

City commission backs fire contract over consolidation

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Finley said he also has a problem with putting a board in place that has final authority over spending issues, such as building new buildings.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she was under the impression the city and county could write provisions into the agreement to alleviate those concerns. Finley agreed, but said it is impossible to anticipate every situation. Gerber said there would have to be an element of faith that the commission would appoint the right people to the board, who would make good decisions.

"It would be tough to figure out who we want on there," Zimmerman said, "but we could do it."

Commissioner Gary Farris said he wants to make sure there is good coverage, but the city should control the flow of the money.

Gerber asked each commissioner if they would stand behind a contract. Finley and Garcia said they would. Fairbanks said she would like to see what it would contain. Farris said he would go in that direction. Zimmerman had no comment.

Gerber said he would put together a draft contract and bring it to the next meeting for approval. He invited the commission members to come to his office with anything they wanted included in the contract.

In other business, the commission:

- Authorized Gerber and James to buy a new truck not to exceed \$20,000.

James got into a wreck in his old truck while responding to an accident on I-70 in late December. That truck was totaled and the city just got the \$12,800 insurance settle-

ment. James said he has been looking for a used vehicle to replace it. It has to be an enclosed vehicle for safety reasons and has to be able to carry passengers.

James said he found a Ford Expedition at Dan Brenner Ford for about \$9,800. To outfit it with lights, reflective stickers and other upgrades would cost anywhere from \$4,000 to \$5,000. The Expedition is a four-wheel drive but it has more than 100,000 miles on it. James looked at several other vehicles as well, but many had been sold in the meantime.

Zimmerman asked if the city can put in a little more money to let James get something with less miles on it. Fairbanks suggested a \$20,000 cap, including the upgrades. Zimmerman made the motion, which was approved unanimously.

- Approved a \$3,412 utility rebate

for The Basement, as an Economic Development incentive. Solomon said he waited until the business was established to get an idea of how much the utilities were. The Basement has become a viable business, he said, with eight part-time employees and now several other business renting other parts of the building at 17th and Main Street.

- Approved paying 70 percent of the utility hook up, \$4,593, for Kansasland Tire's expansion as an Economic Development incentive. Solomon said the 10,000-square-foot building cost about \$190,000. The truck service area should be open within three weeks.

"It's great to see a business grow, especially when they've been here

since the '70s," Solomon said.

- Heard from Charlie Krull of Blue Cross Blue Shield about the city's policy renewal. Krull said the city was \$5,000 lower in total claims paid this year.

Gerber said the good report was a tribute to the employees who are healthier and not abusing the insurance policy, as well as some luck.

Guard captain 'excited' to deploy

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training for six to seven months, and it will finish up that training this week.

"The training was good," he said. "We've been on the ranges all weekend, it did get a little cold out there."

The 170th finished weapons qualification early this week, then had classroom instruction and field training, which included battle, navigation and radio training. Weber said the last three days of the week were running field exercises, which bring together all the various training areas into one combined exercise.

After a departure ceremony on Sunday, the unit will go to Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Miss., for additional training before being sent overseas. The 170th will spend about nine months in-country. Weber said they will be set up as an Area Reaction Force, which conducts patrols and guards against threats to American forces.

The departure ceremony will be at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) Sunday at Hangar 600, 2720 Arnold Ave., in Salina. The public is invited to attend.

Locals to be on TV

Goodland resident Gennifer House and friend Laura Carpenter will appear on today's broadcast of the *Dr. Oz Show* at 3 p.m. on KAKE.

The pair went to New York to see the show, and ended up being on camera. House was invited to try a few food items such as sea weed, azula beans, almond butter and vegetable juice. Carpenter got to try out an ultrasonic device on her knee.

St. Francis market goes full speed after closure

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they were still unpacking boxes on Sunday. The freezer in the back was also filled with ice cream, pies and pizzas.

Carl Crabble, store manager, said the produce was a little short over the weekend but, because of all the other items to be put away, there would be little time to take care of perishable items. We cut back on that order, he said.

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SHERMAN COUNTY KANSAS TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

January 31, 2012

Total Cash in the Treasury as at the above date **\$8,392,662.42**

FUND	FUND BALANCE
APPRAISER'S COST	\$85,715.16
MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATING FUND	\$35,277.43
BOND & INTEREST	\$135,108.65
NO FUND WARRANTS	\$5.65
CITY-CO RECREATION	-\$290.26
COUNTY HEALTH	\$91,712.23
DIRECT ELECTION	\$74,577.27
TRASH HAULING	\$156,633.94
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$669,617.58
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS HEALTH RESERVE	\$146,396.33
EXTENSION	-\$182.70
FREE FAIR	-\$246.72
GENERAL FUND	\$1,000,556.64
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	-\$78.95
HOME MAINTENANCE	\$54,444.66
HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE	-\$18,433.18
POST CLOSURE ACCT-LANDFILL	\$225,000.00
LANDFILL EXCAVATION	\$275,434.00
NOXIOUS WEED	\$108,396.51
REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY	\$26,826.33
OUT-DISTRICT TUITION	-\$113.05
OVER & UNDER	-\$8.25
PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY	\$2,789.00
PROS ATTY (TRAINING FUND)	-\$102.45
PROS ATTY (DIVERSION)	\$4,154.12
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$1,111,076.46
SALES TAX	\$25,812.40
SC RURAL FIRE DIST #1	\$127,098.48
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK	\$17,793.78
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$833,953.32
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$231,314.20
EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	\$22,393.60
SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION	\$261.07
SPECIAL MACHINERY FUND	\$101,536.86
TORT LIABILITY	-\$5,233.60
CONCEALED WEAPONS	\$4,125.83
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$9,856.89
DRIVERS LICENSE	\$187.00
NOXIOUS WEED CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$3,437.47
SC RFD #1 EQUIP RESERVE	\$42,274.30
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$91.53
SHERIFF DRUG SEIZURE FUND	\$15,761.42
COUNTY HEALTH CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$50,467.65
ADVANCE TAX	\$1,081.47
AUTO MOTOR STATE	\$3,597.67
HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$300,860.02
COUNTY REDEMPTION	\$41,836.84
CURRENT TAX	\$124,162.81
DELINQUENT PERSONAL	\$46.42
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	\$334.97
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$19,697.11
MICRO LOANS	\$31,982.81
SHERIFF REWARD DONATION FUND	\$143.63
SOIL CONSERVATION	-\$186.93
911 WIRELESS	-\$59,507.42
CEMETERY FUND	-\$344.82
LIBRARY FUND	\$14,743.44
SCRFD #1 SPECIAL FUND	\$5,815.47
911 TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$42,596.34
SUSPENSE FUND	\$8,857.41

TOWNSHIPS

IOWA/GENERAL	\$2.90
LLANOS/GNERAL	\$41.00
LOGAN/GENERAL	\$3.66
MCPHERSON/GENERAL	\$2.40
SHERMANVILLE/GENERAL	\$91.05
PROJECT FUND-GO ROAD PROJECT	\$361,574.32
ROAD SEALANT BOND	\$42,720.72
LOCAL 1% SALES TAX FOR ROAD PROJECT	\$1,787,110.53

TOTAL ALL FUNDS **\$8,392,662.42**

STATE OF KANSAS
SHERMAN COUNTY ss.

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature on original

County Treasurer, Sherman County, Kansas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February , 2012

Signature on Original

County Clerk - Notary Public

My commission expires January 12, 2013

