

Commissioners informed that 11 radios will not work

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Two weeks ago, the county switched all county radios over to narrow band. At the Cheyenne County Commissioners meeting on Friday, they were informed that 11 radios did not narrow. The 911 funds which are raised from a tax on phones are no longer available for replacing radios.

As the commissioners discussed the cost of replacing the radios, Andy Beikman, commissioner, said that he wasn't interested in replacing the radios just to get by. In the near future, he said, they government is going to require that the bands be even narrower, we need to have radios that will be capable of going narrower.

Ryan Murray, emergency manager, suggested that, while they are replacing radios, maybe they should consider going to 800 megahertz. There is also the matter of updating licenses and tower changes. If the commissioners are considering going to 800 megahertz, then they should not pay to update, only to have to pay again to make the changes. It was noted that the emergency medical service already has one 800 megahertz radio and, in the future, emergency and law departments will be forced to go to the new radios.

Mr. Murray also suggested that emergency department heads be in on making the decision of going to 800 megahertz.

The commissioners talked about paging on cell phones. Mr. Murray said he had been in a situation where he was on a cell phone and the towers went down. I really don't want to be

there again, he said.

Rawlins County has bought all 800 megahertz radios.

If the county went to 800 megahertz, then it would not be necessary to maintain the repeater or tower. The radios, Mr. Murray said, can be purchased much like making a purchase with a lease agreement. They cost about \$1,100 each.

Going to 800 megahertz would require new equipment in the 911 dispatch office but that equipment is covered by 911 funds.

Jen Padgett, dispatch coordinator, said she had checked into the purchase of a generator. It appeared that it would cost around \$4,000 but would not only keep the 911 up and going but would also allow the elevator to work and provide power for the bottom floor. There might be some grant money available for purchasing the generator, she said.

Landfill

The county landfill has been sited by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for a number of violations. If these violations are not corrected, the county could lose the landfill.

They had been informed that the city is going to require that all trash put in the blue dumpsters be bagged. This could help stop blowing trash.

They discussed putting a large dumpster at the landfill which was specifically designated for electronics such as television, computers, microwaves, and other such items.

A meeting with Ed Garner, landfill maintenance man, and others will be held on Thursday.

Emergency medical technician classes

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, said that there are 12 individuals interested in taking an emergency medical technician training. Dee Wilson has passed all the training to teach the class but will need to teach the first class under the supervision of a certified trainer.

After much discussion, the commissioners agreed to pay Ms. Wilson \$3,000 for the class as they had already paid \$1,500 for her training. They also talked about giving her a certain amount for those who pass the class.

In other business

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- Karan Thadani, assistant county attorney, said Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had talked to Mike Callicarate about "Coordination." Dale Patton, commissioner, said he felt that all entities including cities, schools and county, should be working together before any decision is made. The attorneys will study the matter further.

- Dave Yost, Airport Commission chairman, said it would take \$80,000 to finish the airport extension. The commissioners said there was enough money to cover the cost.

- Mrs. Padgett was given 15 minutes executive session to discuss personnel in the 911 dispatch. Chairman Patton said no decision would be made coming out of the session.

Next meetings

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 30, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. They will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday with the St. Francis City Council before the council's regular meeting.



THIRTY-SEVEN BINGO PLAYERS were present for the Bird City Senior Dinner. Above, Charles Coleman is calling off the numbers. Below, Edna Roesener and Marlene Young are looking for their numbers.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



Last Supper dramatization presented in city on April 5

The congregations of Immanuel United Methodist Church of Bird City and St. Francis United Methodist Church will be presenting a dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's painting of "The Last Supper" during Holy Week.

The first performance will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Village on Sunday. On Wednesday, the performers will give the presentation at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church in St. Francis. The last performance will be at the Methodist Church in Bird City starting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 5. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the presentations.

This pageant was written

years ago by Ernest K. Emurian, a United Methodist pastor. The presentation seeks to portray the moment after Jesus told his apostles, "One of you will betray me."

The presentation is not an exact representation of the Biblical accounts of the Last Supper, said Rev. Warren Cico, St. Francis United Methodist Church but is one person's interpretation of these events.

The cast for the "Living Last Supper" has been preparing for this presentation the last couple of months. Several cast members have chosen to grow beards and to let their hair grow longer.

Those who are in the cast from

the Bird City church are: Gary Leach, Stuart Johnson, Radean Wright, Tom Bailey, Chad Hendricks and Ken Beougher. The participants from the St. Francis church are: Travis Jensen, Tim Burr, Warren Cico, Spencer Schlepp, Tom Keller, Mickey Graves, Marvin Zimelman and Lea Keller.

A combined choir from both church's will provide music before the performance and during each of the two breaks. The program will last about an hour which will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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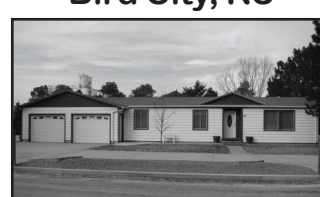
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PROJECT: Evaluation, demolition, removal, clean up, and lot restoration of a two-story masonry and wood framed structure and additional foundation located at/near 118 W. 4th St., in downtown Bird City, Kansas, while preserving a party wall, as per project specifications available with the City of Bird City. This project is a public condemnation of a privately-owned structure.

Requests for Bid Documents (including the project specifications) and any questions regarding the project should be directed to Mayor Troy Burr, City of Bird City, at 785-332-0364. The City of Bird City may accept the lowest and best responsive bid, and reserves the right to reject part or all of any or all bids, to waive irregularities or informalities in any bid, to divide purchases among bidders to accomplish the best gross price, and to make the final decision as to acceptability of quality and price. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be unopened. Time is of the essence.

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