

County schedules long awaited tax sale

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people, and they are finding that some of the addresses were wrong and going to people who were dead or had moved. She said the letters are getting some of the banks moving to make sure their position on a piece of property is clear and they are protected.

She asked the commissioners to consider passing a resolution to enter a minimum bid on each piece of property that is in the sale so the county can recover the taxes due.

She said a similar resolution was passed before the tax sale four years ago.

The commissioners agreed and approved a resolution to enter a minimum bid.

Selby said she has given the people until Monday, Nov. 10 to get their taxes paid, and that she has sent second letters on some where there were bad addresses.

On those involved with estates she said Assessor Terry Ballard has had some contact with the people. She said she would be working

with the Perez couple about their property in Kanorado, but would try to find them someone who might be able to help.

As to the schedule of the tax sale Selby said she plans to publish the list for three weeks beginning on Dec. 5, and would hold the sale on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Selby said there were a total of 101 plots, and some of those are mineral rights.

"I hope more people come in to pay before we publish," she said. "They do have until the day before the sale to pay the taxes, but once it is published they will have to pay their share of the publication costs."

Selby said when it comes to the actual sale people should know that they cannot bid on the property or have a friend bid for them. She said there are limits on who can bid on the property in a tax sale, but that no one who has an interest in the property can bid.

Selby said people can contact her office at (785) 899-4820 if they have questions or are one of those who received a tax sale letter.

Corn harvest underway near Kanorado



A combine was harvesting corn on land belonging to the King Land and Cattle Company in the warm weather on Saturday morning north of Kanorado. Corn harvest for dry corn is really just starting with lots of corn in the fields waiting to be harvested. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Couple asks for help with delinquent taxes

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the taxes current or find financial plans," Selby said. "We have not agreed to any payment plans at this time. The delinquent amount does include penalty and interest up through 2007.

"There will be abstract fees and printing costs to be added if they go into the tax sale."

Selby said she plans to advertise the tax sale for three weeks in December and hold the sale in early January.

"It is hard to work with people," Rasure said, "and we know there are lots of things out there that have to be handled.

"It is not like my personal business where I can work with people on an individual basis."

Perez was asked if he could get a loan to pay the taxes.

He said five years ago he lost everything and does not think he can get a loan.

Dora Perez said they had a loan, but they changed the rules and they lost their car.

"They are talking about taking our house," Domingo Perez said.

"I understand your plight," Rasure said, "but I don't see how we can help at this time.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said it sounded like Perez was in a problem where he cannot even make a payment.

"I think I can make a payment," Perez said, "but it depends on what is happening."

Rasure asked if the land where the trailer is was worth at least the price of the back taxes.

"I paid \$1,500 for the lots," Perez said. "When I did the whole thing it cost about \$10,000 and the taxes were pretty low then. They have tripled."

Thomas asked what it might be worth if Perez sold it.

Domingo said he had an offer to take the land for the back taxes, but felt that was not what he wanted to do.

Rasure suggested to the couple they concentrate on keeping their home and consider letting the other go to foreclosure.

Dora Perez said they would talk to a granddaughter who might be able to help.

"You have a little time to find a solution," Rasure said. "We cannot do much."

"Thank you," Domingo Perez said. "We will do the best we can."

Today is climax to long election season

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In District 3 Republican Max Linin is running unopposed. Other county offices where the candidates are running unopposed include Republican Janet Rumpel for county clerk, Republican Iris Scheopner for county treasurer, Republican Billie Hoyt for register of deeds, Republican Bonnie Selby for county attorney and Republican Kevin Butts for sheriff.

In the race for 15th Judicial District Judge, Goodland Republican Scott Showalter survived a three-

way primary in August to replace retiring Judge Jack Burr, and is running unopposed in the General Election.

In national elections people will vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain for president.

Kansas has a United States Senate contest between Republican Pat Roberts and Democrat Jim Slattery.

In the 1st Congressional District incumbent Republican Jerry Moran faces Democrat James Bordonaro.

State Senator Ralph Ostmeyer is running unopposed for the 40th District, and State Representative Jim Morrison is running unopposed in the 121st District.

Sherman County voters can vote in a mock election on whether the Sherman County Commissioners

should be elected at-large. The non-binding vote is being held today at the Goodland Activities Center and the doors will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The governmental alliance committee of Shine on Sherman County is holding the mock election at the request of the Sherman County commissioners to gather citizen input.

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