

Kanorado bridge nearly done; county picks project

By Tom Betz

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The Kanorado bridge on old U.S. 24 is nearly completed, and should be open to traffic by the first part of April, Sherman County commissioners were told Tuesday.

With completion of that project, Curt Way, public works manager, asked the commissioners to consider what they would like to add to the next five-year road plan.

He said most of the major system

bridges have been upgraded or replaced and suggested that commissioners could consider putting a section of road on the plan, but was not sure how much money would be available.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked what happens if the county does not have a project on the five-year plan. Way said the money is used by other counties who have projects. He said if the county does not have a project and needs to add

one, they will be on the bottom of the list.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked if there were any other bridges that could be put on, but Way said most of the other bridges would not qualify for the federal Surface Transportation Plan money.

The program calls for a 20 percent match from the county, but with the last bridge, the county was able to get a grant to cover most of

the match.

Way suggested a good project would be the section of North Caldwell from the airport north to where the state project ties in. This would be more of a resurface project, he said, as the bridge is in good shape.

The commissioners agreed to put this on the five-year plan as the top project from the county.

Rasure said he was concerned about how they would be able to fix

the problems on west Eighth Street and portions of old U.S. 24. He said these need to be considered for the five-year plan in the future.

Way said he was getting bids for chip sealing the west portion of old U.S. 24, which was delayed last year because of the budget and the bridge replacement.

He said the bid he has received is about \$40,000 higher than what it cost to do the east half two years ago. Getting the chip seal done is a

matter of timing, Way said, and it could be done as early as the end of May.

The increased cost of the chip seal program may pinch the road and bridge budget, Way told the commissioners, but that the money to be reimbursed from the state on the bridge project could be used to cover the increase. He estimated that the county would get about \$69,000 back on the bridge.

Good Samaritan Center has full house; waiting list growing

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call system, air conditioning for the kitchen and new room lights.

The new wireless call system would replace the old hardwired system. He said it would replace all the old lights and buzzers with pagers that would be carried by every aide.

He said the new wireless call sys-

tem would tie in bed alarms and door alarms, which would help improve the quality of care and provide more quality assurance. He said the new system should help the aides keep better track of the residents and be able to respond quickly to alarms.

The estimated cost of the system is \$30,000. Samuelson said he would ask the county to consider

helping pay for the project.

He said they had set aside \$10,000 for the kitchen air conditioning project. The problem is that the dining room and the kitchen are on the same system, and while the residents want it warmer, the kitchen wants it cooler.

The plan is to try to put the kitchen on a separate zone, but if that is not possible, they will put in

a special air conditioning unit for the kitchen.

Samuelson estimates it will take about \$15,000 to put in new lights, and all together it would be \$55,000 for all three projects.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he would see how much money was available in the county fund, and would get back to Samuelson.

Rasure asked how the elevator

was working and if the maintenance contract was working. Samuelson said it was working well.

Later in the meeting, the commissioners discussed how much money would be available for the projects. Rasure said the county has \$25,445 in the home fund, plus there is some earmarked money in the medical sales tax.

Rasure proposed that they agree

to giving \$20,000 to Good Sam depending on the projects they would do.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he would call Samuelson about the projects, and Rasure said he would talk to him, too. Depending on the Good Samaritan plans, the commissioners could approve the \$20,000 at their next meeting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31.

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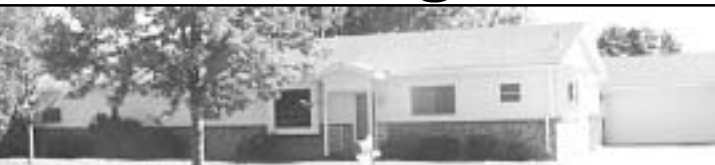
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