

Commissioners hear report on FEMA's exit audit

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Tom Brannan, Norton County Road and Bridge supervisor, told the county commissioners about the exit audit with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The agency has asked that Norton County reimburse the cost of the dirt used to repair damage from storms. In the beginning, the agency had informed Norton County that they would pay for all the dirt, but during the exit audit, said they wanted the county to refund the dirt payment and also said they would not give Norton County any more money for dirt.

Officials from the agency said that the commissioners and Mr. Brannan could submit letters requesting funds for dirt and remind them that in the beginning the agency told Mr. Brannan that dirt was included in the payment schedule.

Mr. Brannan also gave his weekly report to the commissioners. There are several road graders

out doing general work on the roads, and all the mower tractors were working in various parts of the county. The bridge crew continued to work on a bridge south of New Almelo, and the bridge piling should be completed soon.

Mr. Brannan presented the commissioners with a contract from the State of Kansas on a bridge one mile south of Densmore. The contract is for the Federal Aid Bridge inspection master agreement. The estimated cost is \$1,500.00. The inspection will be for the underwater and pin and hangar. The commission agreed to the terms of the contract with the Secretary of Transportation and signed it.

Carolyn Applegate gave the commission a report on the recent Governor's Renewable Energy Conference, Wind Energy meeting she attended. Mrs. Applegate gave out several informational brochures to the commissioners.

Jane Wyatt, Norton County Emergency Medical Services Di-

rector, gave her weekly report to the commissioners. The commission read and approved the policy for calling out transfers, which requires that Emergency Medical Services will be contacted by phone rather than by Sheriff's page. County Counselor R. Doug Sebelius approved the policy and it will be signed by the commissioners.

Curt Archibald, Norton County Solid Waste supervisor, reported on a recent meeting he attended about handling waste in the event of a disaster. Mr. Archibald said the meeting covered topics such as hazardous waste, household contents, debris, landfill size, holding of the materials and location.

Mr. Archibald said there will be upcoming meetings to help organize the plan as well as information for the public. Each county is encouraged to develop a disaster plan to detail the county's actions in the event of a natural disaster be adopted by its county commissioners. Mr. Archibald

said that this would not be an easy process and it will take some time to develop in written form.

Diane Becker, Norton City/County Economic Director, reported on the Wind Energy Conference she attended. She gathered information that would be advantageous to Norton County by being involved with the collaborative.

Miss Becker also told the commission about a movie that is going to be produced soon about "Small Town America." Norton County will be within the production scope of the movie, which will be the western area of Kansas.

The commissioners approved the loan request for Holly Puga, Director of Holly's Clubhouse. Mrs. Puga requested \$3,500 from the Norton County Rural Business Enterprise Fund.

Cindy Linner, Norton County Treasurer, gave her monthly sales tax report to the commission, saying \$44,497.22 was deposited into the county's account for September. The year-to-date total was \$387,661.87.

Mrs. Linner talked with the commission about a tax receipt program that is available through Komtek. She showed them a copy of the receipt that is available for purchase. The cost is \$960 for the program and Mrs. Linner believes it is easier to read and easier to

fax.

Scott Sproul, Vice President of the Norton County Horse Council, talked with the council about additional funding on the Equine Facility at Elmwood Park. Mr. Sproul said they are very close to completing the construction, but they are \$2,000 short on funds to complete it. The commission said they would review the request and get back to him at a later time.

Bid proposals were given to County Commission Chairman Richard Thompson for Norton County Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, Phase 3 to announce the contractor bids. BG Consultants were present for the opening of the bids and informed the commission that the bids need to be completed with a bid bond and the acknowledgment of the three addendums. Chairman Thompson read the bids as follows: Whitney Construction — \$121,158.50 and \$158,307.70; Adams Construction — \$113,038.00 and \$172,937.00; Smoky Hill, LLC — \$227,289.80 and \$258,506.05; Annie's Excavating — \$152,178.65 and \$224,321.65 and M&D Excavating \$115,353.90 and \$145,775.40. The engineers estimated the project was \$126,953.50 and \$166,997.50.

Pat Cox and Brian Foster of BG Consultants said they would take the bids, review them and

take them all under consideration and report back to the commissioners.

The commissioners signed a letter to the Upper Republican River Basin opposing a plan for converting flat channel storage terraces to controlled run-off terraces. Both the commissioners and area officials see this as a negative plan to the water level and storage in the counties.

The commission reviewed a letter prepared from Mapes & Miller in reference to the Norton County Hospital distribution. Stephen Zodrow prepared the letter by request of the commissioners to confirm all funds had been distributed for the hospital in previous years.

The letter confirmed the distributions and the county will forward this year's distribution checks.

The annual "Contract of Services" from Mortensen Computer Services was presented to the commissioners for review and signature. It is identical to the 2008 contract, and was approved and signed by the Chairman.

Robert Wyatt, Norton County Clerk, said Dean Sprigg requested the commissioners open a road. The commission requested Mr. Brannan to view the road and prepare a cost estimate for an opening.

House: it's really going to scare you

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effect lighting, fog, strobe lights, extreme low visibility, intense sounds, scents and performers specifically designed to scare people. If a person is pregnant, has sensitivity to distorting lights, is asthmatic, has claustrophobia, is prone to seizures or has heart or other medical conditions, it is strongly recommended that person not enter the haunted house. There is to be no running, smoking, drinking or eating inside the haunted house. If a person appears intoxicated or under the influence of illegal substances, they will be asked to leave the attraction immediately without being refunded their admittance money.

On the south side of the armory, a Monster Mash Bash will be held for the younger crowd. That is considered the "no scare zone" which will be showing kid-friendly movies and have coloring contests. There will also be a "scare-Wii" station, which will have a Wii contest. The spider snack shop will have chili dogs, pop, ice cream sandwiches, pizza, chili fritos, donuts, nachos, coffee, tea and cider. A costume contest for all ages will be held several times each night, there will be "Witches Whirl" contests, cake walks, "eyeball drop" contests, musical chairs, and on Thursday and Friday nights, a decorated pumpkins contest.

The haunted house and Monster Mash Bash will be open for three nights, Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1. The haunted house will open at 8:00 p.m. and the Monster Mash Bash will open at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to the patient care fund at Valley Hope.

Admission to the haunted house is \$7.00, though \$2-off coupons have been distributed to Norton, Hoxie, Jennings, Rexford, Selden, Colby, Goodland, Hill City, Bogue, Oberlin, Quinter, Grinnell and several Nebraska towns.

Between 700 and 1,000 people are expected to go through the haunted house over the 3-night period.

School board: getting grant is rare

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two elementary schools in Kansas to receive the grant, she said. Mrs. Bolt thanked Principal Corey Roy and the administration for being supportive when applying for the grant, and Pam Menagh for writing letters for the grant.

Mrs. Bolt showed the board what the mats look like, and a video that demonstrated some of the dances or steps the mats can be used for. She said some of the older students have made up their own games for the mats, and will show them when she goes to the state convention. She said the mats can be used to teach math, directions

such as north, south, east and west, and tempo and rhythm.

Mr. Roy, administrative representative for the community committee for facility review, reported on the first meeting of the committee and their plan to tour the school's facilities on Friday, Oct. 17 to see what changes are recommended, and then will meet again the following Wednesday to discuss it and start prioritizing. Mr. Roy said the committee would like to have their recommendations to the school board before the end of the year.

"There was a lot of excitement, a lot of ideas, and everyone was very enthusiastic," said Mr. Roy.

He said he would report back to the board at the November board of education meeting.

The board adopted the revised Wellness and Applied Technology Curriculums.

Frank Otter, Norton School District representative to the Board of Control for the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, gave a report on the college.

Pam Menagh, wellness and accreditation, presented the results of the 2007-08 Kansas Assessment Tests and reported on the school district's status as it relates to the Adequate Yearly Progress. She reported that all three build-

ings as well as the district made the benchmarks for Adequate Yearly Progress. The elementary school made Standard of Excellence in reading, math and science, the junior high made Standard of Excellence in reading, and the high school made Standard of Excellence in reading and math. She also reported on the Communities That Care survey results.

Jim Jackson, Norton School District Transportation Director, was at the meeting to answer any questions about the bid specifications for a wheel-chair accessible bus. The board approved the bid specifications, and allowed them to be submitted to vendors.

The contract from Mapes and Miller for the 2008 audit was approved by the board, for a cost of \$5565.00 with added fees not to exceed \$1800 for services required due to changes in auditing standards.

The board went into executive session at 9:07 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel and returned to open meeting at 9:12 p.m.

The board accepted the resignation from Eric Richards as the junior high assistant girls' basketball coach.

As there was no more business brought before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Pick-Em Still many games left

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Dale Shearer, both of Edmond; Linda Matson, Misty Nuzum, Deanna Gallentine, Diana Smith, all of Norton.

This week's entries

The seventh week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday and received in the mail no later than Saturday or you may bring them to *The Telegram* office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in Tuesday's *Telegram* for this week's high school and college games.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

Scores of last week's games were:

Kansas State 44, Texas A&M 30

Kansas 30, Colorado 16

Oklahoma State 28, Missouri 23

Texas Tech 37, Nebraska 31

O.T. Florida 51, LSU 21

North Carolina 29, Notre Dame 24

Missouri Southern 28, Fort Hays 0

Ellis 20, Norton 0

Pawnee Heights 38, Logan 34

Northern Valley 54, Weskan 10

Hill City 44, Western Plains 12

Oakley 36, Trego 0

Texas 45, Oklahoma 35

State of Kansas ORDER

for closing
of registration books
before general election
November 4, 2008

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2311(c), notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of October, 2008, all voter registration books for the general election will close at the end of regular business hours. Registration books will remain closed until the 5th day of November, 2008.

Norton's BB Gun team to host potential members

Persons interested in learning more about the Norton BB Gun Team or boys or girls between the ages of 8-14 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2008 who are interested in trying out for the team are invited to attend the first meeting of the team's new year on Monday in the Norton Rotary BB Gun Museum on East Highway 36 across from Kowpoke Supply in Norton.

The meeting will begin at 6:30

p.m. with a short informational meeting explaining what the program is all about.

Beginning at 7 p.m., try outs for this year's team will begin. Once the team is established, regular meeting nights will be on Monday of each week.

For more information, contact Cameron Archer, phone (785) 877-5567 or Sara or Mike Campbell at (785) 877-3011.

Norton city clean-up days away

The Norton City-wide Clean-Up starts Monday and ends on Wednesday, Oct. 22. City trucks will make special trash pickup on these days. All items must be out at the curb by 8 a.m. on your regular trash day.

All types of trash will be picked up except yard waste, tires, household hazardous waste and electronic waste. Yard waste will be picked up on your regular yard waste route day, and must be in a solid container. There will be a \$10.00 charge per item for appliances with freon. Tree limbs must be cut no longer than 8 feet. Fireplace ash must be in plastic bags. The maximum limit the city will pick up at each residence is 1 load of household items and 1 load

of tree limbs. Normal household trash will be picked up in the usual manner.

Special note — Trash must be separated, for example, tree limbs from metals, because they are disposed of in different locations at the landfill. Mattresses and furniture need to be separate from other trash. Hazardous waste such as paint, motor oil, batteries, pesticides, poisons, and caustic chemicals will not be picked up and should be taken by owners directly to the county landfill.

Yard waste pickup will continue on Wednesday/Thursday until a later date. Recyclables will continue to be picked up on Fridays.

For handicap accommodations, call the city office at 877-5000.

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Sat. 9:30am - 3:00pm

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