

# Burn ban adopted by commissioners

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The county commissioners, at the Friday meeting, adopted a burn ban effective today, Aug. 30. Ryan Murray, county emergency manager, and George Harper, St. Francis fire chief, had advised that the burn ban be adopted. The ban will be rescinded after there has been sufficient rain to justify it. All entities involved including law and landfill, would be notified of the ban by the 911 dispatcher.

## Fair board

Dick Bursch, fair board president, said before the fair, their board had been short two members and after the fair, five

board members, Karol Lohman, Sean and Jenny Cravens, Adam Peter and Mark Mills had resigned. Mr. Bursch had seven people who had agreed to join the fair board. The commissioners approved the following new members: Danielle Holzwarth, Troy Zwegardt, Isaac Sturgeon, Blake Krien, Chance Hobrock, Margo Douthit and Josh Johnson. Updating the commissioners, Mr. Bursch said the 4-H premium sale at the fair was one of the biggest sales ever and the board had made the first payment on the roof covering the livestock arena. Mr. Thadani noted he had seen the thank you to Wheeler Equity in

the special after fair section.

Next year, Mr. Bursch said, the Thursday night grandstand entertainment will be Baxter Black.

The public hearing to approve the Cemetery District 2 budget was held with no one protesting. The district asked for the same amount as last year, 1 mill, and will receive \$47,000 in ad valorem taxes.

## Ambulance report

Janelle Bowers, ambulance director, said she and Reid Raile, emergency medical technician, had stood by at the fire, handing out water, sports drinks and snacks to firemen at the fire on Thursday. Most of the time, the emergency technicians are paid a flat rate but because this fire lasted from 2:30 to 11 p.m., she wondered if additional money could be paid. The commissioners approved the request.

Mrs. Bowers then asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss financial matters of a third party. Then additional 10 minutes to talk about personnel. Mr. Patton announced that no decisions would be made on either sessions.

## In other business

Scott Strom, representing 360 Energy Engineers, asked that the commissioners let him and his company walk through the county buildings including the courthouse to see where they would recommend energy saving,

thus, cost saving improvements.

For instance, he said, the light fixtures in the courthouse are extremely outdated. They are not giving out good light, in a year or two, it will be impossible to get parts to fix them and even bulbs.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said no one had ever approached the commissioners concerning ways of conserving energy. The walk through the buildings will not cost the county, Mr. Strom said. No decision was made as to whether or not to pursue the study.

## In other business:

- The commissioners approved a wire transfer to CorporatePlan, the county's health insurance provider, for \$40,000. A brief discussion followed, noting that next year, there will be a cap set for health insurance and bids will be sent out to different insurance companies.

- Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development director, updated the commissioners on promotion material she has been distributing.

- Terry Miller, clerk, was given permission to attend an abstract meeting.

## Next meeting

The commissioners meet on the 15th and the last working day of the month. The next meeting, the 15th, falls on a Sunday. They agreed to meet on Friday, Sept. 13, at 8 a.m.

# Village shares budget report at the meeting

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The county commissioners, at the Friday meeting, received the monthly budget report from the Good Samaritan Village given by the administrator.

Jeff Paulsen, Village administrator, reported that they now had 30 residents. Two more people are training to be certified nurses aides and we will be able to admit more residents, he said.

He said the figures were still showing the nursing home in the red but that was because the Good Samaritan Society had taken out the \$10,000 funded depreciation for June when they still owned the facility. This is the last time the Society will take funded depreciation, Mr. Paulsen said.

They talked about what was the property of the Society and what was the property of the county. Dale Patton, commissioner, said he had talked to Kelly Frewen, one of the companies handling the county's insurance. We need clarification on what needs to be covered by the county, he said.

Mr. Paulsen said that the electronics such as the computers, printers, copies... those types of electronics... are leased by the Society so they are responsible for insuring those. Everything else in the facility is the county's. There is a complete list at the office, he said.

Brett Poling, commissioner, asked about the billing saying that the commissioners didn't want to outsource the billing to the Society. Now that we own both the nursing home and the hospital, we would like to see one locally-based company do the billing for both.

The hospital's billing costs are outrageous, said Ernie Ketzner, commissioner.

Mr. Paulsen said the billing is part of the management agreement.

There are several repair and/or replacement items needed at the Village. At the top of the list was an ice maker which will cost about \$1,800. The staff is buying ice but it is costing about \$60 per week. The commissioners agreed that this was equipment that was needed now.

The second item on the list is the asphalt paving especially on the west side where there is not only parking but also a road which leads to the airport. Mr. Paulsen said there are cracks and he wanted to know how the commissioners planned to handle this job.

The commissioners said this project had not been budgeted for. This fall, there will be a contractor doing similar work at the airport. Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, said he planned to have the company fill cracks on some of the county's asphalt roads. The commissioners will look into having the company fill the asphalt cracks at the Village.

The west entrance to the nursing home needs work, Mr. Paulsen said. The staff has raised money to have a design drawn up. Karan Thadani, county attorney, said if the staff was paying for the drawing, it was OK to have it done without advertising for bids. However, the work done on the project, which will be paid for by the county, will need to be advertised.

The Village lift van needs tires. Mr. Paulsen was asked to get bids from county businesses selling tires and submit them to the commissioners. Mr. Paulsen said the commissioners probably needed to be thinking about purchasing a van in the next couple of years.

Mr. Paulsen said they would be switching to a different physical

therapy company.

The commissioners agreed to purchase kick plate covers and wall guards for the nursing home. We own the building, Mr. Patton said, we want to prevent tearing it up.

Mr. Flemming said snow removing sweeps to fit on the Village's skidsteer would cost \$4,500. He would have to see if the sweeps would fit on that skidsteer. If not, the commissioners talked about using the county's new skidsteer purchased for the road and bridge department and the landfill to remove snow at the Village.

There are a number of dead trees at the Village. Mr. Paulsen said he had been told that the county has large equipment that could handle cutting down the trees and hauling them off. No decision was made.



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Karen K. Sutter, with an address of 2726 K-18 Hwy., Junction City, Kansas, 66441;  
Todd Neitzel, with an address of 2195 Road I, St. Francis, Kansas, 67756

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