

weather report



81°
 noon
 Monday

Today

• Sunset, 6:41 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:37 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:40 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 66 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds south 17 - 23 mph
- Barometer 29.96 inches and steady
- Record High today 95° (2003)
- Record Low today 29° (1946)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	84°
Low Sunday	57°
Precipitation	none
This month	1.90
Year to date	15.07
Below normal	2.15 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 82, winds out of north at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 52.
Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 84, winds out of the southeast 5 to 15 mph and a low around 54.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 86 and a low around 52.
Friday: Sunny with a high near 86 and a low around 52.
Saturday: Sunny with a high near 82 and a low around 48.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$6.80 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$6.55
 - Corn — \$5.26 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5
 - Milo — \$4.58 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$10.81 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$10.80
 - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$23 cwt.
 - Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Indians beat Cowboys

Goodland Cowboys senior Vance Johnson pressured St. Francis quarterback Matt Raile during Friday's game. The Cowboys, however, lost to the Indians won 34-6. See photos, story on Page 12.



Bowladium roof gets lift, reshingled

Five layers of shingles have come off the roof of the old Bowladium bowling alley at Seventh and Caldwell Ave., as a crew from Randy Toppliff's company Americo, began removing the shingles on Tuesday.

Steve Criswell, building inspector, said Thursday this was the first step in rehabilitating the old bowling alley, and that Toppliff told him they had taken more than 30 tons of shingles off the roof.

Over the weekend Toppliff brought in a crane to help lift the roof so the rafters could be reinforced from the inside, and a new shingled roof is being installed.

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County meets project spending target

By Tom Betz

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When the math was done Friday afternoon the Sherman County Commissioners had approved enough bills and projects to reach the target of having \$200,000 or a little less left in the special fund for the joint city, county road projects.

The target date to spend the money down to that level was Monday, and the commissioners met in special session Friday afternoon to be able to review the bids opened by the Kansas Department of Transportation on Wednesday for the County Road 14 project, and to see what else had to be spent to reach the target.

Kevin Cowan, attorney from the Wichita office of financial consultants Gilmore and Bell, had told the commissioners in August they had to spend the money down to the

\$200,000 target to avoid paying a penalty of about \$180,000 to the Internal Revenue Service under the arbitrage interest regulations. He said the city and county together had about \$1.2 million that needed to be spent.

The city commissioners met last Monday and approved four city street projects for a total of \$347,506.

When the county commissioners opened the meeting at 1 p.m. on Friday City Clerk Mary Volk said the county had \$860,561 to spend.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel joined the meeting by telephone and said that amount included all the bills that had been paid including those from Penco Engineering and Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates.

Rumpel said the bill from Penco included the seeding on County Road 16 and Road 65.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked Darin

Neufeld, engineer from EBH, if all the engineering was figured in and that in the future if there is any extra it comes back to the county.

Neufeld said it includes all the engineering cost on extending the County Road 14 project south of old U.S. 24 down to the bridge.

Volk said the city had spent down to where there should be about \$64,268 left as part of the final \$200,000.

Neufeld said that was after the city awarded contracts to APAC of Hays and Grasser Construction of Stratton, Colo.

Rasure asked Neufeld what the county had pre-paid on Road 14.

Neufeld said the county had put in \$1.2 million in addition to the \$800,000 from the state economic development grant. He said the low bid that KDOT opened on Wednesday was \$1,525,406. He said Smoky Hill of Salina

was the apparent low bidder.

He said using the unit prices in the bids he would estimate the cost of the extension south of old U.S. 24 would cost about \$465,000.

Neufeld suggested paying the state transportation \$500,000 for the extension of the Road 14 project and that would leave the county with the need to spend about \$225,000.

"Why would we give the state another \$500,000," Rasure said.

"You currently have a credit with them because the Road 14 project came in at \$1.5, but it might take two to three years to get that credit back," Neufeld said.

Thomas asked if the state would give the money back in one lump sum.

Neufeld said if the county needed some

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Committee to help manage donated building

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Sherman County now owns the building at 212 E. 17th, and the Sherman County Economic Development Council talked Tuesday about what it will take to manage the building on behalf of the county.

Development Office Manager Helen Dobbs asked the council to appoint a committee to help address issues with the building. She said the Red Cross is the only tenant that has a lease that she could find and it is good until 2011.

Jerry Fairbanks, council member from First National Bank said he would like to be on that committee.

Larry Keirns, council member and retired college president, asked if the council had done any checking on the building for environmental problems.

Dobbs said that had been recommended by Steve Criswell, city building inspector, but he said he could not do that type of inspection.

She said in talking to the county commissioners their intent was not to take care of the day to day management or small repairs and maintenance. She said they would



Sherman County now owns the building at 212 E. 17th, which they accepted as as donation from Walt Adams. The Sherman County Economic Development Council will manage the property, and the county will help pay to fix the roof.
 Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

take care of the big repair items like the roof.

Dobbs said she was working with the county attorney to develop a lease for all tenants.

Keirns asked how much the council was supposed to be getting in rent per month.

Dobbs said it is supposed to be about \$1,800, but thinks they are getting about \$1,600. She said there were some questions from the tenants about what their rents were supposed to be.

Chuck Wilkens, council chairman and owner of Wilkens Truck

and Tractor, said it sounded like a good idea to have a committee to look at the management of the building and to be able to handle the questions that will come up.

Fairbanks said the council needs to decide what kind of lease there should be, and that the committee talk to the tenants and put together a lease depending on what they find out.

Keirns asked Fairbanks if he could develop something that could be presented to the tenants.

"I don't want anything complicated," Fairbanks said. "I just feel

we want to have something to work with."

"Do we want to keep the tenants forever," said Nancy Cole, council member and owner of Klip 'N Kurl Salon.

Dobbs said she got comments from the tenants when she went in to measure the building.

Steve West, council member from Western State Bank, said he would suggest a committee of three or four to work on this.

Wilkens said he would think having Fairbanks, Keirns, Walt Linthacum, council member from

L & W Andrist Insurance would be good, and maybe someone who is a contractor in the community and not a member of the council.

Keirns asked if the building has been inspected for damage from water, mold or asbestos. "It is an old, old building," he said.

A motion was passed to name the building committee, and it was suggested that Curtis Hurd, a local contractor be asked to be a member of the committee.

West said while the council was talking about the building he suggested they reimburse Wilkens Truck and Tractor \$1,000 for half of the appraisal.

Linthacum made the motion to pay the \$1,000 and Fairbanks seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0 with Keirns abstaining.

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