

Airport advisory group ready to work with city

The city's reconstituted airport advisory committee is ready to work on plans to improve the municipal airport, members told the Oberlin City Council on Thursday.

In June, the city appointed five men from the county to sit on the advisory group with existing members from the city. They are Jim Wesch, Traer; Lee Franklin and former county Commissioner Doyle Brown, Jennings, current Commissioner Gene Gallentine, Clayton; and Sid Metcalf, Oberlin, a member of the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. board, and a long-time pilot.

At the meeting last Thursday, Mr. Franklin told the council that the

committee has been reformed and is ready to go to work. He said the independent committee which grew out of Decatur Tomorrow had been disbanded.

"We plan to ask for public support and ideas for construction," he said, "and keep in touch with the council."

While in the past there has been more than one airport committee, said Interim Administrator Karen Larson, there is only one, the advisory committee, appointed by the council.

"In the past, there may have been some confusion among the public," said Mr. Metcalf. "We dissolved the old airport committee before

reforming as a city advisory committee appointed by the council."

The administrator said the committee will work on behalf of the airport and see what it needs and then bring those needs to the council. No council member sits on the board, she said.

Mr. Metcalf said the airport committee has only had one meeting but had not chosen a chairman. He said the committee will help keep the airport runway expansion project going and push to get it completed. The city voters cast a 2-1 vote in favor of the expansion project at a special election, he said, so they are going to try to get that done.



HITTING THE BALL during his round at the Oberlin Country Club, Mitch Haden of Torrington, Wyo., was in town on Saturday to play in the Decatur County Hospital Benefit Golf Tournament. — Photo by Othelia Vacura

Hospital provides food, golf

Just under 200 dinners were served Saturday night during the Decatur County Hospital benefit at the American Legion hall.

That afternoon, 29 teams of four players each took to the golf course at the Oberlin Country Club. The winning team, said Othelia Vacura, public relations director for the hospital, was the Kevin and Carol Brown family, who shot a 56.

After the day at the course, the golfers and a few extras ate 171 prime-rib dinners.

During the meal, Mike Bailey of Jennings auctioned off sports memorabilia and other items.

Smaller items were sold in a silent auction.

Raffle winners, she said, were Jodi Votapka, who went home with a 10-inch notebook computer; Jean Ann Leitner, who won a three-minute shopping spree at Raye's Grocery; Dave Wilson, who won a Ping putter; and Channing Fortin, who won a Tommy Armour 855 putter.

Mrs. Vacura didn't say how much the event raised, but the money will go for improvements in patient care at the hospital, including new bedding.

Sheriff gives costs for jail use

The Decatur County sheriff gave commissioners some numbers on what other area counties get for use of their jails on Tuesday, but there wasn't any decision made on an agreement with the City of Oberlin.

At the meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 3, Sheriff Badsky told the commissioners that it costs \$19.25 a day to house a prisoner and the city pays just \$10 a day.

During that meeting, the commissioners asked Sheriff Badsky to get some numbers from other counties.

Sheriff Badsky had some of those figures for the meeting last week. The information he handed out showed that the City of Atwood pays a flat \$30,000 a year to the Rawlins County sheriff's office. That money

is split, putting \$20,000 into the dispatch budget and \$10,000 into the jail budget.

In Norton, for the last 12 years, the city has paid 40 percent of the dispatch salaries and benefits and 50 percent of dispatch supplies, log books and breath-test supplies. The city also pays \$52 a day for each prisoner it houses.

In Sheridan County, the City of Hoxie pays \$35 a day.

In both Sheridan and Norton counties, the number of days is figured by the number of prisoners being held for municipal court and for all city arrests prior to the first appearance in district court.

Greg Lohofener, with the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., told commissioners it's time to renew the

insurance agreement for the new Golden Age Center and Sunflower Cinema. It's going to cost \$8,600 this year, he said.

He said he thought last year the county's share was 40 percent. The insurance went down a little compared to last year, he added.

For the corporation side, said Mr. Lohofener, it will cost around \$1,800 to \$1,900. When the project first started, he said, there was some discussion about the county giving the development agency some additional money to pay the taxes.

Time to finish bowling alley

The final push to raise \$150,000 needed to finish the new community center will start with an informational meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Greg Lohofener, a board member with the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., said the meeting is for anyone interested in raising money for or using the bowling alley.

He said he would like to have the

money raised by the end of September so that the bowling alley will be completed in November.

Mr. Lohofener said they can take grain or cash donations. Clubs can do a project or support a certain part of the project.

The meeting will be held in the north side of the new building on Main Street, which is where the bowling alley will be.

County lowers spending limits

With money in short supply, the Decatur County commissioners cut the amount of money department heads are allowed to spend without getting prior permission from \$500 to \$200.

Commissioner Stan McEvoy said at the meeting last Tuesday that he thought instead of \$500, with cash so short, it might be better to lower it to \$250 until the end of the year.

"Seems we approve it anyway," said Commissioner Gene Gallentine.

If someone wants to make a purchase without approval, then they can cover it out of their own pocket,

said Mr. McEvoy. It seems some of the departments are buying stuff the county doesn't need.

"They don't seem to get it," he said.

"We have to do something," said Commissioner Ralph Unger. "The general fund really sucks."

Mr. McEvoy, and the county needs to be careful with spending so it can make it to the end of the year.

The general fund is \$300,000 below where it was last year at that time, he said, and that's without the rest of the July bills, which the commissioners were signing at the

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School bus draws transit gripes

The white minivan the county has been using as the transportation bus is broken down, but commissioners have received a few complaints about the wheelchair lift on the former school bus being used in its place.

People can call the bus to take them to doctor's office, to the grocery store or other places in town.

Commissioner Gene Gallentine said he's had a complaint that the lift isn't great for people in wheel

chairs. It takes longer to load and the lift goes up rather quickly, he said.

Someone mentioned that maybe there was an extra minivan in Sheridan County, he said, and the county could check into using it.

The county got the minivan through a state Department of Transportation grant. The county should get a new one in the spring, said County Clerk Colleen Geihlsler, who supervises the transit program.

Colby Community College Outreach Enrollment Oberlin

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EN 176	English Composition I*	3	L. Davis	H.S.	08/23/10	11/29/10	7 p.m.	10 p.m.
AL 110	Medical Terminology	1	Staff	H.S.	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
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PS 276	Developmental Psychology	3	Staff	H.S.	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
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Man arrested for battery and child abuse

A McCook man was arrested on charges of intentional aggravated battery and abuse of a child last week.

Sidney Lampman, 33, was arrested on the two charges by the Oberlin City Police Department on Thursday.

Both charges involve a 6-month-old baby on or about June 19, according to the court documents. The first charge, a level 4 person felony, carries a penalty of 38 to 172 months in a state prison and/or a fine up to \$300,000. The second is a level 5 person felony which has a penalty

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