

County emergency management options explored

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News
Sherman County may end up with two people handling emergency management and central dispatch, but as of Tuesday the county was planning to advertise one job for 911 communications director and emergency management.

At Tuesday's commissioners' meeting, members of the communications board, outgoing 911 director Mary Messamore and Crissy Conger, the interim dispatch director, talked about the option of splitting the jobs.

Leon Volk and Fred Hall represented the communications board at the meeting, and the commissioners accepted the resignation of Roxie Yonkey from the board.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede brought the board members up to date on the changes taking place in the central dispatch with the resignation of Messamore, whose last day will be Tuesday.

He said with the increase in duties in the emergency management side, the commissioners have been

Three bid on landfill cell

BIDS, from Page 1

There was a question on Grasser's bid because he did not submit a certified check, but had a personal check. With the banks closed for the Columbus Day holiday on Monday, the commissioners agreed that was sufficient.

On Tiede's bid there was a question about having a sufficient bid bond. Tiede told the commissioners he had attempted to get a bond, but one company had turned him down because of the size of the project.

"If I cannot get a bond, I will withdraw my bid," Tiede said.

With Tiede being the apparent qualified low bidder, Rasure and

Thomas agreed to give him until noon on Friday to obtain the required bond.

Tuesday afternoon, Rasure and Thomas held a special meeting at 3 p.m. at Tiede's request to discuss an alternative to the bid bond.

Tiede told the two commissioners he would have a letter of credit from the First National Bank for the total project amount, and asked if that would be acceptable to cover the bid bond requirement. Rasure and Thomas agreed the letter of credit would be acceptable.

Award of the contract for the new landfill cell will be on Tuesday's meeting agenda.

thinking about splitting that off and making it a separate job.

Gary Rogers of St. Francis was at the meeting at Tiede's request.

Rogers is the emergency management director for both Cheyenne and Rawlins counties.

Tiede asked Rogers if he could

take on the emergency management duties for Sherman County part time or possibly full time. He asked how his job is set up with the two counties.

Rogers said he is a Cheyenne County employee, but that Rawlins County pays Cheyenne County for a part of the costs. He said he spends about two days a week in Atwood and three days in St. Francis. He has a cell phone which allows him to be available day and night.

Tiede said that Toby Krien, regional coordinator for homeland security, told a meeting Monday that there were incentives for regional emergency management programs. He said the base county in a regional cooperative would receive \$10,000 a year to help with the salary and benefit costs.

Rogers said he would work up some figures for Sherman County on part time and full time work, but that it would have to be a contract with Cheyenne County and approved by Rawlins County. He said he would meet with the Cheyenne County commissioners on Friday,

and hoped to meet with Rawlins County early on Tuesday.

One of the problems is Rogers would need to have an office in the Sherman County courthouse, and Rumpel said it might be difficult to find space. Rogers said he would need a place to set up his laptop computer and an Internet connection. Later he would need a separate computer for Sherman County.

While the commissioners were talking to Rogers, they went on speaker phone with Rita Hill of Guymon, Okla., wife of Goodland's new city manager, who has expressed interest in the combined job for Sherman County.

Hill is the 911 communications director for Guymon, and handles the records for the Guymon Police Department.

She asked about the communications operation, and told the commissioners she thought one person could do both jobs, but that it would mean the communication director should not be a full-time dispatcher.

Tiede asked Messamore about the current dispatch staffing. She

said it had been a full staff, but she just received a resignation from one person to be effective later in October. She said a new person was taking the tests Tuesday afternoon, and might be able to fill that vacancy with the required training.

Messamore said it would be possible to do both jobs as long as the director did not have to be a full time dispatcher. She said the job description said the director would have an occasional shift as a dispatcher, but over the years she has not had a full staff long enough to do that.

"I hate to lose Mary," Tiede said. The commissioners talked to Conger, a dispatcher, about taking on the communications director duties until someone is hired. She said it would be quite a challenge, but felt she could handle it with the training she has received from Messamore.

The commissioners agreed to appoint Conger as the interim communications director with a raise of \$1 to \$10.45 per hour.

Advertising for the position will begin next week, with applications to be in to the county clerk by Nov. 8.

School enrollment figures good news

SCHOOL, from Page 1

Selby said, the school should see a slight gain in the budget

"Overall, we will be able to republish the budget for a little more than \$20,000," he said. Selby suggested adding the extra money into a heat and fuel adjustment line this year, since prices are up so much.

The computer program did give the office some trouble, he said, but the information was to be sent off to the state sometime this week.

In other business, school board members:

- Got a Professional Development Council report from Mary Porterfield, who explained the re-

ports to board members since several new members weren't familiar with the program.

Flipping through the pages, she said, the first few are for requests for learning outside of the district. The next pages cover knowledge, that is, anything that can be used in the classroom for student learning.

Porterfield said the report Monday contained 10 pages, that means 1,350 hours of knowledge from 72 teachers and administrators. One page of the report was from teachers who attempted to apply information learned in courses in their classrooms.

She said the report includes 589 hours of service to the profession.

"This is where we find most of the school improvement," she said, adding that it includes education for teachers about their jobs.

Central Principal Sharon Gregory said later that learning more about power grade, the electronic gradebook used by district teachers, falls into service.

"It's anything teachers learn about their job," Gregory said.

The professional development council report includes hours for application of knowledge and impact, or how students improved from the application.

Porterfield said she will be at the board meetings once a month and can answer any questions.

- Hired Stephanie Sloan as a kindergarten aide at West; Andrea Eggert, aide at North; Jana Fairchild, library technician at the high school; and Ponch Avelar, assistant wrestling coach at the high school.

The board accepted the resignation of Elaine Harper, aide at North, and Scott McGillivray, night custodian at the high school.

- Elected board member Dick Short as delegate for the Kansas Association of School Board annual conference Nov. 2-4. Board President Jane Philbrick will attend the meeting, too.

- Approved school financial reports and bills totaling \$101,273.

Students sharpen pencils for state assessment tests

TESTS, from Page 1

will be tried out this year, she said. Unlike in previous years, she

said, the schools will not get immediate results on the online tests because this is the trial run of the new tests.

Since the tests are new, Gregory said, 25 percent of participants will be taking the tests with pencil and paper. The other 75 percent, she said will be on computers.

She said the new tests were formulated after going through several reviews, including a teacher review and a bias review.

Teachers have new tools, she said, that will help them find grade levels and bench marks for teaching certain standards that will be on the tests.

Gregory said the math tests have a new twist this year, using plain English in word problems. She said plain English was used for English

as a second language students in the past, but is now for everyone.

Math assessments can be read aloud to any student now, too.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said that's good news, since the old math test bordered on being a reading test, too.

Gregory said the reading test has changed, with a true multiple choice instead of multiple-mark answers. She said multiple mark questions could have several correct answers,

but simple multiple choice has only one right answer.

"Basically, a lot of good things are coming down," she said.

Testing will begin the last week of October for Central, West and North Elementary, Grant Junior High and the high school, she said.

Early winter storm brings snow, record rains

STORM, from Page 1

Flagler 2.56 inches, and Idalia, 2.14 inches. In Kansas, Colby reported 1.90 inches, Hill City .84 of an inch, Hoxie 1.23 inches, Weskan 1.34 inches, Oakley 1.40 inches and St. Francis 2.02 inches. In southwest Nebraska, McCook reported 1.04 inches.

The storm brought the total moisture for the year to 15.25, about 2.5 inches below the normal of 17.82, and nearly 4 inches behind last year's 19.09.

The rain brought the month's total to 2.4 inches, which is 2.04 ahead of normal for October, and about half an inch ahead of last year's

1.91 inches for the month.

Temperatures dropped about 40 degrees, from the 90s on Saturday to a high of 52 on Monday. The overnight low was 40 on Monday.

Temperatures rose to 65 by Wednesday and are expected to be up to 77 degrees today and in the mid 70s under sunny skies for the weekend.

FgİdtkmnevqtİUVGPV"TgecmnCngtv

"Egtvckp"ko rncpvedng"fgİdtkmnevqtu"jcxg"dgpg"tgecmgf"d{"vJg"HFC0" [qw"qt" c"hc o kn {" "ogodgt" oc {" dg"cdng" vq" rwtuwg" c"ng icn" enck o" kh" {qw" jcxg" c" tgecmgf" I wkfcpv" qt" Ogfvtpke" ko rncpvedng" fgİdtkmnevqtİ" Ecm" Cwqtpg {" "Ngg" J qmku" cv" : 22/923/58940 " I wkfcpv" uwdukfct {" " GpfqxcuewncT" Vgejppnqikgu" rngf" i wknv {" "vq" pkpg" hgfgten" hgnqp {" "eqwpu" cpf" citggf" vq" rc {" "& ; 4" o kmkqp" kp" rgpcnvku" tgnvgf" vq" hcknkpi" vq" tgrqtv" o cnhwpevkqpu" kp" kvu" Cpewtg" uvgpw/ itchv" fgxleg0" Kh" {qw" qt" c" nqxf" qpg" jcf" eq o rnkcevqpu" htq o " uwtigt {" vj tqw i j " vJg" itqkp" vq" tgrckt" cp" cdfq o kpcn" cqtkve" cp gwt { u o . " rngcug" ecm" wu" cv" : 22/923/58940

Shop Burlington for all your needs



Health Essentials

Natural Foods, Vitamins,
Massage Therapy,
Acupuncture & More

Natural Living Cottage
& Wellness Center

314 14th Street, Burlington, Co.
719-346-4681



Advertising
pays give
Mona
a call today.

785-899-2338

kansas classifieds

Help Wanted/Truck Drive
Thriving Business, Seeking Company Drivers & O/Os, To Join our Family, Requirements: Class A CDL, 2 yrs OTR, Clean MVR, Great Equipment. Sign On & Mileage Bonus, Family Transport. 800-423-0184.

Legal Services
Social Security disability claims; Saunders & Saunders Attorneys at Law. No recovery, No fee! 1-800-259-8548.

Spas for Sale
Hot tubs, Spas, Saunas, Luxury Whirlpool bathtubs, Steam showers, Whirlpool tubs- Steam shower combos, Highest quality, Best service, Lowest Prices - Midwest's Largest

Showroom. Call 1-800-869-0406 for brochures, discount coupons, price list. good-lifespa.com.

Special Notice
WORLD'S LARGEST GUN SHOW - October 22 & 23 Tulsa, OK Fairgrounds Saturday 8-6 & Sunday 8-4. WANENMACHER PRODUCTIONS. Bring guns, sell trade or appraisal. Tell friends! www.tulsaarms-show.com.

Steel Buildings For Sale
STEEL BUILDING Sale! Sentinel Building System. Agricultural, Commercial, Specialty. Free quote & estimated erection costs. www.sentinelbuildings.com, 800-327-0790.

Classifieds work! Call 899-2338

City of Goodland expenditures

For the period from July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005

FUNDS	PREVIOUS BALANCE	RECEIPT	DISBURSEMENT	CURRENT BALANCE
Special Highway	\$86,110.99	\$25,858.87	\$74,380.84	\$37,589.02
Self Insurance	\$904,586.80	\$85,268.91	\$56,249.98	\$933,605.73
Airport Fund	\$300,101.27	\$15,788.86	\$17,977.82	\$297,912.31
General Operating	\$1,770,981.35	\$405,268.49	\$532,997.30	\$1,643,252.54
Bond & Interest	\$308,852.36	\$22,794.18	\$227,950.00	\$103,696.54
Library	0.00	\$12,191.97	\$8,773.64	\$3,418.33
Sales Tax	\$8,764.20	\$42,562.60	\$44,668.56	\$6,658.24
Electric Utility	\$2,128,027.37	\$1,477,909.79	\$1,406,765.32	\$2,199,171.84
Municipal Court Diversion	\$13,042.30	301.32	30.00	\$13,313.62
Law Enforcement	\$21,227.32	\$1,045.00	0.00	\$22,272.32
Electric Meter Deposit	\$115,172.36	\$8,210.00	\$7,120.00	\$116,262.36
Water Utility	\$112,096.44	\$297,427.48	\$232,419.54	\$177,104.38
Water Service Deposit	\$53,828.00	\$6,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$55,328.00
Sewer Utility	\$57,131.14	\$115,827.64	\$109,569.27	\$63,389.51
Special Park & Rec.	\$26,883.37	\$1,639.35	474.28	\$28,048.44
Vehicle Inspections(VIN)	\$14,242.94	\$1,958.30	212.00	\$15,989.24
Grant Imp Reserve Fund	\$437,653.18	\$28,456.51	\$2,850.00	\$463,259.69
Steever Park Project	0.00	\$1,447.05	\$1,447.05	0.00
Solid Waste	\$71,085.63	\$88,018.80	\$108,649.81	\$50,454.62
Fire Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Airport Improvement	\$-73,559.85	\$160,239.53	\$140,031.78	\$-53,352.10
CDBG Grant	323.47	0.00	323.47	0.00
Capital Imp. Reserve	\$2,507,213.38	\$322,355.40	\$386,024.73	\$2,443,544.05
Insurance Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Employee Benefit	\$410,357.46	\$52,058.58	\$106,239.36	\$356,176.68
Library Employee Benefit	0.00	\$1,063.76	715.76	348.00
State Water Fund	\$4,750.51	\$5,648.85	\$2,938.53	\$7,460.83
Cemetery-Perpetual Care	\$82,500.00	0.00	0.00	\$82,500.00
Cemetery Endowment	\$64,750.79	\$2,200.00	0.00	\$66,950.79
Cemetery Improvement	\$88,120.45	\$2,083.84	0.00	\$90,204.29
Replacement Tree	\$1,964.02	14.72	0.00	\$1,978.74
Electric Reserve	\$1,501,623.95	\$62,352.73	0.00	\$1,563,976.68
Water Reserve	\$783,242.98	\$5,246.57	0.00	\$788,489.55
Water System Improve.	\$-9,557.21	0.00	\$4,671.45	\$-14,228.66
CDBG Housing Grant	\$3,161.64	0.00	125.00	\$3,036.64
Sewer Reserve	\$540,767.29	\$29,451.31	\$2,999.31	\$567,219.29
M.E.R.F.	\$2,010,061.26	\$111,590.82	\$1,500.00	\$2,120,152.08
Total	\$14,345,507.16	\$3,392,781.23	\$3,483,104.80	\$14,255,183.59

AVAILABLE CASH	PREVIOUS BALANCE	CURRENT BALANCE
Cashier's Change	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Checking Accounts:		
BANKWEST	\$645,486.61	\$790,887.73
Investments	\$13,698,020.55	\$13,462,295.86
Total Available Cash	\$14,345,507.16	\$14,255,183.59

LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

ST OF KS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN	\$1,941,365.98
STEEVER PARK PROJECT LEASE PURCHASE	\$1,247,035.94
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS	\$310,000.00
TOTAL	\$3,498,401.92

I, Janeil Dilling, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Signature

Title

City Treasurer

Published in the Goodland Star-News Friday, October 14, 2005