

# Prairie dog letters ready, bait ordered

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landowners to use. He said the bait equipment the county has will hold about 50 pounds.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked what money the county has for bait for the next three months.

West said County Clerk Janet Rumpel checked and said there is about \$19,000 plus the \$30,000 that will be paid back by the landowners. Thomas if any landowners have not paid from last year.

West said letters to those have been sent out by the county attorney. He said he thought thought was less than \$5,000, but one of the bills was for about \$1,700.

West asked what the commissioners wanted to do about ordering the bait. Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he thought the money

available would buy about 10 pallets, and wondered how long that would last.

West said some of the landowners will use almost a pallet, but others will only buy a bucket or two.

Max Linin, who is running unopposed to replace Rasure, asked how many prairie dog holes a bucket will treat. West said based on the directions, it should treat about 250.

Rasure said on the bait he felt the UAP bid was pretty close to the one from Nebraska. Tiede said he would agree that 2 cents is not much.

Thomas also said he felt they should buy from the local guys. He asked if UAP had the bait on hand.

West said he thought they had a load. The prairie dog bait season is from Oct. 1 to March 15, West said.

## Mustang seventh grade beats Hoxie, 12-6



Grant Mustang Garrett Taylor (44) carried Hoxie Indian players for a first down in the second half of the seventh grade game on Thursday at Cowboys Stadium. The Mustangs won 12-6. Hoxie scored first to make it 6-0, but the Mustangs came back and tied

the score 6-6 on a run by Ian Bonsall (64) before halftime. In the second half Mustang quarterback Gage Ihrig ran for the winning score.

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# Grant helps buy mobile radio repeater

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team is called out.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure, noting that the mobile repeater cost about \$5,000, asked what the other \$2,000 is for. McKee said will pay for training and programs to be put on in the county.

Asked about the installation of the mobile repeater, Studer said it fits in a medium-sized case. He said the antenna telescopes, and can be used from one of the department pickups. He said they will have an attachment to hold the antenna.

He said the mobile repeater will only handle one duplexer at a time — for the sheriff, ambulance or rural fire. It is not going to work with the existing repeater, but is for use in an emergency. He said it will be able

to run off a generator or a 12-volt battery.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked if the sheriff has a generator. Studer said there is one in the truck which the department got to power lights at a crime scene.

Tiede said he did not see a lot of maintenance cost, and said he hopes the county doesn't have to use the mobile repeater very often.

McKee said the repeater should be working as soon as NexTech can get it put together.

"This is not just for winter," McKee said, "but for other emergency situations."

The commissioners unanimously approved the agreement.

"You are in business Judy," Tiede said.

## Service cutbacks won't affect Sherman County

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federal money."

Scheopner said the organization gets money from the counties which is used in each counties to take care of people. He said Sherman County gave \$40,000 this year and is planning that for next year's budget. He said the organization takes care of about 12 people in Sherman County in homes.

Meripat Bowman, director of Golden West Skills Center, agreed with Scheopner that the announced cuts would not have any impact on the developmentally disabled people in Sherman County.

Bowman said Golden West, which handles both home care and work opportunities for disabled people, does not depend on Developmental Services for any of its money.

"As a community service provider, we must affiliate with a community developmental disability

organization," she said. "There are 27 in the state, and DSNWK is the one for this area for services."

She said the agency is the entry point for individuals or families who want to apply for services. They determine if the person is eligible. She said once the client is approved for services, they have the options about where they live, and Golden West has several homes and a farm in Sherman County which house clients.

Scheopner said Golden West is taking care of a lot of people who need care in a home setting.

"They are taking care of this area pretty well," he said. "They are doing a good job. There are more people out there than we can possibly serve."

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas began back in 1966 when a group of people started a sheltered workshop. The Homer B. Reed Adjustment and Training

Center in Hays was one of the first workshops serving people with disabilities in Kansas, and one of 40 in the United States at the time, according to the agencies home web site.

County support began in 1973 and the center began receiving federal money. That year, services were expanded to Hill City and Atwood. In Hays, six group homes and an apartment for semi-independent

living were added.

Today, the organization offers programs for people with disabilities in 18 northwest Kansas counties.

Headquartered in Hays, the organization operates facilities in Russell, Hill City, Atwood, Stockton, Norton, Colby, Hoxie, Oakley and two in Hays. In Hays, the organization has a transportation facility for the regional operation.



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