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## County waiting on new vehicle bids

Decatur County sheriff's officers and commissioners are waiting for another round of bids before making any decisions on purchasing a new vehicle for the department.

Sheriff Ken Badsky talked with the commissioners last Tuesday to let them know that more bids should be in by the last meeting in July.

He said the dealer in Illinois that bid the Dodge Durango for \$22,900 is a pilot program for dealers to sell vehicles. That is the wholesale price to the dealer or to the department, he said. The dealer is not licensed in Kansas, however.

Sheriff Badsky said he also placed an ad in *The Oberlin Herald* for sealed bids on the Ford Expedition the department would like to sell.

The department recently received a Byrne grant for a little over \$20,000, with the county having to come up with a 25 percent match. That means the department will actually get a little over \$15,000, he

said. Sheriff Badsky said he has ordered four Tasers with the money. The total price for the equipment is \$2,237.

In order for the officers to carry the tasers, he said, they have to be shot with them to see how it feels. Sheriff Badsky said they will carry them on their belts on the opposite side of their guns.

With the grant, he said, he has to send in documentation every 30 days of what the department has spent.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard the May sheriff's report. There were 35 vehicle inspections, five accidents, two incidents, 11 offenses, 34 papers served and five tickets written.

- Heard in June there were 33 vehicle inspections, five accidents, three incidents, five offenses, 52 papers served and 10 tickets written

## Extension Council puts in money request

Members of the Decatur County Extension Council met with commissioners last Tuesday and asked for \$68,000 for the budget next year.

Last year at budget time, said Dan O'Brien, northwest area extension director, the council asked for \$71,072 and received \$64,600.

Mr. O'Brien said there is a slight increase in the budget this year for health insurance premiums and a 3 percent pay raise. Kansas State University, he said, increased the amount that they fund.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said they would take the information and put it with the other requests, and

when they do the budget, they will look at them again.

By law, said Mr. O'Brien, they needed to have their proposal in by Thursday, so they wanted to have that done.

The commissioners have been very supportive of the extension programs, he said.

County Agent Byron Hale said last year they saw an increase over the year before in 4-H numbers and currently have five clubs. When he started in the county in 1989, he said, there were six clubs but one of them was from the Cookson Hills Christian School youth ranch.

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