

# County clears up road contract

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one they could call. Neufeld then called Mike Bowser of the Bureau of Local Projects in Topeka. On speakerphone, Neufeld asked if the project could be moved around without consequences to the county. Bowser said the county could switch to another project in the five-year plan without any problem. Bowser said, though, that his computer did not show that project listed for January. "My computer says that has been pushed out to October of 2010," he said adding that he did not know why it had been pushed out that far, but said the date was changed last November. "I think you have answered our questions," Tiede said. Tiede asked if Neufeld could use the preliminary design work that

Penco has done. "We can take what Penco has done and add the extra stuff," Neufeld said. "We would need to look at it with Penco to make sure the basic design was the same as what we already have." "I think that will work," Tiede said. "Jerol will not have a problem with that." Neufeld said that would free up the design money to go to the next project on the county's list. Way said that would be a bridge up on the county line. DeBoer called in a little later and the commissioners talked to him on speaker phone about the contract issue. He said the work has been pushed back on the state schedule because the county did not have enough money to do the work next year. He said he thinks about half the engineering work has been done.

DeBoer said there would not be any hard feelings from his end if the county decided to go with Evans, Bierly. "It is up to you and you need to do what is best for the project," DeBoer said. After talking to DeBoer, the commissioners reviewed what they had heard. "I hate to renege on a contract," Thomas said, "but we should have brought it up when we were discussing it months ago." Rasure said it was not like Penco has not done other projects for the county, adding that the firm will probably do the upcoming bridge contract. "I feel we have done well with him over the years," Rasure said. "I think if we did not have the whole KDOT situation, I would not have a problem."

# Mass flu shot clinic planned at Elks

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Ryan said the department hearing machine — a combination machine for audio and tempagram — has gone kaput. She said they asked the Northwest Kansas Technical College fix it last year, but the machine is over 15 years old. Ryan said she got bids on similar machines, with one for \$3,700 and one for \$3,900. She said the department people would prefer the more expensive one because of its built

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he felt Ryan should go ahead and get the one they wanted. Rumpel said the cost would come out of the health care services money. Tiede said he had a letter from a former employee, Carol Guyer, about doing a Medicare Part D (prescription drug) program, and wondered how she was going to get paid. Ryan said she thought it was a great program, but that she had talked to Guyer and there was no room at the health department

building. "We don't really have any space for her to have it," Ryan said. "She was going to look at doing it at the library." Rasure suggested having her check with the Senior Center. Ryan said it would be fine with her if Guyer was paid at the rate she was getting when she retired. Rasure asked Ryan if she would be willing to oversee the program. "Yes, I could do that," Ryan said.

# Last step in rehabilitation



Resurfacing the hangar doors is the last step in rehabilitating the old 1934 WPA hangar at the Goodland airport. Saturday Dean Oharah (left) Frank Black (center) and John Topliff (left on lift) removed the last of the old hangar doors and Oharah and Black put new bronze aluminum sheeting on the doors and got the wheels loosened up. Topliff said this step completes this phase and he plans to add the addition to the east side next summer. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

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