

Chemicals, truck could raise weed budget

By Tom Betz
nt.betz@nwkansas.com

Spraying noxious weeds and trying to control weeds in the ditches on the county roads is getting expensive Sherman County commissioners were told Friday when the county noxious weed director talked about the budget he is asking for next year.

Doug Hall, who was recovering from gall bladder surgery, was at the meeting to talk about this department’s budget and to ask the commissioners to increase the money for chemicals and to consider purchasing a new spray truck.

“I am asking for a lot more money than in the past,” he said. “I believe we have the need.”

He said he left the salaries alone, but added \$10,000 for the other person’s salary. He said he increased the travel expense for next year as he has to go to Manhattan for a week long school next year.

Hall said he increased the chemicals quite a bit, and was afraid with all the spraying being done this summer the department might run out of money in the fall.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said the county gets reimbursed for some of the spraying.

Hall said the county gets 75 percent for spraying on private lands. Depending on how the spraying is done the person bills the county and Hall turns around and bills the landowner. He said he might be holding the bag on some chemicals this year.

Thomas said the noxious weeds in the ditches remains the county’s cost.

“That is in our budget,” Hall said. “I think we will have to back and re-spray this fall. We have nearly sprayed the whole county once.”

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said the farmers always assume the weeds grow from the ditch into the field.

Hall said the extra spraying effort was the reason he put \$90,000 in the budget for a new spray truck. He told the commissioners he looked at doing it as a lease-purchase and got an estimate from a bank. He said the estimate was for four years it is about \$22,000 a year and on five years it is about \$19,900.

To handle prairie dogs Hall said he has one four-wheeler and would need another to handle the job. He said the cost of the four-wheeler and trailer would be about \$10,000.

Thomas said it might be better for the county to contract out treatment of prairie dogs.

Hall said the county did \$80,000 on prairie dogs last year.

Commissioner Max Linin asked how old the sprayer truck is Hall is using.

Hall said the truck is a 1984 model, and the problem is it is showing high metals in the oil. He said he would like to keep the truck as a second because the little one toner is not going to be enough to handle the ditches.

Linin said he thought they would get to spraying less.

Strnad said the county will probably have to spray more for a couple of years to get on top of the weeds in the ditches.

Hall said the grader operators think they can cut out two trips if the spraying works.

Linin asked how many miles were on the spray truck.

“It has about 55,000 miles,” Hall said. “Those are all spraying miles.”

Linin said it might be worth more on a trade-in.

Thomas asked if Hall would need a third person if the county kept the older truck.

See WEEDS, Page 11

Moran wins primary race

RESULTS, from Page 1

Ensley 17 percent (174).

On the Democratic side Chriss Biggs won the secretary of state nomination and had 68 percent in Sherman County (106), Chris Steinger had 32 percent (47).

Republican Derek Schmidt won the nomination for attorney general and had 72 percent in Sherman

County (652). Ralph DeZago had 28 percent (253).

Schmidt will face Democrat Steve Six for attorney general in November.

Republican Sandy Praeger won the nomination for another term as commissioner of insurance with 69 percent in Sherman County. David Powell had 31 percent (319).

Morrison wins primary race, mill levy issue loses

ELECTION, from Page 1

and not be a good sign. I am sure we will survive and carry on, but that may not be true for the council. It is up to the city and county. It is sad to see this effort having the support cut out from underneath.”

Ken Klemm, who organized the petition drive to put the issue on the ballot said he was pleased the added mill levy was defeated by a large margin.

“We expect the city and county officials to listen to the voice of the voter,” he said on Wednesday,

“and to stop funding the economic development program as presently organized.”

Klemm said he was in favor of seeing an economic development program that has an overall plan that included expenses and sufficient funding, a list of items and projects to be done, a timeframe to get the goals accomplished and a way to end the program if it does not work.

Talking about the items he wanted to see done, Klemm said he felt the effort needs to start small and start local with the local businesses. He said each project has to be on a case

by case basis.

“I am a businessman and you build success one person at a time and no two are the same,” he said. “Decisions need to be made more carefully to see there will be a benefit to the taxpayer for what is spent. If there is not a benefit the money is not spent.”

Klemm said he plans to be at the county commissioner budget work session to be held at 8 a.m. on Tuesday to hear what happens.

He said if the economic development program is continued he would actively pursue getting on the council.

He said he would be active in some manner if the program is changed.

Sherman County Clerk Janet Rumpel said about 40 percent of the registered voters in the county either voted advance or on Tuesday. She said a total of 1,451 voted and that includes 18 provisional ballots that may be counted today when the commissioners canvass the ballots.

She said about 100 Republican voters apparently failed to turn the ballot over to vote on the economic development issue as 1,351 total voted on the issue.

public notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

In the Matter of the Estate of

CONNIE D COOPER,
Deceased.
Case No. 10 PR 19

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of August, 2010, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Rodney B Miller, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the “Last Will and Testament of Connie D

Cooper” deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited,

they shall be forever barred.

Rodney B Miller, Petitioner
VIGNERY & MASON L.L.C.
214 E. 10th; P.O. Box 767
Goodland, KS 67735
Telephone: 785-890-6588
Attorneys for Petitioner

Published in The Goodland Star-News Friday, Aug. 6, 13 and 20.



USD 352 Goodland School begins August 23, 2010

ENROLLMENT:

Enrollment procedures will include: verifying schedules, paying fees/lunches, and confirming transportation.

Proof of Identity: State law requires proof of identity be provided to the school for all students new to the district.

Late Enrollment: Students unable to report to enrollment as scheduled should contact their school for late enrollment information.

Elementary (grades K-5):

August 10, 11 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at West Elementary School. A parent or guardian must be present. Proof of birth and immunization records are required. Social Security cards are requested for enrollment in Kindergarten. All new students age 8 and under will be required to have a health assessment.

Grant Junior High (grades 6-8):

August 9, 10, 11 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Goodland High School (grades 9-12):

August 9, 10, 11 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION:

August 11 from 1-3 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

OPEN HOUSE:

Thursday, August 19th:

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Central and West Elementary Schools

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Grant Junior High

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Goodland High School

SCHOOL HOURS:

We will have late start Wednesdays in order to accommodate for Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s). Teachers will use the designated collaborative time to design, develop, adjust and coordinate effective and specific strategies for our programs and instruction, specific to the learning needs of students. Our goal is to continually improve upon our ability to educate all students at high levels.

Class Times:

7:45-3:20 High School and Elementary (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)

7:50-3:25 Junior High (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)

Wednesdays:

7:30-8:10 PLCs for All Teachers

8:20-3:20 High School and Elementary

8:20-3:25 Junior High

Breakfast:

7:20-7:40 (Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.)

7:55-8:15 (Wed.)

Transportation: Buses will run 30 minutes later on Wednesday mornings only.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION:

Any senior or junior high school student wishing to participate in fall, winter, or spring sports must have a signed physical examination form signed by both a doctor and his/her parents to participate. The first date of practice for fall sports is August 16th. Practice schedules will be available at enrollment.

SCHOOL CONNECTS:

USD 352 has an automated calling system for rapid notification purposes. Be sure the school has your current phone number.

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM:

Applications for free or reduced lunches are available at each school.

	LUNCH	BREAKFAST
K-5:	\$1.75	\$1.00
6-8:	\$1.85	\$1.10
9-12:	\$1.95	\$1.10
Adults:	\$3.05	\$1.85
Extra Milk:	\$0.35	\$0.35
Reduced prices:	\$0.40	\$0.30

TRANSPORTATION:

By state law students who live 2.5 miles or more from school are eligible for transportation. USD 352 provides a shuttle bus between elementary schools. For more information, check with your school at enrollment. Bus Barn (785) 890-3011.



ASBESTOS ISSUE IN USD 352

Asbestos is an issue USD 352 has been dealing with for several years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 was enacted by Congress. This Act determines the extent of and develops solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos. USD 352 has recently had their facilities inspected by a certified asbestos inspector. The inspector located, sampled and rated the condition and hazard potential of material and lab analysis records were turned over to a certified management planner to develop asbestos management plans. A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in USD 352’s Administration offices during regular business hours. Kenny Studer is the asbestos coordinator of USD 352. All inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to him. USD 352 is implementing the asbestos management plan. It is the District’s intent to comply with federal, state and local regulations. USD 352 plans on taking whatever steps are necessary to insure your child and the District’s employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES:

USD 352 provides a full range of special education services contracted through the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center. Contact your school principal for information.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS:

* Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP); five doses required. Four doses acceptable if dose 4 given on or after the 4th birthday. Tdap booster required for 7th grade students if more than 2 years since last dose of Td.
* Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV): four doses required. Three doses acceptable if dose 3 given on or after the 4th birthday.
* Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): two doses required.
* Hepatitis B: three doses required through grade 10.
* Varicella (chickenpox): two doses required for Kindergarten and 1st grade students; one dose required grades 2-10 unless history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician. Two doses are currently recommended by the ACIP for all ages.

• Hepatitis A: two doses required for children in early childhood programs.

Legal exemptions to the immunization laws are found on the Kansas Certificate of Immunization. If you have questions, contact your school nurse or building principal.

