

Low income figures change plans

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is for gas, electric and phones.”
 “We cannot go 20 years,” County Commissioner Mitch Tiede added.
 City Commissioner John Garcia asked about the timing on a countywide sales tax.
 Rasure said it would have to go to the state Legislature for approval and then a special election would be held. If the people approved the tax, it would go into effect about 90 days after the election.
 Rasure said the only way to stay with the city sales tax was to cut the \$12 million project down to about \$7 million.
 “Where do we start cutting?” County Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked.
 “Twenty years puts the city in a bind,” City Manager Wayne Hill said. “If the city needs something

else, we would be tied up. Roads are on a Bell curve. We can't wait 20 years.”
 Thomas suggested that with the scope of the joint project, having to wait a year to start the sales tax would not be that bad.
 Mayor Rick Billinger said it would really be a delay of about six months since the city sales tax was not expected to begin until April.
 “It would be nice to get the sales tax from the construction (of the new energy center west of town),” Rasure said.
 Tiede asked about the time line for going through the state? Rumpel said it would depend on when the Legislature actually approved the requests.
 “It depends on how quickly they wanted to get it passed,” she said. “It would be 45 days after the passage before we would hold a special

election to get it approved by the voters.”
 She said if the Legislature moved quick enough the special election could be held in the spring or in conjunction with the primary election in August.
 Billinger said he thought Rep. Jim Morrison and Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer could get approval from the Legislature.
 “With the county numbers we can do it?” asked City Commissioner Josh Dechant.
 “It will be tight,” Rasure said, “but it will be better, and we hope the sales tax increases.”
 Dechant made the motion to rescind the resolution for the special election. It passed unanimously.
 Tiede made a county commission motion to proceed with a countywide 1-percent sales tax. Rasure seconded the motion and it

passed unanimously.
 Dechant said it would be nice to know about the grant which the county has applied for to pave County Road 14.
 Rasure said Darin Neufeld of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who does engineer work for the city, had said the state should come out and visit the site in October and a decision should be made by December.
 The grant request was for \$2 million to rebuild a mile of the road that will bear the brunt of the truck traffic for the existing sunflower plant and the new energy center.
 Rumpel said if the grant is approved, the county would have to come up with 25 percent matching money.
 Tiede and Rasure said that would probably have to come out of the new capital reserve.

Central Dispatch to get new head

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County will be looking for a new person to head the central dispatch and emergency management departments after Mary Messamore handed in her resignation Tuesday morning.
 Messamore, who has been the head of the Sherman County dispatch system for 9 1/2 years, told the commissioners she would be leaving the middle of October to accept a job with Reno County in Hutchison. She said she will be the administrative assistant for emergency services.
 Messamore oversaw installation of the first 911 system and the upgrades to the Enhanced 911 and the most recent upgrade to handle cell phone calls.
 She told the commissioners she hopes they find a qualified person, and that she would be willing to work with them.
 “I am giving you 30 days because it is not easy to find qualified people,” she said.
 Before she handed the commissioners her resignation, Messamore asked them to pass two resolutions, one establishing the National Incident Management System for the county and the second establishing a cooperative agreement with surrounding counties to provide help in case of an emergency.
 The National Incident Management System is part of the new Homeland Security system, and Messamore said it requires all of the commissioners and emergency department people to pass a test by the end of September.
 She said the test and resolutions are required to allow the county to apply for federal emergency management funds, and without these in place the county would not be approved for any grants.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he had taken the test on-line and had passed. Commissioners Chuck Thomas and Kevin Rasure said they would take the test before the end of the month.
 After Messamore left, the commissioners talked about her replacement, and felt they might need two people rather than pile all of the dispatch and emergency management duties on one person.
 Rasure said there was more paperwork and planning required for the emergency management since the terrorist attacks of 2001.
 Tiede agreed and said he thought it would get more complicated because of the Hurricane Katrina disaster.
 The commissioners decided to ask Messamore to attend the next meeting on Friday, Sept. 30, so they could talk to her at length about the different duties and requirements of the jobs.
 At a joint meeting Wednesday, the city and county commissions agreed to discuss replacing Messamore. Thomas suggested it might be good to split the job unless there was a well-qualified person who could handle both.
 City Manager Wayne Hill asked if the county was going to advertise the position.
 Rasure said that was the plan, and Tiede said that was why they were discussing whether to look for one or two people.
 Hill said he had told his wife Rita about Messamore's resignation. She is a lieutenant with the Guymon (Okla.) Police Department and in charge of the 911 system for the county there. Hill said he talked to her about the opening, but it would be up to her to apply.
 “She knows stuff about the 911 that I don't,” Hill said. “She was appointed to the Oklahoma state 911 board by the governor.”

Road 14 tops state road project list

Public Works Director Curt Way, brought commissioners a copy of the five-year road plan for the Kansas Department of Transportation last Tuesday, highlighting a section of County Road 14 serving the new energy center.
 He said the project in the plan is the section of Road 14 that runs from County Road 64 north to County Road 65, the road west of the ADM Northern Sun plant and the site of the new energy center.
 Along with Road 14, both 64 (old U.S. 24) and 65 (Eighth Street), which connect the center and the sun-

flower plant to town, are in the joint city-county road improvement plan.
 Way said the estimated cost of the Road 14 project is \$450,000 to repave the road with seven inches of asphalt, with the state paying 80 percent and the county responsible for 20 percent plus the engineering costs.
 Way said if a \$2 million economic development grant being sought for the same road is approved, he would move the county request down to the section from the I-70 exit up to County Road 64. He said the current plan is to use asphalt, but if the grant

is approved that would change to concrete for both sections.
 At the previous commission meeting, Way had talked to the commissioners about the need to buy a new road grader. At the meeting last Tuesday, he said he had bought a new grader from Martin Tractor of Colby. The list price was \$309,674, which with a discount of \$91,171 and \$70,000 trade in, left a balance at \$147,963. He said there would be a new lift assembly installed on the grader bringing the net price up to \$150,463 with a five-year warranty and a repurchase

price of \$117,000.
 Way said the price for the grader was about \$4,000 higher than the one they bought last year. He said Richard Bates of Martin told him there will be more of a problem getting graders in the next year with the demand for equipment from the Gulf Coast and from the military for use in Iraq.
 He said he would get bids to finance \$100,000 of the cost and pay \$50,463 down. The remainder would be split into four payments and he hoped to set the first one up for February.

Phone switch Wednesday

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changing the dispatch system over because it would be one of the last to be switched.
 The commissioners asked Newell if they were done with all the pre-wiring and he said yes.
 Sheriff Butts wanted to know if they were going to have to lay a new cable to the Bastille, but Grammon said there was an existing cable that could be used for the phones and Internet.

He did say a new cable would have to be run for the cable television system, but that would not be done until after the phone system was switched.
 Butts asked about getting voice mail for him and the deputies.
 Newell said that was something that could be set up after the switch, and said there were several other services the city and county offices might take advantage of.

Annexation hearing on Monday

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city's existing light industry codes.
 Hill said he had talked to Justus and Pickman about the building codes and told them he would propose adding a heavy industry category to the city code.
 “We can add a heavy industry section to the codes,” Hill said, “but it will take time to work through the process. Justus and Pickman told

me they could not wait at this time, but would ask to be annexed after the city has the new codes in place.”
 Justus said they would build the plants without the city codes, but state and federal requirement will be met or exceeded.

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TRUCKS 1966 Dodge 500, 16' steel bed, 5 speed shift with 2 sp axle, 13,606 miles; 1965 Dodge 500, 16' steel bed, 4 speed with 2 sp axle 16,087 miles; 1976 Chevy C60, 5 speed with 2 sp axle, air, 5th wheel plate, 244,844 + miles; 3 Old Antique trucks - 2 Dodge 1 ton; 1 REO 2 ton; 1992 Dodge 1 ton pickup - Newer motor, flatbed; 2-pickup boxes
FARM EQUIPMENT Krause 25' sweep with pickers; Krause 25' Disk; Flex King rod weeder 24'; IHC Spring tooth harrow 38'; Flex King Sweep 25' with pickers and fertilizer attachment, extended hitch; JD400 rotary hoe with all new bearings, 3 point, 2 hitches; JD Drills 8300, 28' with folding transport, 10" spacing, small rubber packer wheels; JD Planter 8 row - 30', w/markers; Case - IHC 7100 Drills, 30' with transport, 12" spacing, shoe drill with eagle points; Drill fill auger; Rhino SR15, 15' Mower; Leon #3100 10' 3-point blade, 2 hyd; Big OX 10' 3-point blade; 60' Versatile Auger, 8' Like new; 25' home-made furrowing machine; 5 row point furrowing machine; 40' Drop deck trailer; Wonder cement mixer with electric motor; 2 wheel trailer; 2 axle car trailer with metal floor; 10' & 6' Military 4 wheel trailers, hard rubber tires; Grain Kart - Big 12 450BU, New tires 18.4-26; 10' Disk, 3-point, tandem; 10' Chisel, 3-point; Spring tooth harrow; JD rotary hoe; Spike tooth harrow; Old One-Way; Old rod weeder; 30' Donahue trailer
CATTLE AND SHEEP EQUIPMENT Home-made cake feeder on 2-wheel trailer battery operated with telescope hitch; Sheep shearing equipment (Flex & Rigid drive shaft); Tidwell Hale 20' gooseneck trailer - new floor; Metal bunks - stock tanks; 3 feed trailers; Winkel portable chute - New; Big Valley sweep pen; Stroberg dehorning chute; Stroberg panels 5' and 6'; Power river calf cradle; Sheep working chute with panels and gates; 8 Round bale feeders; 5 Mineral feeders; Wire roller with motor, telescope hitch; 2-wheel fence post trailer; 5' and 3' wire panels (several); Several miles of smooth wire; Roping chute
IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT 3-Pipe trailers with hitches on both ends; 138 (approx) pieces of 30' - 8" gated (screw/slide) alum pipe with 20" spacing. Several T's, elbows, and in line flow valves; Well pulling equipment
HAY EQUIPMENT JD 12' pull type swather (#1380), cooler for hyd, Serial #553165E; Hesston 6600 Diesel 16' self propelled swather Serial #660T-2198; Hesston 4655 Sq baler, string tie, hyd tensions, like new; ROTO Grind Tub grinder, 1000 PTO, hyd rotating spouts (2), 8 years old-like new; JD535 Round Baler with monitor, string tie-like new; 2 Bale forks; Kneib hay bale loader
HAY 2-year-old round feed bales 1000 lbs (approx) 191 bales (mol); New round wheat bales 1000 lbs (approx) 100 bales (mol) - 75 old wheat bales (mol); New little square bales wheat 90+ bales
ANTIQUES Fresno; 2 horse drawn graders; Mowers; Belt driven grain grinder; Rakes; 2 Tokheim gas pumps (1950s); Cultivators; Oil Pump Tank; Buggy wagon parts; Oil and wood stoves; Road drag; Cushman Cub one lung engine R14 2 hsp - 750 RPM; 4-bottom plow
HOUSE MOVING EQUIPMENT 2 - 65' steel timbers - 12" high and wide; 3 - 40' steel timbers - 10"; 4 sets of dollies; House moving jacks (manual) - 2 hyd jacks; Lots of cribbing
LUMBER 30ft of 2x8's (40 approx); Railroad bridge timbers 28' of 8x16's (lots); Railroad ties (several)
MISCELLANEOUS Walker Mower with grass catcher; 150 lb. + Butter churn; Bin jack parts; Olson Band Saw; Pipe vise; Windmill parts; Small sprayer tank; 2 propane tanks 1-50 gal - 1-150 gal); Walker Air Jack; Chain link fencing (Several rolls); Red bricks - Orange Bricks - Concrete Blocks; Used tin; 3 steel doors with frames (3' x 6'8"); Steel and wooden posts; Junk tanks (2 - 1,000 gal, 1 - 1,500); 2 sets of axles; Wooden doors and jams; Moveable hoist with 2 chain hoists on tract; Work benches; Storage drawers; Windpower Generator, 540 PTO, KW 25,000; 992 - 350 liquid cooled 4x4 Polaris 4 wheeler, 1,048 miles Lots of iron - I beams, tubing, pipe, etc; Galvanized pipe culverts - concrete culverts; Yard tools; Tires - Various sizes
FUEL TANKS 1 - 500 gallon with pump; 1 - 1,500 gallon; 1 - 1,000 gallon with pump; 2 - 100 gallon approx); Railroad bridge timbers 28' of 8x16's (lots); Railroad ties (several)

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