

# Commissioners talk about changing policy

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Sherman County commissioners held a special meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday afternoon to review the mid-month bills and discuss a possible change in county purchasing policy.

All three commissioners were present and Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said she had several questions on the bills.

She said she had some concerns about some of the bills and felt the commissioners ought to consider implementing a new purchasing policy.

Commissioner Larry Enfield said he questioned some of the charges on the Frontier Ag account from the Road and Bridge department.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said her office did not always get receipts from the Road and Bridge department to match with the Frontier Ag bills.

Enfield said he called the person

who handles the cards at Frontier Ag and asked if there was a way to check each card to see what vehicle it went to. He said the Frontier Ag person said that was not possible the way the system is currently set up.

Enfield said he asked if a system could be set up to allow the county to identify who and how much is going into each county vehicle. He said he was told it could be done.

Commissioner Max Linin said he and Enfield were amazed at some things they found during their tour of the road and bridge department. Both said they thought the department had more diesel fuel treatment and filters than would be needed for a long time.

Enfield said he had a question about the tires and was told they had a number on hand because the local tire shops don't stock them and sometimes it is hard to get more when needed. Enfield said he checked with a couple of the local tire places and was told they always

have at least four in stock and can get more within 24 hours if needed.

The commissioners looked at some ideas about how to modify the county purchasing policy and were to discuss the options at the meeting this morning.

Strnad said she felt the commissioners need to review the purchases closely for a time to see what is being purchased and from where.

Strand said she wants to change the meeting format a little to have an agenda done by Friday, and include a time to hear from the public probably at the beginning of the meeting.

The commissioners had approved a partial list of bills at the meeting on Monday, but the bill list on Thursday was more complete and included the insurance costs for each department. The total approved unanimously was \$205,734.

The next commission meeting will be at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25.



Peggy Berls talked to Charlie Bandel at his retirement reception on Thursday afternoon at the city building.

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# Sen. Ostmeyer becomes chairman of committees

I am pleased to announce my appointment to two new Senate committees, Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee and to serve on the Reapportionment Committee representing Western Kansas.

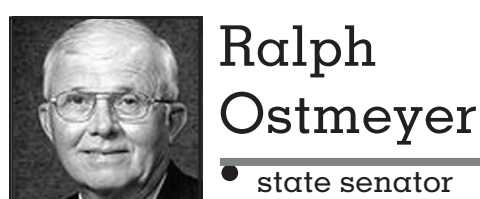
I look forward to the challenges of these two additional committees. I continue on the following committees: Agriculture, Federal and State Affairs, Local Government and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations.

There are many new faces in the Legislature this year and I want to mention a few: Rick Billinger, Goodland, Republican from District 121; Ward Cassidy, St. Francis, Republican from District 120; and Dan Collins, Plainville, Republican from District 110. They are excited and determined to serve our great state.

I want to acknowledge and thank Representative Johnson and Representative Faber for their years of service.

I am sharing with you a tribute to Representative Jim Morrison. This is a difficult time for the Morrison family, and I ask you remember them in your prayers at this time of sorrow.

Jim was a dear friend and col-



Ralph Ostmeyer  
state senator

league who will be missed. He strongly believed in open government and effective use of technology. Jim used his talents as a radio engineer to produce daily radio shows to be aired on radio stations in our districts. He always had everything ready to go and we discussed the latest issues. Jim arranged for proponents of various bills to appear and explain why their ideas were important. His goal was transparency so Kansans would know what was going on in Topeka. Our constituents were well informed and asked questions because of his daily radio program.

Jim was an innovator in the use of technology. After I arrived in the Legislature, he told me everyone was going to have a laptop computer and his Health Committee meetings would broadcast on the Internet. He made both of those things happen.

Then he would tirelessly help train any legislator of either party on how to use the laptop comput-

ers. His efforts and leadership in the use of technology to improve government in Kansas and nationally will make a lasting difference. His service on the Joint Committee on Information Technology made many positive changes possible.

One of my favorite memories was Jim's coup while in the House Speaker's Chair presiding over the House of Representatives. When he had the gavel in hand he ignored House procedures and did it his way. As he left the Speaker's podium, Speaker Doug Mays said, "That won't happen again," and Jim said, "I know," with a smile.

When Jim walked by my desk, he simply said, "I had always wondered what it was like to be Speaker of the House," with another smile.

I will never forget Jim's love and respect of his wife, family and community. Jim was a caring close friend who is deeply missed. Students wishing to serve as Senate Pages should contact my office at (785) 296-7399 or e-mail Ralph.Ostmeyer@senate.ks.gov. Dates are Monday, Jan. 31, Monday, March 14; or Monday, March 21.

Larry S. Wiggins and Barbara M. Wiggins convey and warrant to Jeff Henderson and Anita Henderson, the E/2 of Sec. 7, T10S, R41W.

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# Electrical superintendent retires after 38 years

A special reception was held Thursday afternoon for Electrical Crew Superintendent Charlie Bandel, who retired from the city on Friday after 38 years.

A large crowd of city employees and other citizens who have known Bandel over the years came to the city building to thank Bandel for his years of service and congratulate him on his retirement.

Bandel said he is going to move to St. Francis where his mom and dad

live and be closer to help them. He said he is going to do some fishing and work on a house he and his wife bought in St. Francis.

Bandel grew up in St. Francis and graduated from high school in 1968.

He said he didn't move far from home, and worked for Keith Bracelin at Goodyear before moving to Goodland and starting work for the city in 1972.

He said his wife Cathy was from

Idalia. Bandel started as a lineman for the electric department and became head of the electrical crew 10 to 15 years ago.

Several members of the city commission including Mayor Josh Dechant, and Commissioners Annette Fairbanks and Dave Daniels attended the reception and thanked Bandel for his years of loyal service to the city.

# matters of record

District Traffic  
The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.

January 1, 2011: James B. Rice, Jr., unlawful parking, \$208.50.

Nicole R. Wall, speeding, \$168.50.

August 8, 2010: Alexis Soriano, speeding, \$186.50.

August 20: Nichole M. Bryant, speeding, \$75.00.

Priscilla L. Rice, speeding, \$168.50.

September 3: Kevin R. Alexander, speeding, \$174.50.

Melonie G. Mack, speeding, \$198.50.

Michael J. Sowa, speeding, \$170.50.

September 6: Tanya P. Barnes, speeding, \$207.50.

September 19: Roger L. Adams, speeding, \$162.50.

October 6: Damon T. Jackson, speeding, \$588.50.

October 16: Joseph J. Calhoun, fail to yield to emergency vehicle, \$288.50.

October 30: Jose L. Mangandi, motor carrier regulations on persons and property, \$243.50.

November 3: Lyle S. Hooker, unlawful registration, \$154; no child seat belt, \$59.00.

November 6: Jaquelyn M. Edie, unlawful registration, \$153.50.

November 7: Chelsie M. Rohn, no seat belt, \$5.00.

November 12: Rene Alvarado, speeding, \$180.50.

Bernice Mack, speeding, \$174.50.

November 13: Steward L. Price, speeding, \$216.50.

Jesse G. Taylor, speeding, \$174.50.

Nicholas D. Schultz, speeding, \$186.50.

November 14: Christopher A. Kenney, speeding, \$288.50.

Michael J. Yarger, connecting and safety equipment of towing vehicles, \$293.00.

November 15: Kristin J. Potterf, speeding, \$174.50.

November 18: Howard Hackney, speeding, \$162.50.

Rantha S. Sam, speeding, \$207.50.

November 19: Raymond E. Bowser, speeding, \$150.50; driving with suspended license, \$300.

Gheorghe Reul, speeding, \$156.50.

William G. Tucker, Jr., overweight limits on wheels and axles, \$228.50.

# corrections

The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We believe that news should be fair and factual. We want to keep an accurate record and appreciate you calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

# matters of record

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds:

Lance Janousek and Kristi Janousek, to Lance Janousek and Kristi Janousek, Lots 1 and 2 of Sec. 19, T7S, R42W.

Presto Oil, Inc. conveys and warrant to The Pantry, Inc., a Delaware corporation, land commencing at SE corner of NE/4 of Sec. 25, T8S, R40W.

Louis B. Spinney and Diana D. Spinney to NWK Properties, LLC, all of Lots 23 and 24, Block 22, Third Addition to the City of Goodland.

Mary Butler, trustee of the Coletta Soellner Revocable Trust dated 4/9/1986, to A&A Farm, LLC, a

15-year term income interest ending December 10, 2025, then such title shall vest in Schutte Farms, LLC, the E/2 of Sec. 8, T8S, R42W.

Terry Rabe, C.P.A., trustee of the Coletta Soellner Revocable Trust dated 4/9/1986, to A&A Farms, LLC, a 15 year term income interest ending December 10, 2025, then such title shall vest in Schutte Farms, LLC, the E/2 of Sec. 8, T8S, R42W.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF SHERMAN COUNTY**

The Office of Sherman County Emergency Management along with E-Fm Consulting, LLC will be conducting the 1st Public Meeting for discussion and input on the Sherman County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The County and incorporated areas are developing Local Hazard Mitigation Plans per the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and guidance of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan will guide local activity to reduce risk and prevent loss from natural hazards such as tornadoes, wildfires, floods, hail and severe weather. The intent of the plan is to:

- Identify natural hazards impacting the community;
- Describe risk and vulnerability to the community;
- Describe mitigation actions and goals associated with the prioritized vulnerabilities;
- Describe how the community will maintain its plan in the future

YOU ARE INVITED to learn more, participate, and comment at this public meeting concerning the development of a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Members of the Planning Committee and our consultant will be present to answer questions, receive public input and information, and address public commentary.

When complete, the new plan will meet the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Under this Act and related legislation, states, communities, and tribal governments must complete FEMA-approved plans to be eligible for certain federal assistance programs. These assistance programs provide communities with pre- and post-disaster funds to implement mitigation projects.

After the meeting the current draft plan will be available at the Sherman County Emergency Management Office, and at the Public Library in Goodland.

TIME: 6 p.m.  
WHEN: January 19, 2011  
WHERE: Goodland City Commission Room  
204 W. 11th Street  
Goodland, Kansas, 67735

For more information contact Ryan Murray at 785-332-2560 Or E-Fm Consulting at 785-312-9150