

# County considers cell phone plan

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Sherman County commissioners were approached in the past few months about changing the county cell phone service and heard a proposal at their meeting on Tuesday.

Lawrence Juster, business representative from Viera wireless, met with the commissioners to update the proposal he had made a few months ago.

He said over the time the rate plan had changed for the better, and he presented a new bid proposal. He said the plan was more expensive before, but the savings now is about \$100 a month.

He said the plan has 1,700 cell minutes per month.

Commissioner Larry Enfield asked about the Viera coverage in the more remote parts of the county.

Juster said he has put the service in several businesses and has had good reports from all over the county. He said the company is putting up more towers and recently purchased Westlink that will help with coverage in Hays and surrounding areas.

He said the expansion will give coverage up to Kansas City and north and south of I-70. He said customers do have coverage nationwide through AT&T and roaming.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said when Juster was there before he said the county would have to buy new phones.

Juster said that was correct. He said his company does not charge retail, and the price depends on how many lines. He said he recently worked with Kit Carson County and they had 27 lines.

He said for the county to add a phone is \$9.95. He said the numbers would stay the same, and there would be no text messaging on the phones.

Strnad said these are business phones, and do not need texting.

Commissioner Max Linin asked if Juster's company would buy out the county contract.

Strnad said the contract on four phones is up in May.

Juster said his company would buy out the contract for all the phones.

He said the county could save about \$103 a month that would be about \$2,500 over two years.

Enfield said before the county makes a decision to switch he asked Juster if he could provide a phone to Butch Vandiver to try one out around the county to see what the coverage is.

Juster said he could do that and before the meeting was over handed Vandiver a demo phone to try out for

the next week.

Juster said he would be the business representative for the county.

Linin asked if Juster was located in Goodland.

Juster said he has the territory from Limon to Hays, but his office is in Fort Morgan, Colo. He said there is a Viera wireless dealer in Goodland.

Strnad asked if the local dealer benefited from the county switching the cell phone service.

Linin asked if Juster was affiliated with the local store.

Juster said he is not affiliated with the local store, but does try to work with the local stores as much as possible.

"I deal with the businesses," he said, "but can buy accessories through the local dealer."

The commissioners thanked Juster for letting Vandiver test the phone and said they would be making a decision by the end of the month. The next commission meeting is at 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 31.

Strnad said she was somewhat disappointed there was not more connection with the local store.

Enfield suggested it might be good to let the other phone company know the county is looking at making a change.

# Leadership class visits newspaper



Gary Meyer, pressman, checked a copy of the *Western Times* on Wednesday morning when the Leadership Sherman County and Leadership Wallace County toured *The Goodland Star-News* as part of their program.  
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# School district staff looking for cuts

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the district to have a lower student

count because those students would not come and they would lose funding there.

Teresa Sieck, who works at the learning center, said it would cost three people their jobs and leave another vacant storefront down town if the district takes it over.

She talked to the board during the open forum part of the meeting.

Superintendent Angelos said there would be costs to implementing the program by the district such as personnel, equipment and location.

Course offerings could be cut down. The district has already cut out foreign language and wood-working in the junior high.

Under transportation the shuttle service could be cut, said Superintendent Angelos.

Where would you cut country bus service? Have pick up and drop off locations?

In personnel the cuts would be in numbers of administrators, teachers and classified staff, she said.

The number of days for classified staff could be reduced such as not having the paras start until a week after school starts. If you cut the

number of teachers say from four to three for a grade the number of students would increase from 15 to around 20.

You could reduce the number of part time and substitutes. The district could also cut benefits to its employees.

The average annual cost for a teacher is \$50,000, an administration \$90,000, a para \$16,000, shuttle service \$10,000, individual health insurance \$5,000 and the Goodland Learning Center \$270,000. A substitute costs \$90 per day and it costs the district about \$4,000 a day for cooks, drivers, paras, tutors and techs.

The board after discussion told Superintendent Angelos to look at everything.

In other business the board:

- Board member Gary Slough was not at the meeting.
- Approved the calendar for next year. Superintendent Angelos said that spring break would line up with most of the colleges.
- There were no student, negotiation or personnel matters.

# Commissioners set weed mowing bid specs

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year for the second round. Schrader said he started on Aug. 8 and went to the end of November.

Linin said Schrader said he mowed old U.S. 24 about three times. Linin said Schrader said the mowing needs to start by early August or they won't get through all the miles.

Vandiver said the spraying program might make a difference.

Linin suggested a starting date of the last Monday in July, the 25th of the month, and ending at the end of November.

The other two commissioners agreed with starting on July 25 and going to Nov. 30.

Vandiver said the contract has required a minimum of four mowers and set the labor requirements.

Strand said the contract has had

that for several years, but feels anyone mowing would know what it is going to take.

Linin said that should be up to the contractor. "I think that is something they would know," he said.

Enfield agreed to take that out of the contract.

Linin said the contract says they can't mow after dark.

Vandiver said the contract is for mowing from sunup to sundown. He said they tried allowing the mowing after dark and had several complaints.

The commissioners asked County Attorney Bonnie Selby's office to help draft the proposed contract to be available at the clerk's office.

In other discussion with Vandiver the commissioners:

- Heard the fuel test sample came back from Frontier Ag and Vandiver said the results show the same thing

as the other test the county had done. He said he was disappointed the results did not show the additives in the fuel.

Enfield said the comments said the fuel was sufficient and does not need any additional additives.

Vandiver said all the vehicles except the trucks are now running dyed fuel.

The cost is essentially the same, but with the clean fuel the county had to request reimbursement of the fuel tax and with the dyed fuel the tax has already been taken off.

• Vandiver said the retriever equipment has arrived and the crew will start using it on Monday. He said he found a place to order teeth at \$6 each.

He said the equipment starts with new teeth and the crew will replace with wear, and have to make sure there is a new set on when turning it

## April Consultant Schedule

ALLERGIST**	Jeffrey Rumbyrt, M.D.	April 18th
CARDIOLOGIST	Barry Smith, M.D.	April 13th & 27th
CARDIOLOGIST	Vijay Subbarao, M.D.	April 14th
CARDIOLOGIST**	Christine Fisher, M.D.	April 11th
COUNSELING SERVICES		Thursdays by Appointment
DIETITIAN	Sarah Linton, RD, LD, CDE	Monday - Friday
EARS, NOSE, THROAT	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	April 1st, 14th & 15th
ENDOCRINOLOGIST	Gerald Poticha, M.D.	April 14th, 15th, 21st & 22nd
GASTROENTEROLOGIST	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	April 5th, 18th & 19th
GENERAL SURGEON	David D. Beck, M.D.	April 7th & 21st
GENERAL SURGEON	Jeffrey Cross, M.D.	April 14th & 28th
GYNECOLOGY	Laura Rokosz, M.D.	April 6th & 20th
NEUROLOGIST	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	April 6th, 13th & 24th
OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY	David Forschner, M.D.	May 18th
ONCOLOGY	Prakash Neupane, M.D.	April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
ONCOLOGY/HEMATOLOGY	Martin Rubinowitz, M.D.	April May 3rd
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Brian Joondeph, M.D.	April 20th
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Ronald Wise, M.D.	April 1st & 15th
OPHTHALMOLOGIST**	Eric Fry, M.D.	April 29th
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	Robert Fante, M.D.	April 22nd
ORTHOPEDIST	Tim Birney, M.D.	April 11th
ORTHOPEDIST	Armond Hatzidakis, M.D.	April 4th
ORTHOPEDIST	James Holmes, M.D.	April 25th
ORTHOPEDIST	Edward Parks, M.D.	April 18th
ORTHOPEDIST	Raj Bazaz, M.D.	April 11th
ORTHOPEDIST	Kevin Nagamani, M.D.	April 6th
ORTHOPEDIST	Gareth Shemesh, M.D.	April 21st & 22nd
PATHOLOGIST	Pathology Services P.C.	Call for Availability
PODIATRIST	Erik Ouderkerk, D.P.M.	April 13th
PODIATRIST	Daniel Mallett, D.P.M.	April 27th
PULMONOLOGIST	Ken Weisiger, M.D.	April 12th
RADIOLOGISTS	Professional Radiology Services	WEEK DAYS
SPEECH THERAPY	Crystal Schultz	Monday - Thursday
UROLOGIST**	Kevin McDonald M.D.	April 12th
UROLOGIST**	Wallace Curry, M.D.	April 26th

\*\*For an appointment with the Allergist please call 1-888-849-8424  
 \*\*For an appointment with Dr. Fry please call 1-800-526-3937  
 \*\*For an appointment with Dr. Fisher please call 1-888-625-4699  
 \*\*For an appointment with Dr. McDonald or Dr. Curry please call 1-877-312-1619

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 Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Walk-in Clinic M-F 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m./Sat 9-11 a.m.  
 Dr. Mohedine Shafei (Out of office on Monday)  
 Dr. Travis Daise (Out of office on Wednesday)  
 Dr. David Younger (Out of office on Thursday)  
 Dr. Lisa M. Unruh - Pediatrician (Out of office on Tuesday)  
 Jackie Jorgensen, ARNP



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 Monday, March 21

3:00pm FOR AN AFTERNOON COFFEE

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 FOOD LINE BEGINS @ 5:15  
 PRESENTATION BEGINS AT 5:45

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