

County names new chairman, approves raises

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\$1,148); and County Treasurer Scheopner's salary is \$27,000 plus \$5,438 as the motor vehicle administrator.

Register of Deeds Carol Armstrong's salary will be \$31,300, up from \$29,811. County Assessor Terry Ballard will remain at \$40,000 for his part-time position. Dorendo Harrell, head of the county health department, will have a sal-

ary of \$46,000 this year, up from \$42,848. Curt Way, public works manager, will have a salary of \$53,000 up from \$50,631.

One of the larger raises will be for Sheriff Kevin Butts, commissioners said, to bring him closer to the level of other law enforcement officials in the area. He will have a salary of \$46,000 up from \$39,730.

Raises for the hourly people ranged from 3 percent to 11 percent, with an average of 6.8 percent, said Rumpel

and Deputy Clerk Crystal Wright.

Commissioners said pay for emergency dispatchers needed to be increased and gave average raises around 30 percent for them. The raise brings the average up from about \$9 an hour to \$12.25 per hour.

In other business the commissioners:

- Approved a recommendation from the Sherman County Economic Development Council to ap-

point Chuck Wilkens, owner of Wilkens Truck and Tractor, and Mike Cochran, owner of Cochran Farm Supply, to three-year terms.

- Approved purchase of new software and a computer for the noxious weed department. The software is from Star Programming of Danville, Kan. for \$3,500, which includes the first year support for \$350. The computer will be purchased from S&T Communications for \$1,360.

- Approved appointment of Kevin Sanderson, manager of Helena Chemical, as the county representative on a new regional homeland security council. Sanderson will attend a meeting in Wichita, and the commissioners agreed to help pay travel expenses for part of his trip. Gary Rogers, regional emergency preparedness manager, will be on the council representing Cheyenne County.

- Approved the annual contract

with Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas to help the developmentally disabled people in the county. The county provides \$45,000 for this program.

- Decided not to have a meeting on Tuesday, but set a special meeting for 8 a.m. Monday to review bills for the first half of the month. The next regular commission meeting will be 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The meeting began at 8 a.m. and adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Supper raises \$1,600

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the money to be paid back when state funds come in.

Bankwest and First National Bank each received a check for \$50,000, which Selby said pays off the remodeling of the high school science rooms. There are two payments of \$50,000 left on the new activity bus, he said, and that's all that the district owes. The capital outlay fund has \$485,000 in it, he added.

Selby said the state Legislature had received a Legislative Post Audit report on school financing that day. It would cut the low-enrollment weighting now used to figure how much money the district gets from the state.

Harvey Swager, high school principal, thanked the board for its support during his illness and recovery. Swager had a reaction to medication he was taking for cancer and was gone most of the fall.

Swager told the board there were 146 students on the down list out of 325, which he said is about normal. The list lets the students know they are getting a D or F in a class. It used to be done every two weeks, he said, but now it is done every week. Seventy percent of the students on the list have homework that has not been turned in, said Swager.

Students going out for winter sports who did not go out for fall sports were given the drug test, he said.

There have been about 200 people tested including coaches and some teachers, said Swager.

Anyone going out for spring sports will be tested, he said, if they haven't been already.

Goodland hosted the league Scholar Bowl on Monday, he said. Goodland won two matches and lost three. The Oberlin team won with a perfect 5-0 record, followed by Colby, 4-1.

League wrestling will be here on Saturday, Jan. 28, he said. The vocal competition scheduled for Friday, Jan. 17, and Saturday, Jan. 18, has been canceled.

Jim Mull, junior high principal, said the Geography Bee was going on this week and the Spelling Bee will be next week. The Mustang Wrestling Invitational will be on Saturday, Jan. 21.

North Elementary has had a high rate of illness since winter break, he said, but none of the other schools seem to be having the same problem.

Shelly Angelos, West Elementary School principal, said students had collected five boxes of food for the food bank. Devin and Dan Mangus played the guitar and sang Christmas music for the students. Devin is a student at Goodland High School and his father, Dan, farms by Kanorado. A mini cheer clinic is being held this week.

Tina Goodwin, director of the Carnegie Arts Center, is planning a program in cooperation with the West site council, "Meet the Master," for the students.

They will talk about Pablo Picasso and his art, and the students will get to do some art.

There have been 13 inquiries for the job of superintendent, said Selby, who is retiring at the end of the year. Three have completed their applications.

He said band teacher Melanie Biel has found a place to get her teacher's certification by next January. The board voted to pay half the cost.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the resignation of Jeanette White, a preschool aide at West.

- Hired Teresa Sieck to be assistant junior high girls basketball coach, Gill Taylor for a substitute bus driver and Derek Forsythe for a night custodian at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

- Paid \$222,924 in bills.

- Long-time board member Dick Short received a certificate for attendance at board workshops.

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