Commissioners accept only bid on ambulance

The Decatur County commissioners approved a bid for a new ambulance at their meeting last Tuesday from Lifeline out of Sumner, Iowa for \$119,670.

Half of the money will come from a state-federal grant and half from

Amy Griffey, with the Northwest

Half of the bill for the ambulance will be paid from a state Community Development Block Grant.

The commissioners can approve

County Attorney Steve Hirsch. It is Troy Allen with Lifeline.

made on this project, said Mrs.

through the grant when the ambulance is dropped off or picked up.

County Roundup

At their meeting last Tuesday, **Decatur County commissioners:**

- Approved an ambulance bid of \$119,670 from Lifeline out of lowa with the county paying for half and a state-federal grant the other half. Story at left.
- Talked with one of the county's part-time sheriff's deputies, who asked about the county paying for half of a satellite service at her house in Cedar Bluffs so she could have faster Internet. Story below.
- Talked with the road and bridge supervisor about getting grant money to help replace three bridges. Story below.

The commissioners approved a power cot in the bid price for \$9,856. Mrs. Griffey said the state should be able to sign off on the single bid within a week and then the order can

In other business, commissioners held a 15-minute closed session for personnel at the request of interim Ambulance Director Linda Manning. There was no action taken.

County would like grant to fix bridges

The Decatur County commis- other is northeast about three miles sioners talked with the road and bridge supervisor about getting grant money for three bridges that he wants to replace next year.

— Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes

camp every day, Pastor Wiebe

said, but they can if they want, or

they can drop in any day that

According to the department, the

The camp is free.

works.

Amy Griffey, with the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, said the bridges need to be in highly populated parts of the county for the grant to pay well. If the bridges are in the less-populated area, then the grant doesn't pay as

Two of the bridges are in Oberlin Township, near town, and one in Grant Township, commissioners

Two are about three miles south- said he would like to apply for the west of town by Morfords and the grant.

west of Lyle.

With the grant process, said Mrs. Griffey, the Kansas Department of Transportation normally pays 80 percent and the county 20 percent. The state will want the county's share up front.

Anything that has been done on the bridges before the grant is awarded can't be reimbursed, she said, so if the process has already started, that should be kept in mind.

If an engineer is working on bridge details, that will not be reimbursed by the grant, she added.

Road supervisor Tim Stallman

Deputy asks for help paying for Internet

asked Decatur County commissioners Tuesday about helping to pay for satellite service for her house in Cedar Bluffs since she also helps with the emergency management department.

Deputy Patti Skubal said when know the weather for emergency management, her computer service at home is so slow it doesn't work.

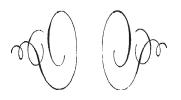
She asked commissioners about helping to pay for satellite service at her house. She said she would pay half of the service if the county would pay the other half.

The price through Wild Blue

A part-time sheriff's deputy would be between \$50 and \$80, depending on the package.

The commissioners said they would consider the request.

Mrs. Skubal said she wants to attend the Kansas Emergency Management Agency annual conference in Hays in September. She said it there is a storm, and she needs to will cost about \$150, and she would let the commissioners know more details when she gets the registration



the county.

The county received just one bid for an ambulance and opened it at the meeting.

Kansas Planning and Development Commission, said she will need to send a letter to the state to get permission to accept the lone bid. Since other companies had a chance to bid on the ambulance, Mrs. Griffey said she didn't think there would be any problem with the state.

the bid contingent on getting a letter from the state, Mrs. Griffey said. The commissioners agreed to accept What is the delivery date? asked

210 days from the order date, replied There won't be any prepayments be placed.

The full amount will be paid

Overlay work will cause delays on K-117 Drivers using K-117, the road to Work is scheduled to start on Fribraska, should expect a 15-minute do a hot in-place recycling of the surface, heating the asphalt, ripping Herndon and Trenton, Neb., should day for the 12-mile job. During the or less delay, the department says. expect delays starting this week as day, the road will be reduced to one The job will be done by Dobson up surface and rolling it smooth. a contractor for the Kansas Departlane through the work zone. Brothers of Lincoln, with the cost ment of Transportation puts on an Everyone using the road, which being \$936,982. work should be done by mid-Auoverlay of new asphalt. runs from U.S. 36 north to Ne-Before the overlay, workers will gust, weather permitting.

She said the church felt that there

wasn't a lot for the kids to do in the

park around 11:30 a.m.

AT FROGS CAMP on Friday morning, Max Diederich race" with a green grape held between her toes. The camp

(above) tried to blow up a blue balloon as big as he could is held at the Oberlin City Park on Monday, Wednesday and

each day, but they bring their own summer, and they wanted to pro-

sack lunch, which they eat in the vide a structured environment for

years ago.

them. They started the camp four

The kids don't have to attend the

before it popped. Jenna Long (below) got ready for a "grape Friday.

Camp

gets kids

hopping

The Fun Radical Outdoor Get-

away Summer camp started last

week with 25 kids in City Park. Pastor Heidi Wiebe said the

Oberlin Covenant Church sponsors the FROGS camp, which runs through Friday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Mon-

day, Wednesday and Friday. The camp is open to those who have finished first grade through

those going into sixth grade. The Head Frog is Anthony

Marshall and the Assistant Frog

is Kim Wessel. This is Mr. Marshall's third year working at the

camp and his first year was head

This is Miss Wessel's first

year; she will be a senior at

Decatur Community High

School. She said the kids play

games, learn songs and do crafts.

Pastor Wiebe said a snack and

water are provided for the kids

hopper.

Don't let a day at the lake become that day at the lake.



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