

# Commissioners review Road and Bridge bills, policy

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responsible for the use of the card. Vandiver said he understood the only change is the card will have the employee name on rather than the number of the vehicle.

Commissioner Larry Enfield said the change would mean the county could tell what card is being used by each employee.

Vandiver said that would change the current process that when a card is not working he takes it to Frontier Ag and they issue a new one.

He said as far as he knows there has only been one time the department had a question on the use of the cards.

Enfield said he questioned if the department had records for each vehicle and was told there was not anything.

Vandiver said each vehicle has a card, and a specific number.

Strnad said the policy will have a card with a name on it.

Vandiver said the graders and loader each have a card usually to be used for snow removal. He said they would eliminate those with a card for each employee.

Strnad talked about not having any purchases out of the county, and told Vandiver there is a provision for making an emergency purchase with the approval of at least one commissioner.

Vandiver said the emergency purchase system should work, and did not feel he would have to do that often.

**Filter supply**

He said Enfield was asking about the filters during he recent visit to the road and bridge. He said the new equipment the county has from Caterpillar the company pays for the filters. He said the county gets other filters from Goodland Motor, but some of the new stuff Goodland Motor cannot supply that comes from CAT.

Commissioner Max Linin asked Vandiver to bring in a price difference, and to see if the CAT filters can be supplied from anyone in town.

Vandiver said the department has enough filters to do three oil changes.

Enfield said he felt it was good if Vandiver keeps at least one set on hand.

Strnad said it made sense to have three sets of filters if Vandiver knows the department is going to do three oil changes in a short time.

Enfield asked about the large amount of diesel fuel treatment the department has in stock.

Vandiver said he did not know as it was purchased before he took over. He said the diesel treatment is used year round to keep water out of the engines.

Enfield and Linin said they do not use diesel fuel treatment except in the winter.

Enfield asked what the octane boost was for.

Vandiver said it is for winter use. He said when they mix fuel the result is a loss of octane and the boost is to help that in the winter.

He said the county vehicles use number one diesel, and when the

county had their own tanks and had them tested the suggestion to use the octane boost came from the engineer.

Strnad asked if the county used ruby red diesel.

Vandiver said the county does not use ruby red, which is farm diesel that has a red dye added, and the county gets the gas tax refunded. He said the county uses the same fuel in all the vehicles.

Enfield asked if the county gets a break on the fuel price.

Vandiver said the county's price is lower than what a person would have using a fuel card.

He said Frontier Ag sent out four cards with gold letters that should work in any Frontier Ag location. He said he had not tried them out.

Strnad said only fuel and hotels could be charged on any county credit cards. She said no meals could be charged. She said meals would be paid as reimbursement with the presentation of receipts, and no alcohol or tips would be paid.

Vandiver said the road and bridge department had turned the credit cards back in a few years ago.

Strnad said she had looked at the fuel usage in the noxious weed pickup and noticed a big difference in what was used in October of 2009 versus what was used in October 2010.

Vandiver said he would pull the fuel records to see what the difference is.

Enfield asked about a bill to Allied Oil.

"I messed up," Vandiver said. "I

thought the local agent got a cut, but found out he did not.

"Larry asked me to get prices on oil, and we are working on it. Right now it is about \$1.50 a gallon cheaper through Allied Oil. We are good for about six months."

**Road and Bridge tires**

Enfield asked about the tires for the vehicles.

Vandiver said the last time they went to get tires Kansasland put on radials. He said it took almost 60 days to get the new tires. He said Kansasland has had trouble getting the tires.

"When he (the guy at Kansasland) is pushed he has problems getting these tires," Vandiver said. "We are trying to split our money between the two places."

Enfield said he had talked to Frontier Ag about the tires.

Vandiver said the county has tires bought over a lot of years, and does not feel they will need to order tires for quite a while.

Enfield said the purchases will stop with the new purchase policy.

Vandiver said it is stopped now and all purchases go through him first. He said when something needs to be purchased they talk to him and get prices.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel asked about getting copies of the fuel receipts from road and bridge.

Vandiver said they have the little tickets from each use, and asked if that is what she was asking for a copy of the ticket.

Rumpel said if that is what they get her office needs a copy.

Vandiver said he could get her a copy. He said the receipts are what is used to get the gas tax refund.

**Personnel files**

Strnad said she had one more issue being the road and bridge personnel files, that have been kept at the office. She said the files should be under the control of the personnel person and need to be kept under lock and key at the county clerk's office.

Vandiver said he understands, and the files are under lock and key now.

Rumpel said if someone ever

wants to use one in a court case she needs to be able to know they are all here.

Strnad asked Vandiver to bring them to the courthouse.

Vandiver said he could do that. He asked about keeping a copy with the employee fs permission.

Rumpel said she did not feel it was good to have a copy, and Vandiver would have access to the files at her office.

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday to pay bills. The next commission meeting will be at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

## Health Fair planned Saturday

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medical services, Family Health Center, human resources, nutritional services, pharmacy, respiratory therapy, speech and telemedicine and surgery.

Other vendors who will have booths at the health fair include:

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Changing Life Styles
- Child Care Award of NW Kansas
- EagleMed
- Girl Scouts – booth and volunteer
- Goodland Lions Club and mobile vision and hearing unit
- Heartland Lions Eye Bank
- Hospice Service, Inc.
- It Works – Whitney Archer
- Kansas Legal Services
- Kansas Highway Patrol

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- Meier Clinic
- NKESC/Assistive Technology – low vision, TAP
- NWK Domestic and Sexual Violence Services
- NWK Prevention Child Abuse and Neglect/Smart Start
- Sherman County Health Department
- Sherman County Relay for Life
- Sunflower Extension District
- Take Charge Challenge – City of Goodland
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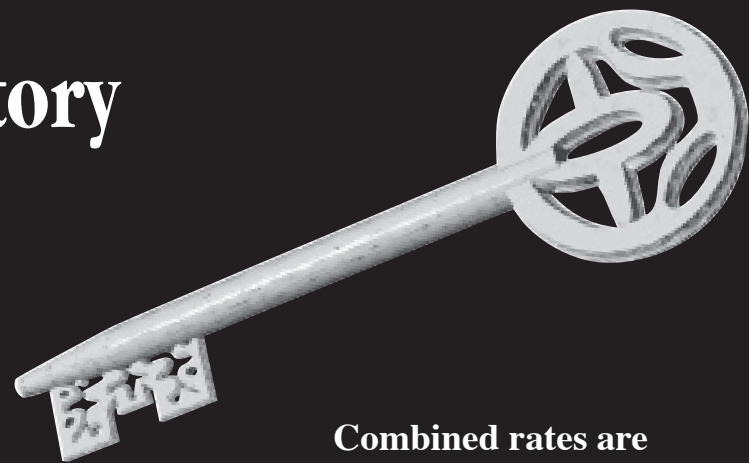
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