



Firemen from Colby, Goodland and Sherman County Rural Fire departments gathered in the front lawn of the house at 317 E. 10th where live fire training exercises were held Tuesday. Firemen from all three departments participated in the fire training which used old mattresses and wood pallets to start fires in different rooms of the small house. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Live fire training exercises held

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degree point. That is when the firemen would douse the flames to cut it back down.

This was the first time the city and county fire departments have participated in a joint live fire training exercise in recent months, and with the bunker gear and oxygen masks in place it was difficult to tell which firemen were from the city department and which were county firemen.

The exercise lasted about two hours and Chief James said they had to go back into the house to extinguish a small fire that had started in the attic.

County Fire Chief Alan David said he was pleased with the training experience.



Roger Studer, Sherman County Undersheriff and a member of the Sherman County Rural Fire department held a gauge that registered the temperature of the fire in the back bedroom while firemen from Colby stood by with a hose outside the house where live fire training was being held.



Sherman County Rural Fire Chief Alan David (left) and Goodland Fire Chief Brian James talked about the live fire exercise.

Historic barrel hangar lease, sale approved

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decided to keep it a 50 percent on the basis that even if Topliff added onto the east side of the hangar there was plenty of room to stay within the 50 percent limit.

Commissioner Josh Dechant said Topliff had talked to him about the lease because he was not going to be able to be at the meeting. Dechant said it was Topliff's understanding that the 50 percent maximum site coverage would not allow him to add offices and restrooms on the east side.

Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who was involved in evaluating the hangar, said he and Mason had checked the figures and that it appears that Topliff could build an addition more than 16 feet wide on the east side without meeting the 50 percent maximum. Neufeld said one reason to keep the maximum in the lease is a taxiway to the east.

Neufeld said Topliff had been into his office to talk about having a contractor come to fix the roof, and that he was ready to get this project moving.

Mason said one difficulty is that when the building was condemned the city took out the electrical equipment, and Topliff wanted that restored.

Mason said that Charlie Bandel, electrical distribution superintendent, said the electrical equipment would not meet code and it would not do any good to put it back in the hangar.

Dechant said Topliff had asked if the 1 cent per square foot was in the leases of the other buildings.

City Clerk May Volk said it is in every lease at the airport and says the same thing.

"Did he have a problem with the 1 cent," Billinger asked.

Dechant said Topliff wanted it clarified to be sure it was the same. He said Topliff has a potential deal going if he can get that building up out of the condemnation status.

Dechant asked about storing aircraft.

Mason said the lease says aircraft related, and is in the lease on all the airport property.

Billinger said he wanted to be sure all the questions have been answered.

Mason said his only question was

the 30-year lease.

"That is the only barrel hangar we have," Billinger said. "Would it be a problem is someone else wants a 30-year lease."

He asked Larry Dickey, airport board chairman, if the board was Ok with the lease.

Dickey said they thought the five-years was OK, but understands that the 30-years is up to the commission.

Commissioner John Garcia said the lease and purchase agreement require Topliff to bring the hangar up to code within three years, and he felt it was a good to see someone ready to fix the hangar.

Commissioner Dave Daniels said

it was good to get this step taken care of and to let Topliff get started fixing the hangar up.

Dechant made the motion to approve the lease and purchase agreement with the changes suggested. The motion passed unanimously.

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