

**weather
report****50°**

noon Thursday

**Today**

• Sunset, 4:31 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:34 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:30 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 38 degrees
- Humidity 40 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds north at 16mph
- Barometer 30.26 inches and steady
- Record High today 79° (1943)
- Record Low today 3° (1955)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 45°

Low Wednesday 3°

Precipitation —

This month .21

Year to date 15.67

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high around 55, low of 29, west wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high of 52, low of 26, north wind at 15 to 25 mph. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high of 61 and low of 28. Monday: Mostly sunny, high around 55 and low of 24. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with high around 56 and low of 28. Wednesday: Mostly Sunny and the high near 61.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local
markets****Noon**

Wheat — \$3.19 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.13

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$1.73 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.61

Loan deficiency pmt. — 00¢

Milo — \$1.41 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.92 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.07

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0.00¢

Millet — \$5.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7.50 cwt.

NuSun crop — \$8.50

Confection — Call

Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun,

Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century

Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Mustangs lose to Eagles

Eighth-grade Mustang Erik Roeder (white jersey) tried to inbound the ball past Colby's Kirt Dugger during the second half of Grant Junior High's 50-18 loss to the Eagles Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. See photo, story on Page 12.



Bridge done; paving begins

The aerial view of the new bridge on K-27 about eight miles south of Goodland was taken the last week of October. Paving work has started (extreme right photo) and the final bridge handrails were poured (right photo). Paving of the road north and south of the bridge will continue for the next week or more, said Eric Oelschlager of the Atwood office of the state Department of Transportation. He said Venture Paving of Great Bend will be working every day possible and may have to work on Sunday and Thanksgiving to get the work completed. He said the last handrail was poured Wednesday, and the bridge is finished.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



Interviews planned for top 911 applicants

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners are planning to interview the top five candidates for central dispatch director over the next 10 days and hope to make a decision at their next meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said the county received seven applications for the job and has decided to interview the top five.

Commissioners Kevin Rasure and Chuck Thomas agreed to try to call a couple of the candidates each to set up interview times.

The commissioners spent 15 minutes in closed session talking about the applications before announcing they would interview the top five. Among the finalists are Crissy Conger, the interim central dispatch director, and Rita Hill, wife of City Manager Wayne Hill, a police lieutenant who is the dispatch director in Guymon, Okla.

The commissioners talked to Conger and Rita Hill before Mary Messamore, former central dispatch and emergency management director, resigned to move to Hutchinson.

Tiede refused to say who the other three candidates are, except that all live within 100 miles of Goodland.

He said that none of the applicants has had much experience working with the emergency management job, but an interim agreement with Cheyenne and Rawlins counties to share a director could take care of that job.

The commissioners discussed the agreement on central dispatch and decided to ask the city to agree to terminate the existing contract and replace it.

County won't finance baler

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners decided Tuesday not to finance three county projects, but to take the money out of the reserves and save the cost of the interest.

The county has been discussing financing its share of the new bridge on County Road 65 (Eighth Street) of \$83,000; repairs to the brickwork at the courthouse, \$76,000; and the remaining \$278,000 for a baler and conveyor at the trash transfer station.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said the county needed to decide how to pay for the baler before the final payment sneaks up on them.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked County Clerk Janet Rumpel and assistant Clerk Mary Ann Snethen how much had been put aside for the baler project and how much was in the solid waste reserve.

Snethen said the county had put aside \$278,000 for the baler and conveyor plus \$8,000 for the freight. She said money also had been put on hold for the building addition and doors at the transfer station to house the baler.

She told the commissioners that \$58,000 had been paid in May, 20 percent of the cost of the baler and

the conveyor. The total invoice for the baler and conveyor was \$328,000. The agreement calls for another \$58,000 to be paid in December prior to shipment, and \$177,000 when the baler and conveyor are shipped. The final \$28,000 is to be paid 30 days after installation and training.

She said all the money will come out of the landfill budget, and the concrete and doors for the new building will come out of capital outlay. The bill has been paid to Schlosser Concrete, she said.

Rasure asked how much will be left in the solid waste fund if this is all paid out.

Snethen said there will be \$454,000.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said he did not see a reason to borrow money for the baler and pay the interest. Rasure asked about the money for the new cell, which will cost \$109,000.

Rumpel said that comes out of the \$200,000 reserve fund the commissioners put aside over the past years for digging new cells. She said it would be good for the commissioners to transfer \$50,000 into the fund this year to get ready for the next cell.

Thomas said the solid waste fund has money com-

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patch. He said the sheriff's new server has been installed and the system should be in use the first part of December.

Tracy Purvis, technical representative from S&T, had recommended that the sheriff and central dispatch have servers, which could be mirrored so that both would have the same information and back up each other if one went down.

Butts said the new server for dispatch would handle the information for the sheriff, dispatch and the city police.

He said it would be an improvement from the current system, where the dispatch, sheriff and police are all using the main city server.

The commissioners asked what the cost would be.

Butts said he had a proposal from S&T but wanted to add a computer for the jailers so their information could be added to the main database, and a program to handle civil process information.

"We need a new program for the civil process function," Butts said. "It has been added into the new system, and we received training on the program."

"The cost of the program is \$3,000. We have a program now, but the information is not going into the main system."

Butts said the server would cost \$6,694, and the new jail computer would be \$1,057.

"I guess it is necessary," Tiede said. "Seems like a lot of money."

"The server is really important," Thomas said, making a motion to purchase the server, computer and software program. It passed unanimously.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the current agreement says that one side can terminate the agreement if it gives the other notice by July 1, but there is a section which says the agreement can be ended by mutual agreement.

Rasure said the new agreement should have a section about the city housing the central dispatch at the City Administration Building and a second section about the county providing dispatch services to the city police.

Thomas asked if there was any requirement to have a communication board.

Rumpel said she had searched the state laws, and could find no legal requirement to have a board.

Thomas said he thought they should do away with the board.

"We can suggest that to the city," Rasure said.

"We can have something in there that the advisory board does not seem to be needed for the operations of the central dispatch," Tiede said.

"The decisions should be left up to the commissioners."

Rasure said if the proposal is accepted by city, they could have a new agreement drafted. It would eliminate the communications board and leave all the decisions up to the commissioners. They agreed that is the way the dispatch system has been running for the past few years anyway.

County Sheriff Kevin Butts came in to talk about a proposal from S&T Telephone for a new server for dis-

Library searched for armed robbery suspect

By Tom Betz

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Goodland library patrons and employees were herded out about noon last Friday because police thought an armed robbery suspect might be in the building.

Sheriff Kevin Butts said they evacuated the library because the man's girlfriend was parked out in front. He said Goodland Police officers, sheriff's deputies and Kansas

Highway Patrol troopers helped look for the man, who was wanted on a warrant for aggravated robbery out of Pueblo County, Colo.

He was found later, hiding under a blanket at the girlfriend's apartment, and taken to the Sherman County Bastille, where he was being held without bond.

Janine Rudman who was in the library said everyone was asked to leave and they were standing around

outside wondering what was happening. Rudman said Officer Cary Amos was the one asking her to leave, and she was frightened. Rudman said when they let them back in the library she logged out of the computer and went home. Rudman said there were seven people in the library at the time including the librarians.

Librarians Janet Warren and Karen Gillihan were working when

the police ask them to clear the building. Warren said she thought there were four or five people in the library plus the library staff.

"It was nice they did not find him here," Warren said, "and it turned out to be nothing to worry about. The police were doing their job and everything went well."

The library was cleared for about 10 minutes while the officers searched.

It seems the suspect's wagging tongue got him in trouble. At first, Colorado authorities didn't even know who he was. Butts said he had received a report that Christopher Maldonado, 22, Goodland, had been bragging about committing an armed robbery in Pueblo.

"I called a detective with the Pueblo County Sheriff," Butts said,

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