

Visibility drops in storm

Kansas Department of Transportation snow plows were out Monday afternoon trying to keep the highways open in the face of blowing snow that reduced visibility to under two miles at times. The storm dropped about six inches across the area with drifts as high as two feet reported. The weekend is expected to warm up with highs reaching 60 degrees.

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County to split fire survey cost

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past personalities had made it impossible to look at fire service options.

Commissioner Cynthia Strand asked if the idea of a shared fire house was brought up.

Cloyd said it was mentioned and the city understands that may be part of what the assessment looks at as well.

Enfield asked if the fire board was going to apply for a grant on the fire house.

Cloyd said they were going ahead with the application as it will take about two years and the first part is to do a survey of the county to see if the number of low and moderate

income people will make the county qualified for such a grant.

He said the fire board can apply for two grants a year with one being general and the other for something specific such as a fire truck.

Strand said a man stopped her and said he was worried that if the city and rural fire departments were combined if the rural department came in to help with a city fire and his house caught on fire the county trucks could not leave to put out his fire.

Cloyd said that would not be a problem because in the past when the county has been asked to help in the city there are additional trucks in Goodland, Kanorado and Brewster to cover any fire that would happen

in the county.

Commissioner Max Linin asked if the assessment would include an estimate of what it might cost to implement the recommendations.

Cloyd said he thought that would be included.

Enfield asked how Cloyd had found the consultant.

Cloyd said he found them on the Internet and this firm has done a lot of work in Colorado, and were cheaper than the one from Cincinnati.

The commissioners voted 3-0 to have Cloyd proceed with the survey and for him and the fire board to be the agent for the county in the contract.

College plans to expand iPad program

COLLEGE, from Page 1

"...we do hereby proclaim February Girl Scout Cookie Month and encourage all citizens to support the Annual Girl Scout Cooke Sale, which began Jan. 22 and ends March 13, and make an investment in the lives of girls..."

Mayor Dechant read a proclamation recognizing the Kansas Sesquicentennial and celebrating the history of the state dating back to being part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and being declared the 34th state on Jan. 29, 1861.

Honored Michael Abbey of the power plant crew as the city employee of the quarter. Gerber said Abbey has gone above and beyond in his work and has taken a lead role in the city Take Charge Challenge competition. He said Abbey is very

enthusiastic and has volunteered to help any elderly citizen change their light bulbs.

Gerber said Abbey has answered a challenge he gave the electric department to learn to work better together.

"He has really embraced that," Gerber said, "and has been working on the line crew. I appreciate his willingness to try the cross training."

Dechant and the commissioners thanked Abby for his great work.

Abbey was asked how long he has worked for the city and he said it was 25 years as of January.

Heard an update from Don Hollar of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, about how the water treatment project is doing. Hollar said the leaks have been fixed in the east water tank, but the company is

working on the west tank. He said they hope to have it fixed this week so the tank can be filled with water.

He said the startup of the treatment plant has been delayed because the contractors are waiting on parts. He said the plan is to start the plan up by March if all the parts get in, and that would be ahead of the target date.

He said with the cold it was great to have the heat in the treatment building and the extra insulation has really worked.

With the water project moving along Hollar said the company will begin looking a cleaning sludge out of the sewer pond, and will come back with more information.

The next city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, because of the President's Day federal holiday.

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