

Kanorado fire station, ambulance plans revised

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Sherman County commissioners revised plans Tuesday for an addition to the county fire station in Kanorado for a permanent home for an ambulance.

The commissioners signed a lease extension on June 5 to house the ambulance in a Kanorado city building until the addition is completed.

The commissioners had agreed to add a 20-by-50-foot bay on the south end of the Kanorado rural fire station and to get building specifications ready to go out for bid by the end of the month.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said Tuesday he had been in Kanorado over the weekend, and he had measured the building to be sure they had the right dimensions. He said he was glad he went, because the building is 30 feet long and not the 50 feet the plans show.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas had presented the plans, drawn up by the Northwest Kansas Technical College. He said the college drafted two versions, one with the expansion bay and a second with the bay and an addition on the back of the building for a proposed meeting room.

Thomas said the college people

felt it would be better to put the meeting room addition on the back rather than making the bay wider.

Thomas said he had not talked to Garry Moore, the new Kanorado fire chief, about the plans or whether firemen need a meeting room.

Bruce Gleason, director of the Goodland Regional Medical Center ambulance service, said he felt there was plenty of room in the existing fire station.

Tiede said he thought the county should go with the expansion bay and not add on the meeting room.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure

asked Gleason if the ambulance requires any special plumbing. Gleason said all they would need is a sink and a faucet to wash the ambulance.

Thomas asked if all the ambulance needs is a regular 3/4-inch hose or something bigger? Gleason said the 3/4-inch was fine, adding that they didn't need hot water. Tiede said the plans include a floor drain.

Rasure asked if the 12-by-12-foot door was big enough for newer ambulance designs.

"I think it will fit the new ones we have," Gleason said. "I think the newer ones are getting longer, but not much higher or wider."

Rasure said the original building had good insulation factors and details.

"We need to use them for the addition," he said. "We don't need to reinvent the wheel. It has some good features, and we can follow them with the addition."

Gleason asked if the commissioners had any idea when the project would start. Thomas said the plans could be ready by Tuesday.

Gleason said the ambulance does need some power, possibly a few outlets on the wall. Another question was heat for the addition. Rasure suggested a small heater for the

ambulance bay, and Gleason said a small radiant heater would do.

Tiede said he thought the fire station was plenty warm. Gleason said the bay needs to be 50 degrees as a minimum, but he would like to see it about 60.

Rasure said he should be able to have the bid package ready at the next meeting on Friday, June 29.

The commissioners agreed to put the addition out for bid with the contractor getting subcontracts for plumbing and electrical.

Action team wants county's top 10 cooperation ideas

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Members of a Shine On Sherman County action team asked county commissioners Tuesday to list the top 10 issues that might help city and county services run more efficiently.

Goodland lawyer Ron Vignery, spokesman for the Governmental Service Alliance action team, said that after several months of meetings and trying to define its goals, the group had decided to ask the city and county boards for their ideas.

"We felt we were talking a lot, but getting nowhere," he said, adding that the group made a similar pitch to the city commission on Monday.

"What we propose is to send you each a letter and ask for 10 subjects or items you think are important," Vignery said, "and things that Governmental Services Alliance can research and create more efficient services to taxpayers."

"We want to find out what you

think is important, and look at what is out there and present you the information for you to make a decision.

"We are suggesting you each respond to us with a top-10 list, and we can see what both commissions are looking at. Then with your help, we can prioritize what you feel is the most important."

"We don't want to get the politics involved. I do not say that in a derogatory manner. I applaud you for having the ego to put your name on a ballot while the rest of us are sitting out here."

"We want to look at what truly are the best things to see where we can find better ways to provide the services. We know it takes time to look into the details, and we would like to help with the research and give you the information."

The commissioners' response was generally positive.

"I think it is a good idea," Commissioner Kevin Rasure said.

"I am sure there are things out there we have not even thought of," Commissioner Mitch Tiede added.

"I think it is great that you will be doing some of the leg work and give us the information," Commissioner Chuck Thomas said.

"We need to stop talking and get something done," Vignery said. "This is what we felt was the first step to get things moving."

Rasure said he didn't want to exclude ideas from the community that the county or city boards may not have thought of.

"We felt it might be better to have an outside group look at the idea (of consolidating some services)," Vignery said.

"There is a perception by many people that you are going to save money," Thomas said. "That is not usually what happens, but you can work to be more efficient."

"I believe the manpower would not be reduced," Vignery said, "but it is possible the equipment and the

efficient use of the people may be better. We are looking at ways to find out what might work best. We are willing to help, and did not want to waste our time or yours."

"We would bring you back the information and then it is up to you to make a decision."

Other members of the action team present were Brad Schields, Dale Neill and Mary Volk.

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Sunflower Contest

RULES

- Write down as many words (at least 3 letters) that you can think of using the word "Magnoliopsida"
- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star-News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 13th

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Darin Neufeld.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks commended the group.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to explore opportunities," said Commissioner John Garcia. "We applaud you."

City Manager Wayne Hill said he would also like to complete a list.

Vignery said they'd prefer for people not to sign their letters.

Darin Neufeld, engineer for Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, talked about the progress on repaving 17th Street saying Sporer is ready to begin pouring the north half of the street. He said it may look higher in some places, but that is because the bricks were lower than what was needed for proper drainage.

He also had a contract for the engineering on the "geometric improvement" project to repave K-27 from I-70 to Business U.S. 24. He said construction should be done in

three phases starting in 2010.

Neufeld said that it would be less expensive to do all the design and survey work at one time. The contract has a limit of \$100,000 for engineering, but Neufeld said the actual cost should be a lot less. If it will save the city money, he added, the construction could be broken into four pieces.

Commissioner moved to accept the contract. Neufeld said he would work to keep the cost at "the lowest possible city dollar."

Police Chief Ray Smee reported on the sealed bids the police department got for sale of old guns the department had in storage. Lot 1 contained handguns and Lot 2 long-barreled guns, he said. On Lot 1, Bill Thornburg bid \$1,100 and the Pirates Den from Colby bid \$1,255. The commission accepted the bid from the by Pirates Den.

The Pirates Den's bid on Lot 2 of \$1,255 also was accepted.

Smee he thought they could sell guns individually and get a better

price. On these two groups of older guns, though, he said, the lots were the way to go. The money goes to the law enforcement trust fund, which is used to buy equipment similarly to drug seizure money, the chief said.

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12 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 LPGA Tournament Wegmans:	6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Atlanta Braves	7/11 CBS Champ Car Racing World Series	6 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Wimbledon Early Round Coverage Day #4
3/9 NBC Track and Field U.S. Outdoor Championships	5 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Wake Up to Wimbledon Early Round Coverage Day #1	8/8 NBC Track and Field U.S. Outdoor Championships	2 p.m. 22/28 ESPN LPGA Tournament U.S. Women's Open Championship: First Round
1 p.m. 7/11 CBS Golf Travelers Championship	6 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Wimbledon Early Round Coverage Day #1	6:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Busch Series Countdown Milwaukee	23/29 ESPN2 Wimbledon Early Round Coverage Day #4
2 p.m. 8/8 NBC AST Dew Tour Panasonic Open	MONDAY	8 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Busch Series AT&T 250	2 p.m. 22/28 ESPN LPGA Tournament U.S. Women's Open Championship: First Round
3 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Women's International Soccer Brazil vs United States	5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN 2007 NCAA College World Series Championship Series Game #3	8 p.m. 5/ HBO World Championship Boxing Ricky Hatton vs. Jose Luis Castillo	23/29 ESPN2 Wimbledon Early Round Coverage Day #4
5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN 2007 NCAA College World Series Championship Series Game #1	23/29 ESPN2 MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets		5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 MLS Soccer Colorado Rapids at D.C. United
23/29 ESPN2 Track & Field 2007 AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships	8 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 AFL Football Dallas Desperados at Colorado Crush		6 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Houston Astros
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6:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Busch Series AT&T 250	6 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Wimbledon Early Round Coverage Day #2		6 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Wimbledon Early Round Coverage Day #5
8 p.m. 5/ HBO World Championship Boxing Ricky Hatton vs. Jose Luis Castillo	TUESDAY		FRIDAY
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	23/29 ESPN2 MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets		23/29 ESPN2 Wimbledon Early Round Coverage Day #5
	8 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball New York Liberty at Sacramento Monarchs		12:10 p.m. 99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago Cubs
	5 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Wake Up to Wimbledon Early Round Coverage Day #3		2 p.m. 22/28 ESPN LPGA Tournament U.S. Women's Open Championship: Second Round
	6 a.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Wimbledon Early Round Coverage Day #3		23/29 ESPN2 Wimbledon Early Round Coverage Day #5
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	5 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets		
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	8 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Wednesday Night Fights Yusef Mack vs Jose Juan Vasquez		

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