

Commissioners vote to improve airport runway

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The ground work is being done at the Cheyenne County Airport and the commissioners received an update at the Tuesday, Nov. 15, meeting.

Dave Yost, airport commission chairman, and Robert Grace, airport manager, talked about the runway and other projects that will need to be done in the future. However, the focus now is the completion of the airport

runway in July.

The county, with a matching grant where the federal government pays 95 percent of the costs and the county, 5 percent. The runway has been widened and replaced with cement and gained a number of other improvements. Mr. Grace pointed out that the grant money comes from aviation fuel taxes and air seat taxes.

Several years ago when the Aviation Weather Observing

System (AWOS) was installed, the airport commission had looked into upgrading the equipment so St. Francis weather would be available to pilots as well as the National Weather Service. At this time, when St. Francis weather is reported it is an estimate, taking information from the Goodland and McCook equipment.

When they first looked into updating the system, it was expensive, costing \$3,500 down and \$300 a month. However, the cost has gone down to \$2,000 down and \$75 month.

The airport commission's budget can handle the cost so the men were told to go ahead with the upgrade.

The discussion turned to construction in the flight zone. The commission has a master plan which designates where construction would hinder those flying into or out of the airport. However, a resolution is needed to make sure there is no construction in the zone.

Karan Thadani, assistant county attorney, and Mr. Grace will work on the resolution.

Road and bridge department
Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said Jan. 1, 2013, was the deadline for changing radios to narrowband. He said he will be using radios that he can reprogram. The cost will be around \$7,000 for 24 radios.

Mr. Flemming asked for 15 minutes of executive session to discuss personnel. An additional 10 minutes was spent in session. Upon coming out, Ernie Ketzner, chairman, said no decision would be made.

Mr. Flemming left the meeting but came back and asked that he be able to discuss an issue of check distribution. Clerk Terry Miller said if Dave was going to discuss this issue, Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, be in on the discussion.

The commissioners asked Mr. Flemming to have his secretary, Kelly Doyle, sit in on the discussion which centered around the road and bridge department continuing to send their department checks from their department.

After discussion, it was decided to have the road and bridge department continue sending

their department's checks out.

County attorney

Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had talked with the commissioners at the Oct. 31 meeting concerning closing her office in the courthouse. The commissioners agreed that if there were little or no complaints about closing the office, they would approve of the closing.

There had been no complaints so the county attorney's office will be moved to Milliken Law Office. The county attorney's budget will be used to pay the assistant county attorney's salary.

The equipment in the courthouse office will be inventoried and moved to the law office.

Sheriff department

Sheriff Craig Van Allen asked that he be allowed to hire a full-time secretary. The commissioners agree to allowing a part-time person, but didn't feel he needed a full-time person.

Sheriff Van Allen will advertise for a 32 hour/week position as

sheriff secretary.

The commissioners told the sheriff the county attorney office will soon be vacant and they felt it would be a good idea for the sheriff office to move to that room. Sheriff Van Allen agreed.

Maintenance department

Shelley Christensen, maintenance person, talked about updating the Christmas decorations. The commissioners asked her to get a price and they would look at the costs.

She said Justin Lohr, noxious weed supervisor, had helped her pull the vines off the fence around the basketball court. With the vines off, the fence, where an automobile had hit it, could be repaired.

She said the only bid she had received was from Roger Jensen, St. Francis. The vehicle insurance will pay for the cost of the repair.

In other business

• Mrs. Gilliland called for an executive session to discuss personnel.

• An employment wage agreement was signed for Janice DeGood, dispatcher.

• Gloria Bracelin asked if the county was going to be giving bonuses. With the disbanding of the Chamber, she wondered if she should order more scrip money checks. After discussion, the commissioners agreed to give full-time employees \$100, part-time employees would receive \$50 and a prorated amount would be given to those who had not worked a full year.

• Jennifer Padgett communication director, talked about scheduling. Discussion centered on how to pay overtime and monthly hours worked. After discussion, it was decided to pay anything over 40 hours per week as overtime or comp time.

Next meeting

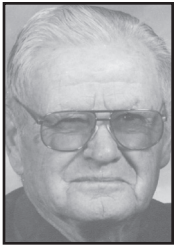
The next meeting of the commissioners has been scheduled for 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the commissioner's room in the courthouse.

Obituary

Author Clark Rolow

Aug. 18, 1922 - Nov. 13, 2011

Arthur Clark Rolow, better known as Clark, was born on Aug. 18, 1922, the second son of James F. and Docia Roedder Rolow. He was born in a sod



Rolow

house built by his father and mother. He was baptized on Nov. 8, 1922, by Reverend Kruezenstein at St. John German Evangelical and Reformed Church. He died on Nov. 13, 2011.

Clark attended the Hale and Arnel schools. In World War II, he was inducted into the Army at Ft. Lorgan, Colo., in November of 1942. He received his basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky., and his advanced armored tank training at Camp Campbell, Ky. He went overseas in March 1943, landed with U.S. forces in North Africa at Casablanca, then traveled 1,000 miles on a flatbed train car to Oran, and was assigned to the 91st Cavalry Recon Squadron. He went to Sicily by Landing Ship, Tank and was engaged in active combat until its surrender. He then engaged in two years of combat in Italy. Clark was discharged from the Army at the end of the war in November 1945.

Clark and Mildred Smith were married on Dec. 5, 1945. Clark was appointed postmaster of the Hale Post Office in 1948. Clark and Mildred owned and operated the Hale store from 1953 - 1983 and continued to live at Hale until 1997, when they bought their home in Wray, Colo. In 1957, Clark and

Mildred adopted two girls, Phyllis and Judy. Clark became a member of St. John United Church of Christ on Jan. 13, 1991.

Clark loved to fish. He was a member of the Issac Walton League of America and the Bonny Community Club. He enjoyed teaching and helping children catch fish. He truly agreed with the old proverb that says, "God does not subtract from the life of a man, the days he spent fishing." He liked to read-especially westerns. He is remembered by many as playing music at the Hale dances with his mother and sister. Clark liked everyone he knew - maybe some more than others - and was liked by all who knew him.

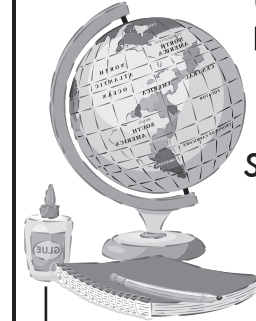
Clark was preceded in death by his parents James F. and Docia Rolow, and one brother, James Rolow, Junior.

He is survived by his wife Mildred, two daughters, Phyllis Long, of Goodland; and Judy Taylor, of Longmont, Colo.; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. He is also survived by one sister, Patricia Madsen of St. Francis; and one brother, Paul Rolow, of Elgin, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Nov. 18, 2011, at St. John United Church of Christ in Idalia, Colo. Inturnment was in St. John Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Cemetery or Friends of the Wray Public Library, Wray, Colo.

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Bailey Merklin
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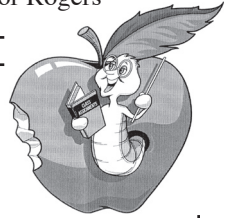
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Sophomore

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Lane Hoffman
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Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to The Herald at P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or fax 785-332-3001, or drop them off or e-mail to sfoerald@nwkansan.com titling the subject as "Christmas for the Paper."



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