

# Road and Bridge Department update county commissioners

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The Norton County Commissioners held a meeting last Wednesday where they were visited by Herman Pfannenstiel, Sandy Smith and Floyd Richard of the Norton County Road and Bridge Department.

Mr. Pfannenstiel addressed the commissioners about bids they had received on a motor for a county pickup. Three bids were obtained, one from an out of town company for \$5200 which included parts and labor but not installation. The second bid came from Engel's Sales and Service which included parts labor and installation for \$4545 plus \$150 for a new oil pan and the third bid came from Norton Auto Supply for the engine and gaskets for \$3037 but this did not include installation. Applegate

moved to accept the bid from Engel's and Miller seconded the motion. All voted to accept the bid and the motion was passed to have Engel's Sales and Service do the work.

Mr. Pfannenstiel had other updates for the commissioners. The broken fan on one of the trucks was on its way and would be in that day. He also stated that a sensor was out on another truck and it was being sent to be fixed.

Mr. Miller did point out to the council that Mr. Pfannenstiel fixed the county baler on his own and Applegate stated, "We need to say congratulations to your department for fixing things on their own when possible and for saving the county money."

Pfannenstiel also informed the commissioners that he had

purchased a 1800 psi air ratchet gun and half inch air hose, reel and dryer in the amount of \$1300 from Engel's. Prior to this the county had no dryers on anything. Mrs. Smith stated that in order to get the jobs done and to avoid injury to county employees this was necessary, "We need the right tools to do the job correctly." Smith stated.

Mr. Pfannenstiel addressed items to be thinking about after the first of the year. There is a gas pump that needs replaced. Currently a company out of Nebraska had been the ones working on it but it has repeatedly failed to function correctly. Mr. Posson suggested finding a used pump to replace it with possibly from Ag Valley. This item will be discussed in further depth after the first of the year.

# Norton landfill to replace and add equipment

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Commissioner John Miller addressed an issue at the Norton County Landfill at last week's commissioners meeting.

Miller stated that they had received a letter from the Fairbanks International, Inc Exchange out of North Platte, Nebraska, which is a dealer for the Bobcat Company. This letter was in reference to upgrading some landfill equipment. They offer an exchange program on equipment paying \$18 per hour that a piece of equipment has been used. It is a 36 percent discount on equipment and attachments. The loader in question currently has between 130 and

140 hours of use on it, it is a 750 with a 12 foot lift but staff at the landfill is wanting a loader with a higher reach.

Miller suggested taking Bobcat up on the discounted offer and in order to save money in the future and to go ahead and purchase the attachments of a mover, snow blower and a bucket to go along with for the replacement Skid steer loader and Compact loader.

The commissioners looked over the overall cost after discount and they were \$4,783.50 for the 72 inch Brushcut Rotary Cutter, \$2,938.10 for the 74 inch Industrial Bucket Grapple, \$4,469.65 for the 78 inch SB200 Snow Blower, \$19,837.92 for

the \$150 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader and \$40,239.92 for the T650 Bobcat Compact Track Loader.

Miller stated that the landfill wouldn't have to use the Department of Road and Bridge equipment anymore and two pieces of equipment could be sold to help with the cost, a pay loader worth approximately \$4,000 and a tractor mower worth approximately \$7,500-8,000.

Commissioner Applegate asked what the landfill budget was for equipment and Mr. Miller stated that the capital outlay was \$100,000. Richard Thompson moved to pass the motion to accept the offer from Bobcat and Applegate seconded

the motion to pass it.

Two final items were brought up, one by Sandy Smith, stating that one application had come into her department and Miller told her to hang on to it for now. Secondly was Floyd Richard stating that the Lowrys were wanting their road fixed due to building a new home and that there was a request to elevate the road north of Highway 383 by the Calvert Swine facility. There is and has been water standing there for some time. The commissioners told them to go ahead and raise the road to eliminate the problem of the standing water since there will be a center pivot being placed near that area.

# Achievement night...



Norton County 4-H Achievement Night was held on Sunday, Nov. 4 with a potluck supper and an award ceremony. (Pictured from left to right) Quentin Wentz, Rebecca Wentz, Amy Wentz, Addison Brooks, Wyatt Wentz and Bryndon Wentz were recognized for record book completion for Prairie Dog 4-H Club. -Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# Tiebreaker

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**This week's entries**  
The 11th and next to the last week's entries must be post-marked by 5 p.m. Friday and received in the mail no later than Monday or you may bring them to the Telegram office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's college games.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

Scores of last week's games were: Baylor 41, Kansas 14;

Oklahoma 35, Iowa State 20; Kansas State 44, Oklahoma State 30; Alabama 21, LSU 17; Nebraska 28, Michigan State 24; Texas A&M 38, Mississippi State 13; Oregon 62, Southern Cal 51; Texas 31, Texas Tech 22; TCU 39, West Virginia 38 2 OT; UCLA 66, Arizona 10.

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