

Commissioners work on trash contract details

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The Sherman County commissioners spent about 2 1/2 hours Tuesday working on the details of the contract with the city for the trash collection and guidelines for a private contractor to pick up solid waste.

Chairman Kevin Rasure said he wanted to move the process as fast as possible, and that once the contract is reviewed by both sides, he wants to develop a request for proposal to show to potential contractors.

Part of the agreement approved by both the city commission and the county is that the transition from the city to the county should be done completed in the next 90 days.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked if they were going to wait to have a deal worked out with a private contractor before the contract with the city was completed, or if they should go ahead and begin looking for a private contractor so they would know they had one ready to handle the collection.

Rasure said he thought the two processes should go ahead at the same time.

Reviewing the 12- page draft of the contract with the city, the commissioners had a few questions and suggestions for changes.

One of the requirement in the contract is to have a list of rates, and

County agenda

The Sherman County commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday for their final meeting of March. The will pay the second half of the monthly bills, sign a contract for the Relay for Life to be held in August and appoint a new member for the Good Samaritan Center advisory board.

There will be an executive session at 8:15 a.m. with Mary Messamore, director of the dispatch department, for personnel matters.

At 8:30, Schyler Goodwin is to

Rasure said county could use the existing city rates for residential .

The city will handle the billing of the basic residential rates, but the county would be responsible for commercial billing. Rasure said he thought the county should consider hiring a part-time person to handle the billing and to answer the phone for the trash operation.

Tiede said he felt it would be good to ask potential contractors to see if they wanted to handle the billing.

One question was how the money would be handled, and Rasure suggested it might be better for the county to have a staff member handling the billing to make the audit

make a presentation on behalf of the Sherman County Foundation.

Dave Daniels of the Sherman County Economic Development Council will meet with the commissioners at 9 a.m.

County Health Department director Dorendo Harrel will meet with the commissioners at 9:15 a.m. to discuss Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act regulations on privacy. The commissioners will continue their discussion of the trash collection contract at 10 a.m.

trail easier. He said he would contact the county auditor and ask for suggestions.

The commissioners agreed the contract should be for five years, and that the city and county would negotiate a new contract during the fourth year.

The commissioners wanted to make sure that the contract included any sub-contractor there might be

and to consider having the term “material failure” detailed in the section taking about the reasons for canceling the contract.

“We want the change over to be as seamless as possible,” Rasure said. “We want the customer to hardly notice any change.”

With the yard waste containers being set out by the city, Rasure said he felt the customers would only see minor differences when the county takes over the process.

Looking at the contract, the commissioners wanted to make sure all the points in the original 18-point agreement had been included. Rasure said he felt it would be good for one of the commissioners to review the contract with County Attorney Bonnie Selby. Commissioners Chuck Thomas and Tiede suggested that Rasure be the one.

Rasure suggested that at future meetings where the trash collection was to be discussed, that the members of the county solid waste committee be invited, and that the city be invited to send a representative.

Looking at the guidelines for a

private contractor, the commissioners agreed the basic requirement will be the regular trash collection on a scheduled basis for both residential and commercial accounts. Residential collection would be once a week, but commercial accounts need to be reviewed one by one.

Commissioners agreed it would be the contractor’s responsibility to sort trash at the transfer station, and the contractor’s people can police this part of the collection.

Curt Way, county public works manager, suggested that the contractor should be responsible to see that all loads are sorted to state and county regulations. Way said the county should require a performance bond and penalties for fail-

ure to perform should be spelled out.

Once the contract with the city is completed and the request for proposal has been drafted, the commissioners will ask for bids from trash haulers.

The commissioners will be looking at adding some public sites for collection of things like iron, tree limbs, furniture and construction and demolition materials for small quantities. They will ask the contractor to propose a plan for handling special collections and proposed rates.

One point the commissioners wanted to be sure was in the contract with the city was that the city would handle the small trash containers on Main Avenue and in the parks.

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Pool table with table tennis top, computer and software, complete line of kitchen items, pots and pans, dishes, silverware, glassware, boxes of brass figurines, craft supplies, sheets

and blankets, books, exercise bike, floor lamps, brass lamps, wall mirrors, 3 Halogen lamps, knick knack shelf, 2 storm doors, wooden storage cabinet, boxes of hand tools, smoker/BBQ grill, outdoor table and bench, glider rocker, woman’s bicycle, riding lawn mower, wheelbarrow 5th wheel hitch, 5 gallon interior paint, workmate workbench, small table saw.

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2 waterfall bedroom sets, 1 and 3 gallon Redwing crocks, crock butter churn, oak rocker with leather seat, secretary desk, wall stand, double wash tubs, straight razors, wheelchair, light covers, wardrobe, mangle, light fixtures, knives, Philco TV, ice tongs.

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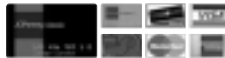
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