

State requires scrap metal sign-up

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Every year, the county commissioners meet on the second Monday after the first of the year. This year, they met on Monday, Jan. 9, with little business on the agenda.

They had been informed about a state law that requires scrap metal dealers to sign an application if hauling and selling scrap metal is their only business. Andy Beikman, commissioner, figured that the state is wanting some tax money from these haulers.

The commissioners found they were not required to enforce the law. The state is probably looking for some accountability, Kari Gilliland, county attorney, said.

After discussion, they decided that they will put an ad in the newspapers which will inform the metal dealers about the law but that was about as much as they could do.

Coordination agreement

Commissioner, Dale Patton, asked Attorney Gilliland if she had checked into the "coordination agreement." Mrs. Gilliland said she hadn't studied the agreement enough to make a judgment on it.

She would like to talk to some people in counties where the agreement had been adopted and see how it worked. What she had read about the agreement, she said it sounded like it would take cooperation from all county and city entities.

Mr. Patton said there was a woman from a Colorado community who had offered to come talk to the county and city officials. Her community had fought and won in keeping a military expansion from taking their school.

The matter was tabled until more information is gathered.

Reorganization meeting

This meeting is the "reorganiza-

tion meeting." The first business of reorganizing was the election of a chairman. Ernie Ketzner, who had served in the position for the last three years, said he was not interested in serving another year. Commissioner Patton was elected.

Some of the other items on the agenda were the appointments of committees, newspapers, banks and meeting days. Again, the commissioners will meet on the 15th of each month or the closest day to it, and the last working day of the month. Meetings start at 8 a.m.

The commissioners also approved the holidays for the year when the courthouse will be closed.

In other business

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- The commissioners agreed to pay the Kansas Association of Commissioners membership of \$1,136.

- Ryan Murray, county emergency manager, will be looking into the new radio regulations.

- Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor,

asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel and no decisions were made when the session opened again.

- Deb Patton and Melissa Tabor, treasurer's office assistants, asked for 5 minutes executive session to discuss personnel with no decisions being made.

- Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce secretary, thanked the commissioners for allowing the Chamber of Commerce to work out of a room in the courthouse. She said she would be removing the rest of the equipment out of the room but would leave two file cabinets containing Chamber information in a storage room in case the information would be needed sometime.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Chairman Patton asked and received permission from the other commissioners to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.



TARYN ZWYGARDT does the polka dance with McKayla Rogers. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

POWER

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lease would most likely be entered into.

Mr. Landenberger said he had attended two commissioners meetings, referring back to agreeing to attend other local board meetings for clearer communication. He said he thought it was a good idea and had nothing specific to report on yet.

Mr. Landenberger then brought up that there would be meeting about the 800 megahertz radios at 6 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the emergency building on the highway. There seems to be a lot of confusion over the issue and hoped the meeting would clear that up.

Attorney's report

Mr. Day, in his attorney's report, said that he had messages on his answering machine regarding police activity from the previous weekend, and that the council could listen to the messages if they wanted to.

Police chief Shane Guggenmos gave the police report and addressed the 800 megahertz radios again. He said that he'd been misinformed about specifics of the radio and that the salesman he talked to about the radios was no longer at that company. First he wanted to cancel the order, but that a 35-percent restocking fee would apply. Then he found some on ebay for cheaper, now he's just waiting to see how the radio meeting goes to decide what to do.

Mr. Guggenmos also needed time to discuss personnel in executive session.

Clerk report

Glori Milne gave the clerk report. Dues for the League of Kansas Municipalities were approved. Mrs. Milne said that there were no more workers compensation claims and asked if she should go ahead with safety awards like in the past. It was approved.

In other business:

- A mobile home license for Kathy Woodcox was also approved.

- Council member Paula Keller asked on behalf of the Theater Committee if the emergency lights

at the back of the theater had been checked recently. Mr. Landenberger said he'd look into it.

- Council member Roger Jensen said he'd talked to the state forester again and that he could come to St. Francis in February to look at the trees on Main Street and make recommendations.

- Council member Carla Lampe asked Mr. Landenberger again about letters for the town sign on the highway. Pricing was still unknown but Mrs. Lampe felt the missing letters looked bad and reflect poorly on the town and noted that funds for the L.E.D. sign could probably be used for this, if need be. Mr. Landenberger will get specific pricing to replace all the letters and, depending on price, will purchase them.

- Council member Bruce Swihart said an ad will be placed for workers for the pool this summer.

Next meeting

The next city council meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23.

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Schiltz and Derrick Tice, board president, to find out more information at the Resourceful Kansas Energy Seminar on Jan. 25 in Manhattan.

The board discussed other improvements needed at the school and agreed that the boiler was at the top of the list along with repairing the high school track. They talked about landscaping the front of the high school, grading and rocking the parking lot on the south side of the grade school, remodeling one or two classrooms, doing some ground work on the west side of the grade school playground, replacing new playground equipment at the grade school and putting in a new walk-in cooler for the high school kitchen.

The matter was tabled until the next meeting when more information is available.

Obituary

Leila Ruth Hilt

March 30, 1915 - Jan. 14, 2012

Leila Ruth (Raile) Hilt was born March 30, 1915, on a farm northwest of St. Francis, Kan., to John and Katherine (Gienger) Raile. She was the sixth of nine children.

Leila attended Northrup Country School for grades one through eighth. After graduating grade school, she worked for various neighbors as a hired girl.

On Feb. 12, 1939, she married Walter Hilt. They moved to a farm 12 miles southeast of St. Francis, then known as the Neitzel (George) place.

On Feb. 4, 1940, son, Reuben, was born on the farm. Eight months later, they moved to a farm northwest of St. Francis.

They farmed wheat, corn, cane and milo. They raised milk cows and were on the dairy route for about four years. During Leila's farm years, she helped with the chores along with making homemade bread (that's the only kind Walter would eat while they were on the farm). She also baked homemade cinnamon rolls when she baked the bread.

She kept busy with a garden and canning during the summer. Finally in late 1966, they sold the farm, built a new house in town and moved there in February of 1967.

Once in town, they got bored during the summer so they both did lawn work (mowing and trimming).

In the winter, they went south to

be where it was warmer. In 1994, they had to stop going to Texas for the winter. It was too much for them, packing and unpacking, as they got older.

After they moved to town, Leila bowled on a team. She was also active in the Salem Church as long as she could see. In 2002, she started to lose her vision and slowly got worse. She had an active life until her vision went away, then it was limited.

She is survived by her son, Reuben of Seattle, Wash.; brother, William Raile of Oberlin; sister, Alice Pulliam of The Dalles, Ore.; sister-in-law, Esther Brunswig; step sisters-in-law, Dorleen Ward, Velma Happold, LaVonne Clapp of McCook, Neb., and many nieces and nephews.

Leila was preceded in death by her mother, father, husband, Walter of 67 years; brothers, Joe, Gottlieb, Albert, Harold, and sisters, Carolina and Kathryn.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 17, at Salem Lutheran Church, rural St. Francis, with Pastor Chris Farmer officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Tyler Raile, Reid Raile, Ernst Winger, Bill Lippert, Sam Miller and Don Krien. Casket bearers were Alvin Hilt, Spencer Schlepp, Troy Hilt, Mitchell Schlepp, Cody Raile, Nick Raile and Matt Raile.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

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