

Commissioners approve buying copier/computer

The commissioners approved the purchase of a new copier for the clerk of the District Court and for a computer in the appraiser's office when they met on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Kevin Berens, county attorney, said the copier in the clerk of the District Court office was in poor condition, however Sharon Elliott, clerk, said there wasn't enough money in her budget to purchase a new one. Attorney Berens said he often used the equipment and suggested that the remainder of the cost be taken from the Diversion Fund. Rather than trading in the old copier, Attorney Berens asked that it be moved to the new county attorney's office which will be located in the basement of the courthouse.

The estimates for the new copier with trade-in were: Office Works, Colby, \$2,625; and Top Side, Goodland, \$2,158. Attorney Berens said that it appeared that the companies were offering \$500 for the trade-in and, even without the trade-in, Top Side was still the low bid.

The commissioners agreed to the arrangement of part of the money coming from the clerk of the District Court's budget and the rest coming from the Diversion Fund.

The commissioners and attorney talked briefly about what kind of

equipment the new attorney, Justin Barrett, would need but no decisions were made.

Randy Sangster, county attorney, asked the commissioners to approve the purchase of a computer if he could get it for the amount of money left in his budget. The commissioners approved the purchase.

Emergency preparedness

Gary Rogers, emergency preparedness manager, discussed the Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Manager Rogers said he had received the grant for the plan but the county commissioners needed to put into place a resolution stating the county will follow all guidelines pertaining to the grant. The commissioners adopted the resolution.

The manager is applying for an All Hazard Analysis for SARA Title 3 which will be a 20/80 matching grant. The county will be responsible for 20 percent of the grant but Manager Rogers' salary will qualify for the 20 percent.

He asked the commissioners to consider raising his mileage rate (the county pays \$.33 per mile) to the state's mileage reimbursement rate of \$.37 per mile. The commissioners said they would consider the request in January.

Road and bridge

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, asked for 15 minutes executive session to discuss personnel and when the meeting reopened, he announced that Martin Fiedler and Dan Harris were moving from part-time employees to full-time.

Supervisor Flemming said he had a road groom on a trial basis. The road groom is a piece of equipment which blades the road but is pulled behind a pickup or a tractor. He said he hadn't had a chance to work with the machine.

In other business

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- The commissioners approved overtime of 17.25 hours for Jeff Mason and 16.5 hours for Carol Gamblin, both sheriff deputies.

- Elmer Kellner was re-appointed as the Commissioners' representative to Western Prairie Research and Development. Clerk Miller was asked to tell Mr. Kellner they felt like he was doing a good an excellent job.

- The board agreed not to join the National Association of Counties.

- Clarence Iliff was approved as a Fair Board member.

- The commissioners signed the Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy which is necessary to be eligible for Community Development Grants.

- The commissioners agreed to give the same year-end bonuses as last year (\$200 scrip for each full-time employee and \$100 scrip for part-time employees).

- The courthouse will be closed on Dec. 31 as the New Year holiday. Previously, the commissioners had agreed to close on Jan. 3 but the state of Kansas offices will be closed at noon on Dec. 30 in order to year-end book balancing and close out.
- Health insurance was once again discussed and it was decided to wait until another meeting before making a decision.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be at 8 a.m. on Dec. 15 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. The last meeting of the year was changed from Dec. 31 to Dec. 30 because the courthouse will be closed on the 31st. Pay raises will be discussed at a later meeting.



KEVIN DIXSON gives Lucius White, a Cheylin sophomore, one-on-one instruction during a math class.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Years Ago

10 years ago - 1994

A nice crowd of 240 people attended the America Legion Auxiliary Community Thanksgiving dinner. Youth from the area provided the entertainment including Tessa Wells, Michael Sager, Haley Young and Katie Lampe. The first three had piano solos while Lampe did a dance solo.

REA and Midwest Energy have been busy put up the Christmas decorations for the residents to enjoy.

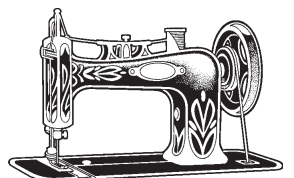
Seniors on the Cougar basketball team include Dennis Wright, Stephen Voorhies, Roy Hubbard, Jory Mears, Brad Montgomery and Travis Antholz. Seniors on the Lady Cougar team include Cely Glasco, Malinda Schneider and Merida Binning.

The Go-Getters 4-H Club held

a dinner for sponsors who supported them on their premium projects.

The first graders wrote letter to Santa which were published in the Times. Letters printed were from Afton Krien, Ashton Rueb, Cody Monk, Dalton Holliman, David Banister, Jacob Jensen, Joshua Brown, Josh Moyer, Michael Hubbard, Katie Lampe, Robert Binning and Shayna Dunlap.

Cheyenne County turned out at the polls in full force for the general election this fall. The county had the highest percentage of voters in the 105 Kansas counties.



HERALD HAPPENINGS —



Christmas Section

This section will be filled with Christmas Cheer: Letters to Santa, Recipes and Memories. The advertising is reserved for well wishes!

FIRST BABY

With the coming of the New Year comes the new arrival of that bundle of joy!

Coming in January a bundle of business ready to congratulate the new baby and the parents!

Winter Sports Section

This section will feature St. Francis and Bird City Jr. High and High School Basketball players, Wrestlers and Cheerleaders! To be inserted in your paper in January.



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Coming Thursday, December 16

Christmas Grand Prize Drawing ON US

at the St. Francis Old City Hall

Inclement Weather: St. Francis Grade School Gym • 6:30 p.m.

The following prizes will be awarded: Any unclaimed \$50 instant winners, a second place \$100 Winner and Grand Prize \$1,000 winner, for an overall total of \$1,500 in prizes. The winning tickets must be presented at the Grand Prize drawing to claim prizes, at the time of the drawing. Brought to you by these participating businesses —

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