The bombings at the U.S. embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya, occurred nearly simultaneously on Aug. 7, 1998. They left 231 people dead, including 12 Americans.

Nearly two dozen people have been indicted for their suspected roles in the bombings.

Sentenced along with El-Hage were Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, 28, Mohamed Al-Owhali, 24, and Mohamed Sadeek Odeh, 36.

NEW YORK (AP) — Helicopters hovered over the financial district to guard Vice President Dick Cheney as he spoke with workers at the World Trade Center wreckage for the first time.

"I'm trying to think if there's anything I've ever seen that rivals this," Cheney said Thursday as he walked through the trade center site wearing a red-white-and-blue hard hat.

Accompanied by New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Gov. George Pataki, Cheney shook hands with

firefighters, signed construction hats for the workers, and talked about how he had watched the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks unfold from the White House.

Cheney continued his New York visit Thursday night with a speech at the Alfred E. Smith Foundation Memorial Dinner, an annual event that brings together big-name politicians.

The vice president said Americans should expect more attacks by terrorists, even as the war to destroy their physical and financial bases proceeds "on course."

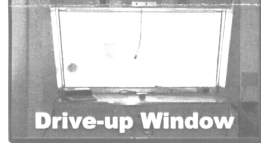
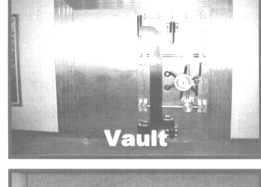
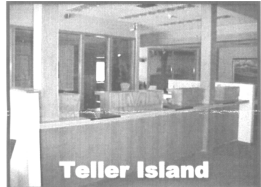
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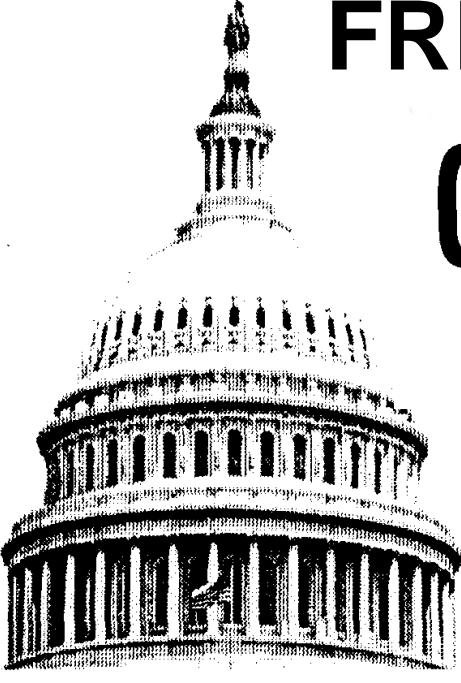
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