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(Neb.)-Sheridan County Commissioners Discuss Whiteclay, New Drug Dog



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(SHERIDAN COUNTY)-Present at the Sheridan County commissioners meeting Monday morning were chair Dan Kling, commissioners Jack Andersen and James Krotz, and county clerk Sindy Coburn.

State Senator Al Davis met with the commissioners, Sheriff Terry Robbins and six business owners from White Clay to discuss law enforcement resource requirements for the community. The general consensus was that the recent tribal vote to approve alcohol sales on the reservation would probably not be implemented for at least six months if the Tribal Council approves the change on Tuesday evening. There is a great deal of uncertainty regarding the details of implementation, but most of those present believe that the change is unlikely to reduce the number of "street people" in White Clay.

Senator Davis was joined later in the meeting by Kris Ferguson of Cowboy Trail West Inc. to discuss the pending development of the trail between Gordon and Rushville.

Gordon city manager Fred Hlava appeared before the board to request that the county support the Gordon Police Department's Drug/Search Dog program. The Gordon PD will own the dog and provide the handler and is requesting that the county provide \$100/month for five years to help support the program. Sheridan County has been without a drug dog for several years and Sheriff Robbins spoke in support of the proposal. The commissioners agreed to enter into a "gentlemen's agreement" with Gordon on the terms requested by Hlava.

The commissioners heard from road superintendent Tom Kuester, who reported that damage that had been done by Cherry County road department trucks hauling gravel over 330 Trail (also known as King Ranch Road) would require about \$9,000 of cold-mix asphalt to repair.

Sheriff Robbins reported that he had received a check for \$6,007.23 from Region 23 Emergency Management to reimburse costs incurred by the department during the Wellnitz Fire last September.

The commissioners met with officials from the Veteran's Service Office, G.I.V.E., Building and Grounds, the Sheriff's office, and the Road and Weed Control departments to further refine budget requests for 2013-14. The requests now go to the budget consultant for final compilation. The proposed budget will be presented to the public at a hearing set for 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 16.

Acting as the Board of Equalization, the commissioners approved a Homestead Exemption for Rick and Alice Cerney of Gordon, approved the acceleration of taxes on a mobile home sold by Leslie and Terry Hinn and approved the acceleration of personal property taxes on farm equipment sold by Jeffrey Raymer.

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--Submitted by Commissioner James Krotz

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