

# City plans to replace bricks

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brick versus concrete streets. "I am not sure we want to do brick all the way from Eighth to 17th," he said. Neufeld said the estimate for one block of street with a 6-inch base of concrete and new brick plus the brick accent and water mains and new street lighting like what is in Pioneer Park would be \$488,000. He said they are estimating the city share at \$124,000, but that does not include work for storm sewers and water mains that cannot be included in the grant. He said that would be an additional \$53,000 so the city share would be about \$178,000. Doing the same street with just concrete it would be \$350,000 for the city share Neufeld said, because there would not be any grant money. "Without the brick you lose the historic preservation part of the program," Neufeld said. "On the intersection projects we went for 70

percent and the city paid 30 percent. We showed the city would be willing to pay a little more. "With the curb and gutter and utility costs the city share would be about 40 percent." Billinger said with the grant money it made sense to continue the brick project. He asked how much the city and state have spent on the five intersections that have been replaced. Neufeld said the total was about \$1.2 million. Garcia asked if the sidewalks could be included in the project. Neufeld said that could be done if there is a willingness on the part of the property owners to help pay the 25 percent, he could see doing it. Billinger asked about replacing the sidewalks, and felt the idea of having the business owner pay 25 percent would be a win-win program. Daniels asked what could be done about the businesses that are vacant or if the owner doesn't want to participate.

Billinger asked if the city could force the issue, but said he thought they would be more willing to do the program if the city is asking for 25 percent. Hill said he could check with city attorney Jeff Mason to see what might be done. Garcia said it is going to be an inconvenience to the businesses, but it is going to be good when it is done. To get the sidewalks in the commission agreed to eliminate the lighting and electrical work. They agreed to include putting in the conduit so the lighting could be done easier in the future. "We are going to need business support," Daniels said. "We can talk to the merchants about what they are willing to do," Garcia said. Neufeld said if this works it would be a blueprint for doing the next four phases of the total Main Street project, which should be completed in 2026.

# West school parking may be improved

By Tom Betz

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Parking and school bus drop areas at West Elementary are some of the options the city and school superintendent have talked about as part of the upcoming street improvement project the city commissioner heard on Monday. City Manager Wayne Hill and Engineer Darin Neufeld of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, reported they had met with Superintendent Shelly Angelos to talk about options the city and school might consider for improving the parking around the elementary school. Hill said it was a good meeting, and that Angelos had some suggestions as well. Hill said he felt she was receptive about what the city might be able to do to improve things at the school. "We are working on her proposals and some that we threw out," Neufeld said. "We talked about possibly shifting the buses to the back of the school, but there is a concern about turning radius in the culeadasac. "We also talk about doing something for off street parking, if the school is willing to replace the sidewalk. We might be able to solve several problems at West."

Commissioner Dave Daniels asked about putting in a one-way one-lane street east of the school as a way to help the buses. Rich Simon, public works director, said that is city property through there, and that it is something that could be looked at. Neufeld said there is an existing street right-of-way through there, and it is something they could suggest to Angelos as a way to help with the buses. He said the idea is that having the buses drop off in the back would be safer, and reduce congestion in front of the school. He said the off-street parking idea would cut the front area back to the

north, and would result in some parking similar to what is in front of North Elementary. Hill said he and Neufeld would be meeting with Angelos again to talk about the options and give her a chance to talk to the school board about possible plans and costs. Mayor Rick Billinger said it sounded like a good option to explore. The discussion came up as the commission was considering an amendment to the city street project for Neufeld's engineering firm. Neufeld said the amendment reflected the changes the commission had suggested as well as including Enterprise Road as one of the projects. Commissioner John Garcia asked how the process was going on getting the property dedicated to the city. Hill said Jeff Mason, city attorney, was working on the legal descriptions. Neufeld said he had provided some additional information to Mason so he could complete the legal descriptions. Daniels asked about the section of Walnut Avenue that had been talked about. Neufeld said he and Simon had looked at that and felt it would fit better under the street edge repair portion of the street projects. He said the main part of the street appeared to be in good shape, but the problem was along the edges. He said the street would fit under the drainage clause in the bond document because the problem was mostly caused by poor drainage. The total of all the pieces of the street improvement project comes out of the \$2.4 bond issue that was approved in September. Daniels said it appears there may be about \$60,000 to work with after all the proposed projects are completed. Billinger said it was good to have a little money to work with because

it might be needed. Neufeld said the plan was to have a little left in case there was something pop up that was unexpected, and that as the project move forward they might find other things that need to be replaced. Neufeld said the amendment does not change the over all engineering costs for the projects. He said the design portion has a lump sum figure of \$39,000 for the smaller projects and a not to exceed portion of \$41,500 larger projects. On the construction side he said the total will not exceed \$155,000. Neufeld said the projects his firm have done for the city have been running about 5 percent or about half of the not to exceed estimates. He said he based that on the recent sales tax projects of \$2.2 million and the engineering costs came in about 3.2 percent on the design side and 6.2 percent for the construction services. Garcia asked Neufeld if the city street projects under the joint city, county program were nearly done. Neufeld said the work is nearly done, and that the contractor is closing the section of Eighth Street from D'Lao Drive to Cattle Trail to rip out the other half of the street. He said the finished half will be opened on Wednesday to one-way traffic while the other half is finished. He said the last thing would be adding about 40 feet of concrete around all four sides of the intersection at Eighth and Caldwell. He said plans are for Sporer Land Development to do that in the spring, but that if Sporer's price is not within the budget the city could go out and find another contractor or bid the project. Garcia made the motion to request payment of \$92,788 from the bond funds held by the county. The next city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19 in the city commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.



Crew workers from Oakley-based Sporer Land Development, Inc. prepared the south side of 8th Street Wednesday to lay down fresh concrete. The street is closed from D'Lao to K-27. Photo by Ramona C. Sanders/The Goodland Star-News

# Tax levies - 2007 - Sherman County

Total county valuation \$65,716,344 - Rate on each \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

DISTRICT	2006	2007	DIFFERENCE
STATE:	1.500	1.500	.000
COUNTY:	51.623	55.294	+3.671
CITIES:			
GOODLAND	56.375	56.748	+ .373
KANORADO	61.577	61.887	+ .310
TOWNSHIPS:			
LOGAN	.000	.132	+ .132
MCPHERSON	3.907	1.089	- 2.818
STATELINE	.000	.492	+ .492
SCHOOLS:			
U.S.D. #352	40.439	40.450	+ .011
U.S.D. #314	42.252	45.429	+ 3.177
FIRE DISTRICTS:			
SCRFD #1	4.863	4.714	- .149
LCRFD #1	2.557	2.602	+ .045
LIBRARIES:			
N.W. KS. REG.	.942	1.052	+ .110
EXTENSION DISTRICT			
SUNFLOWER EXT.			
DISTRICT #6	1.985	2.073	+ .088
STATE and COUNTY	Valuation	65,716,344	
STATE LEVIES: (ST100)	PER K.S.A.	LEVY	
Educational Building	76-6b01	1.000	
State Institutional Bldg.	76-6b04	1.500	
	TOTAL	2.500	
COUNTY LEVIES: (CO200)			
General	79-1946	13.548	
Road & Bridge	79-1946	14.251	
Noxious Weed	2-1318	1.203	
County Health	65-204	.422	
Conservation District	2-1907b	.311	
Election	25-2201a	1.059	
Historical Society	19-2651	.194	
Appraiser's Cost	19-436	2.079	
Program for the Elderly	12-1680	.898	
Free Fair	2-132	.415	
Soldier's Mem. Park	19-2803a	.218	
Cemetery	19-3105	.912	
City-County Recreation	19-2803a	.500	
Library	12-1230	.207	
County Hosp. Maint.	19-4606	5.260	
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	12.555	
Tort Liability	75-6101	.212	
Bond & Interest	10-113	1.050	
	TOTAL	55.294	
CITIES:			
GOODLAND (CO01)	Valuation	25,344,275	
General	12-101a	35.952	
Library	12-1230	5.998	
Bond & Interest	10-113	8.871	
Employee Benefits-City	12-16,102	5.497	
Employee Benefits-Libra	12-16,102	.430	
	TOTAL	56.748	
	PER K.S.A.	LEVY	
KANORADO (CO02)	Valuation	546,957	
General	12-101a	52.021	
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	9.867	
	TOTAL	61.888	
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS LEVIES:			
U.S.D. #352 (SD352)	Valuation	63,100,440	
General (Val. 53,404,095)	72-6431	20.000	
Supplemental General	72-6435	16.940	
Capital Outlay	72-8801	3.510	
	TOTAL	40.450	
U.S.D. #314 (SD314TH)	Valuation	2,615,904	
General (Val. 2,901,162)	72-6431	20.000	
Supplemental General	72-6435	19.424	
Capital Outlay	72-8801	5.000	
U.S.D. #314 (SD314TH)			
Recration	12-1927	1.005	
	TOTAL	45.429	
FIRE DISTRICT LEVIES:			
SHERMAN CO. RFD #1 (FD017)	Valuation	40,357,245	
General	19-3610	4.714	
LOGAN CO. RFD #1 (FD16LG)	Valuation	14,824	
General	19-3610	2.602	
LIBRARY LEVIES:			
N.W. KANSAS REGIONAL			
LIBRARY (RL018NT)	Valuation	40,372,069	
General	79-1952 et. seq.	.994	
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	.058	
	TOTAL	1.052	
EXTENSION DISTRICT: (EN875SH)			
SUNFLOWER EXT. DIST. #6	Valuation	65,716,344	
General	2-623	2.073	
TOWNSHIP LEVIES:			
LOGAN TWP. (TW008)	Valuation	7,886,083	
General	79-1962	.132	
MCPHERSON TWP. (TW009)	Valuation	1,866,573	
General	79-1962	1.089	
STATELINE TWP. (TW012)	Valuation	3,887,216	
General	79-1962	.492	

I, Janet R. Rumpel, Sherman County Clerk, do hereby certify that this levy sheet is a complete list of the 2007 tax levies on all tangible property in Sherman County, as well as the assessed valuation for each District. Copies of the budgets are available in my office.

Janet R. Rumpel  
Sherman County Clerk

SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
2007 mill levies by taxing unit—All levies listed below are taxes per 1,000 assessed valuation  
COMPOSITE LEVIES FOR ALL TAXING UNITS IN SHERMAN COUNTY

<b>GOODLAND CITY (001)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 Goodland 56.748 U.S.D. #352 40.450 SED #6 2.073 TOTAL LEVY 166.065 2006 Lev 151.922 Difference + 4.143	<b>KANORADO (002)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 Kanorado 61.888 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Stalentine Twp. .492 TOTAL LEVY 167.463 2006 Lev 162.929 Difference +4.534	<b>GRANT TWP. (040)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Grant Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 105.083 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 3.731	<b>IOWA TWP. (110)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S. D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Iowa Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 105.083 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 3.731
<b>IOWA TWP. (111)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #314 45.429 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Iowa Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 110.062 2006 Lev 103.165 Difference + 6.897	<b>IOWA TWP. (112)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #314 45.429 NWKRLS 1.052 LCRFD #1 2.602 SED #6 2.073 Iowa Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 107.950 2006 Lev 100.859 Difference + 7.091	<b>ITASCA TWP. (080)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Itasca Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 105.083 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 3.731	<b>LINCOLN TWP. (060)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S. D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Lincoln Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 105.083 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 3.731
<b>LLANOS TWP. (010)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Llanos Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 105.083 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 3.731	<b>LLANOS TWP. (011)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #314 45.429 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Llanos Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 110.062 2006 Lev 103.165 Difference + 6.897	<b>LOGAN TWP. (070)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Logan Twp. .132 TOTAL LEVY 105.215 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 3.863	<b>MCPHERSON TWP. (130)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 McPherson Twp. 1.089 TOTAL LEVY 106.172 2006 Lev 105.269 Difference +.913
<b>SHERMANVILLE TWP. (020)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Shermanville .000 TOTAL LEVY 105.083 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 3.731	<b>SHERMANVILLE TWP. (021)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #314 45.429 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Shermanville .000 TOTAL LEVY 110.062 2006 Lev 103.165 Difference + 6.897	<b>SMOKY TWP. (120)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Smoky Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 105.083 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 3.731	<b>STATELINE TWP. (050)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Stalentine Twp. .492 TOTAL LEVY 105.575 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 4.223
<b>UNION TWP. (100)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Union Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 105.083 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 3.731	<b>UNION TWP. (101)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #314 45.429 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Union Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 110.062 2006 Lev 103.165 Difference + 6.897	<b>VOLTAIRE TWP. (030)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Voltaire Twp. .000 TOTAL LEVY 105.083 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 3.731	<b>WASHINGTON TWP. (090)</b> State Levy 1.500 County 55.294 U.S.D. #352 40.450 NWKRLS 1.052 SCRFD #1 4.714 SED #6 2.073 Washington .000 TOTAL LEVY 105.083 2006 Lev 101.352 Difference + 3.731

Abbreviations: (NWKRLS-Northwest Ks. Reg. Library System) (SED #6-Sunflower Extension Dist. #6) (SCRFD #1-Sherman County Rural Fire District #1) (LCRFD #1-Logan County Rural Fire District #1)

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# Kansas' earliest CSI story

## Fingerprint ends nationwide '20s manhunt

True crime from the roaring 20s, "The Fleagle Gang, Betrayed by a fingerprint," begins with a brazen daylight bank robbery of the First National Bank in Lamar, Colo. on May 23, 1928. Four men died, and the robbers escaped — until forensic science caught up with them through a fingerprint.

The bank robbery and national manhunt story was big news more than 75 years ago. We found recently the old time radio program "Gangbusters" aired a program on Jake and Ralph Fleagle in 1937. There are many old stories about the crime, but none cover the events like this book. Great for true crime history buffs.

The book includes over 100 photos and maps taken from court files and places where the gang robbed banks and scenes where the murders took place of the doctor and cashier.

A few signed copies are available at The Goodland Star-News, 1205 Main.

Search inside the book on Google.com and Amazon.com

Author Tom (N.T.) Betz, editor of The Goodland Star-News, has spent more than 45 years in journalism and living on the Great Plains.

"The Fleagle Gang" details the robbery/murder case which hinged on a single fingerprint found on a murdered Dighton, Kan., doctor's car. The fledgling FBI plays a crucial role in turning the fingerprint into solid forensic evidence used to find, arrest and convict members of the Fleagle Gang. The FBI credits the Fleagle case as the first time a single fingerprint was used to identify and convict criminals. The Fleagle Gang robbed banks in Larned, Kinsley, Marysville, Ottawa and McPherson Kan., Lamar, Colo., Eugene, Ore., and countless others of over \$1 million in the 10 years they operated.

"The Fleagle Gang" is available at the Big Timbers Museum in Lamar, Colo., the Holly Library, Holly, Colo.; the Fick Fossil and History Museum in Oakley, Kan., the Finney County Museum and Hastings in Garden City, Kan., the High Plains Museum in Goodland, Kan., the El Quartejejo Museum in Scott City, and the Colorado Prison Museum in Canon City, Colo. It is available on-line from the publisher Authorhouse.com, Linda Knott's web bookstore knottjustbooks@spreadtheword.com; Amazon.com; Barnes and Noble; Tattered Cover and other major book stores.

Check out "The Fleagle Gang" web site at: [nwkans.com/home/fleaglegang](http://nwkans.com/home/fleaglegang).

