

# City hears update on 25th Flatlander Festival

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cover the higher booth rate, but some of the smaller craft vendors have said they cannot go that high.

The electrical needs are met on Main, he said, and asked the city to waive the \$250 for electricity as has been done in the past couple of years.

He said he was at the Sherman County commissioner meeting and challenged them to come up with \$2,500 for the 25th years, and challenged the city to do the same.

Wood said they continue to add to the event and make it better each year.

Mayor John Garcia asked how many booths Wood was expecting.

Wood said the average has been between 45 and 50, but he is hoping

to boost the number 60 or more and that would be fantastic.

He said it always a squeeze every year to cover the costs. He said they had enough to cover the costs last year, and are committed to making each year a better event.

He said earlier he had been worried about the attendance because of the higher gas cost, but feels as things are going and with the 25th anniversary he thinks attendance will be up.

Garcia asked about the individual committees and promotion of the total event.

Wood asked about putting the banner up on Main to get an early jump. He said they have run some spots on Eagle in the Hays area, and the bike and car people are advertising through the year at other bike

and car shows.

He said the web site – www.flatlandfestival.com – is the main focus, and brings people there for information.

Garcia said the Flatlander Festival is a big hook to bring people to the community. He said he feels the city can do the \$250, and asked if the city has done anything more last year.

Wood said they have not asked for money in the past couple of years. He said the committee appreciates the help the city people provide in helping move the bleachers and closing off Main.

Garcia thanked Wood for his update and said the city would look at the monetary contribution.

In other business the commission:

- Heard from Bob Evans about the house at 623 W. Ninth. Evans said he thought as of Monday he had it sold except for the paperwork.

- Garcia asked if it was someone locally, and Evans said it was a local person.

- Garcia said the city will expect the things that need to be done on the house will be taken care of by the new owner in the same 90 days time frame, and to ask the new owner to get together with James and Gerber.

- Gerber said he and the buyer have talked to James and feel things are moving ahead and things will get done.

- Heard an economic development update from Michael Solo-

mon. He said the business who is planning an expansion is filling out the neighborhood revitalization paperwork and putting stakes out where the building is to go.

He said on the Rural Opportunity Zone it is having an impact as he said he has received 18 inquiries from the state about people who may be interested in Sherman County.

Solomon said he set up a table during the all-school reunion and talked to quite a few people. He said he had a conversation with someone who was considering moving here from Atwood because Rawlins County turned down the tuition repayment portion of the program.

He said Gov. Brownback is looking for ways to help his rural pro-

gram and is asking counties if they could provide space for some state offices he is considering moving out of Topeka. Solomon said he has submitted four different office spaces to the governor's office.

The owners of Radical Games, to be opened at 11th and Main, are working with the Small Business Development Center and he has been working with them to get things worked out. He said the owners will come to a later commission meeting.

- Moved the next meeting to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, because the city office will be closed on Monday for Labor Day.

## Commissioners hear mowing program covering miles quickly

By Tom Betz  
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Four mowers are attacking weeds along Sherman County roads, the county commissioners heard at their meeting on Tuesday.

Butch Vandiver, public works manager, said the county has three big rotary mowers going, and Darrell Schrader is mowing with the disc mower.

He said one rotary mower is doing intersections, and the other two are doing a pass behind Schrader.

Commissioner Max Linin asked if they were going to get out to the northwest and have Schrader doing a different section.

Vandiver said Schrader is doing about 35 miles of roads a day. He said the county guys were working on Road 68 and 67 last Monday. He said the two are running together and they hope to be down to Road 65 by this week. He said the other

one is doing intersections for school bus routes.

Linin said that sounded good. Vandiver said they will go over to Edson and then go further west, as there is not as much growth down south.

Linin asked about doing the Paxton road, because high school students use that road.

Vandiver said he will get the old mower back and can do that road. He said it is working well to have the two work together. He said they had one get stuck and needed some repairs, but got it back out quickly.

In other business the commissioners:

- Approved a one year hardware and software support contract with IBM on the AS400 computer system at the courthouse.

- Commissioner Larry Enfield said he felt it was better to do one year at a cost of \$2,948.

- Heard a report from Enfield about the motor grader motor that had been taken to Colby. He said it has been returned and is back in the grader and running. He said the road and bridge shop people have ordered springs for the other grader of the same type as the other two have had springs trouble and will get those changed out.

- He said the mechanics will pull another grader in to fix a leak in an oil pan. He said the shop is doing quite a bit of work.

- Accepted a bid from Paul Flanders of Kuhrt Krushers for \$120 a ton for the scrap metal at the transfer station.

- Announced the Sherman County Rural Fire board had terminated Alan David on Monday and was looking for a new fire chief. Troy Mannis was named interim chief and the fire board is taking applications until Monday, Aug. 29.

## Crew here to place permanent striping

A fast-moving project to place permanent striping along routes in Sherman, Norton, Logan, Decatur and Rawlins is underway.

Workers with Interstate Road Management Corporation, Peculiar, Mo., are tentatively scheduled to be in Goodland on Tuesday, to place permanent striping along US-24 Business, the new concrete pavement and US-24 Business and K-27 Junction in Goodland.

The contractor will be placing (or have placed) permanent strip-

ing along the following routes: the concrete pavement at the junction of US-36 and US-283 in Norton; the new concrete pavement of US-36 Highway in Oberlin and the intersection of US-36/US-83; the US-36 concrete pavement in Atwood; US-40 in Oakley from the west US-83 Junction to I-70.

They then plan to be in Oakley August 29.

The operation could require a lane closure, causing minimal traffic disturbance.

Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through any road work zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Break".

The estimated cost of the project is \$686,798 – funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May.

Weather permitting construction work should be complete by early September.



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