

Emergency building discussion held

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At the commissioner/city council meeting on Jan. 24, the St. Francis City Council offered to turn over the Emergency Building to the county. However, at the Monday meeting of the Cheyenne County Commissioners, little was said about the offer.

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, said the boiler appeared to have a problem. She understood that the boiler sensor had not been installed or maybe wasn't working... there was a problem with the sensor.

She said they are careful to not use any more heat than possible and turn the thermostat down at night.

Before the commissioners make any decisions, they will need more information, especially concerning the boiler and the cost of insurance.

Level raises

Department heads requested class level raises for employees. Cody Beeson, Jennifer Padgett and Marilyn Hnizdil were at level 2 and they had been in their present position and, obviously shown progress. However, the county employees had received a 3-percent cost-of-living raise at the first of the year. Now, to add an additional \$4,125 (total) to the three wages was something the commissioners had to discuss.

They agreed that the additional

wages would come out of each of the department head's budgets. They voted to approve all three employees level raises to level 3.

Road and bridge department report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, talked about box bridges in the county that were in poor shape and either needed to be repaired, replaced or removed. These bridges had not been inspected for several years. He named five bridges, all in different parts of the county.

He said the Kenworth truck needed work. He estimated it would cost around \$4,000 to get it running right. The commissioners agreed that they couldn't replace the truck for \$4,000 so Mr. Flemming will get the parts ordered and the truck repaired.

He talked about the condition of the Rangeline road southwest of St. Francis. He said at the end of the pavement, the road was in bad shape. It has been 12 years since this stretch of road had serious work. He proposed to bring in equipment to incorporate larger rocks and a packer. If the rock was ready to go, Mr. Flemming said he felt the work could be done within three weeks. He would like to start the work before March as the equipment will be available then.

The commissioners signed a highway permit from Parrish Drilling to bore under the county road and install a water line; and Paragon Geological Service to do a 3D seismograph in the northeast part of the county.

He talked about purchasing a new grader. The money had been put away for an equipment purchase and he thought the trade-in of an old grader would be good.

The commissioners asked him to get a price and see if they would allow him to bring it to the county for a demonstration. The matter will be on a future agenda.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, said he would like to have the landfill close one day a week, probably on a Wednesday. This day would be spent picking up and cleaning up trash. I believe KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) is watching our landfill, he said. If it is logged that we are making an effort to keep the landfill free of blowing trash, it might help.

Mr. Flemming offered to call the head of the department of health and environment and ask his advice. Mr. Beikman thought

that it certainly wouldn't hurt to get a second opinion.

Mr. Flemming will also talk to Ed Garner, landfill supervisor.

Emergency medical service

Mrs. Bowers said the emergency medical service department had \$5,434 in insurance adjustments for December.

She asked for executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made when they came out of the session.

911 department report

Mrs. Padgett reported that, 2010, there were 653 911 calls made and 4,398 administrative calls were logged for police and sheriff.

Mrs. Padgett asked if there was a way that part-time help could be offered on-call pay? What it would do would guarantee the part-time help an extra 10 hours a month. It was suggested that the pay should be 50-cents an hour. Kari Gilliland, county attorney, asked if her budget could handle the extra pay? She said she would have to check.

She said Rawlins County dispatch has three full-time dispatchers and several part-time. Cheyenne County dispatchers have 12 hour shifts. She will see what information she can find and report back to the commissioners.

They talked about having 911 hook equipment at the emergency manager's office in the St. Francis Emergency building. The office would be a backup site in case there was an emergency and the courthouse office was not useable. The commissioners said the office had been approved to have two trunks installed. She will need to contact AT&T to have the work done.

In other business

In other business:
• The commissioners signed the Bird City law agreement for \$34,000. Last year, the cost was \$33,000. This guarantees law coverage for Bird City.

• Karen Flemming, with the appraiser's office, was approved to attend Orion classes in Dodge City.

• The commissioners held two checks: one for the High Plains Community Mental Health for \$5,724; and the second was for the Developmental Services in Atwood, \$7,632. The commissioners decided to pay the amounts quarterly instead all in one amount.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15.



DEREK VANDIKE (seventh grade) handles the ball during the Golden Plains A-boys game last Thursday. It was the junior high Cougars last home basketball game this year.

Valentine boxes put in businesses

The McDonald Area Development did not have a February meeting due to the cold weather. It had previously been decided to give gift certificates for the Valentine drawing. There will be one gift certificate given for

Two Lees and one for the grocery store. Boxes are in place at the business places to put your name in when you make a purchase. Valentine's Day is coming soon, so get your names in the boxes.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Lindsay Mullen, Garden City; Glenn Glasco, Bird City; Patty Gerver, Bird City; David Nelsen, Bird City; Don Antholz, Atwood; Donna Vanderput, Bird City; Paul Roesener, Bird City; Glenn Krebs, WaKeeney; Claude Gleason, Bird City; Kevin Partch, Kearney, Neb.; Sloan Phipps,

Kearney, Neb.; R.L. Partch, Bird City; Roberta Linin, Overland Park; Richard Busch, Bird City; Clint Bursch, Bird City; Royce Bursch, Campo, Colo.; Ken Kahle, Hoxie; Dean Smith, Bird City; Farm Credit of Western Kansas, Colby; Duane DaPron, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Public Notices

Notice of Sheriff sale to be held Feb. 24

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Chase Home Finance LLC Plaintiff, vs. Betty L. Griffin, et al. Defendants. Case No. 10CV04 Court Number: Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Cheyenne County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, on February 24, 2011, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

All of Lot 4, in Block 35, in THE ORIGINAL TOWN, now City, of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 213 West Webster, Saint Francis, KS 67756 (the "Property") to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit [www.Southlaw.com](http://www.southlaw.com). <<http://www.southlaw.com>>

Craig Van Allen, Sheriff
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Petition filed in court for Brenner Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of:
MAXINE BRENNER, deceased. Case No. 11-PR-3

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on January 26, 2011, a petition was filed in this court by Roger H. Brenner, an heir and beneficiary of the estate of Maxine Brenner, deceased, requesting that the foreign will of Maxine Brenner, deceased, be admitted to probate and record; that a determination be made that no administration of the estate is necessary; that the will be construed; and that the property described in the petition be assigned in accordance with the terms of the will.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before 10:00 a.m. on February 25, 2011, in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, 212 East Washington Street, St. Francis, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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