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JANUARY 18, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session for the re-organization meeting. All members of the board were present.

CHAIRMAN: Motion carried that Robert O. Frick act as chairman of the board for 1988.

MEETING DATE: 1988 meeting dates were approved for the third Mondays and the last working day of each month.

RESOLUTION FOR SECURITIES: The board named all county banks as official depositors.

OFFICIAL PAPER: approved the contract with the Citizen Patriot as the official paper.

EXPENSES: Agreed that the expenses will be 21¢ for mileage reimbursement. Meal allowance will remain at \$7.00 per meal or \$21.00/day.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The following dates were approved for the 1988 holiday schedule: January 1, April 1, May 30, July 4, September 5, November 11, November 24 & 25, December 23 & 26.

BEER LICENSE was issued to Ludell Country Store in Ludell township.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: approved to pay the annual dues to N.W. Kansas Planning & Development at Hill City.

RAWLINS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (REDO) requires that the commissioners appoint three individuals to serve on the board of directors of REDO. Individuals contacted in the Herndon & McDonald areas report they will serve only if it does not mean an additional mill levy or if a mill levy is required to fund REDO, they will serve if the question goes to a vote and is approved by the people. No further action at this time.

ELECTION COMMENT made by Commissioner Cahoj is that he would like to see the question of an additional mill levy for the hospital, economic development, elevator and any other pertinent questions submitted to the people for an opportunity to vote on these issues.

APPRAISER: Terry Ballard and Audrey Dixson submitted a revised phase delineation chart. This was necessary due to the delay from the original projected work map delivery and due to the mapper not meeting the contracted completion date. Approved.

TYPEWRITERS: The county attorney noted that his typewriter has not been working properly; it was purchased in 1974 and should be replaced. Most of the IBM typewriters in the courthouse were purchased at the same time; county clerk will check into prices for possible trade of all the typewriters.

ELEVATOR GRANT: County Clerk reported that most of the required paperwork for the grant has been completed, however estimates are needed from the architect. Approved to contact two or three firms for this information.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: The board adjourned to executive session from 11:20 a.m. until 12:00 noon, discussing with the department heads personnel, salary, medical insurance sick leave & breaks during working time. They also met in executive session with Audrey Dixson and Kathy Bearley from 1:30 to 1:45 p.m. The only action taken was to limit coffee & smoking breaks when taken out of the office, to 15 minutes mid-morning and mid-afternoon.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Harvey Wright met with the board regarding a letter he had received from Jim Roberts. Jim requested that Harvey not cross his property located on the SE of 1-4-32 without his consent. Harvey has been crossing this property to check his cattle as he thought it to be an open road. In checking the road records, the board finds that the area located between sections 6-4-31 and 1-4-32 is indeed an open road although it has not been maintained for a number of years. Harvey also noted that there is a fence across the road and he has to open two gates to get to his property. County policy prohibits fences and wire gates across county roads, but does allow auto gates. Mr. Roberts will be informed of this.

- Agreed to trade the John Deere 644D Loader for a 644E at a cost of \$1500.00. The bucket on the "E" is  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard bigger.

- presented the 1987 inventory.

- Commissioner Frick reported that Ray Higley has gravel on his property that can be used for a road project by his place.

The Meeting was adjourned early due to a winter blizzard. The board will reconvene January 22nd to discuss a salary schedule and other business.

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Henry E. Cahoj, member

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JANUARY 22, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners reconvened January 22, 1988 in order to conduct unfinished business from the re-organization meeting held January 18th. All members of the board were present.

The board adjourned to EXECUTIVE SESSION. Recommendations relating to the 1988 salary schedule were discussed and later the following actions were taken: Board of Commissioners declined a salary increase and will remain at \$5760.00. All Department heads were granted \$600 year increase; salaries are as follows: County Clerk \$16,200, which includes election. County Treasurer \$15,360 and does not include special auto money. Register of Deeds \$14,400. Sheriff \$15,420. County Attorney \$12,900, plus \$3700 office expense. Noxious Weed Director \$10,110. Health Department Director, Wynemah Cox \$18,012 (\$8.66/hr.) Jack Maris, undersheriff \$14,280

Salaries approved for employees are as follows:

Janet Stice \$5.60/hr. [deputy county clerk]  
Bea Kanak \$6.25/hr. [deputy treasurer]  
Delores Luedke \$6.00/hr. [deputy treasurer]  
Kathy Bearley \$5.20/hr. [deputy appraiser]  
Farm Assessors \$4.75/hr.  
Custodian \$270/mth.  
Ben Harwerth \$5.40/hr. [courthouse maintenance]  
Jane Wolters \$4.50/hr. [part time, register of deeds, treasurer, appraisers]  
Pati Heble \$4.50/hr. [part time, clerk & commissioners]  
Shirley Organ \$8.15/hr. [health dept.]  
Jane Eller \$5.25/hr. [health dept.]  
Dal Argabright \$4.89/hr. [dispatcher]  
Naida Townsend \$5.06/hr. [head dispatcher, clerk]  
Sharon Noriega \$4.80/hr. [computer operator & dispatcher]  
Larry Fikan \$4.85/hr. [dispatcher]  
Joyce Parker \$4.31/hr. [dispatcher]  
Nikki Finley \$3.95/hr. [dispatcher]  
Thelma Nickel \$3.85/hr. [part time dispatcher]  
McDonald Deputy \$110/ mth. [sheriff's dept.]

Those not mentioned will remain at the 1987 rate.  
Average increase for department heads is 4%; employees 5%.

HEALTH INSURANCE: The board, along with the department heads met with Duane Biede who represents Bankers Life/Principal Financial Group to discuss benefits if insuring with his company rather than Blue Cross. No action at this time other than to agree to look at other insurance programs.

ROAD & BRIDGE SALARY SCHEDULE APPROVED:

Virgil (Pete) Portschy	\$22,000/yr.
Manire Berens	\$6.75/hr.
Al Holub	\$6.25
Jerry Houghton	\$5.70
Roger Hutfles	\$5.35
Clarence Lang	\$6.70
Gary Loker	\$4.75
Mike Maaske	\$5.85
Wm. I. Pedersen	\$5.25
Wm. J. Pedersen	\$6.70
Scott Pitner	\$7.00
Paul Pochop	\$6.50
Duane Rahe	\$7.45
Lawrence Rahe	\$5.55
Gary Sabatka	\$6.70
Dan Smith	\$6.30
Tom Solko	\$5.75
Tim solko	\$6.35
Larry Stice	\$5.25
Fay Trail	\$5.95
Merle Trail	\$6.30
Leonard Vap	\$5.55
Gary Wahrman	\$5.00
Marlin Wahrman	\$7.35
Kent Huss	\$4.75

ELEVATOR GRANT: Pati Heble met with the board in order to obtain further information on the plans for the elevator. Agreed to contact three architects to meet with the board at the earliest convenience.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The board phoned Ned Webb of Northwest Kansas Planning and Development in Hill City to discuss block grant projects. It was noted that a workshop has been scheduled to be held in Hays on Jan. 26th. - The board appointed Charles Peckham, Blaine Hubbard and Karen Bruning to serve on the Board of Directors of Rawlins Economic Development Organization. (REDO).

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Minutes of January 22 continued.

RAYMOND WAHRMAN: The board received a copy of the small claims judgement against Mr. Wahrman for the boards input. For the record, the board backs the decision made by the judge in the case #87SC37 against the plaintiff, Raymond Wahrman.

AIRPORT: Mr. Muller phoned to report the construction plans for the airport are now 90% complete. A voucher has been submitted for 70% of his fees. This voucher is in the amount of \$32,094; Atwood City has paid their share of \$16,047.50. Mr. Muller noted that the landfill site has been approved by the Department of Health & Environment. The FAA has approved the bill and it has been signed by the President so the grants are available. Rawlins County has applied for funding under this bill.

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Henry E. Cahoj, member

JANUARY 29, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session January 29, 1988 with all members of the board present.

Warrants for the month of January in the total amount of \$242,252.92 were approved.

JAIL MEALS: Sheriff Jones reported that the state has mandated that prisoner meals should consist of a minimum of 2500 calories per day and be prescribed by a dietitian, if needed. Therefore, the county will be purchasing meals from the hospital at a cost of \$10.00 a day.

APPRAISER: Approved the purchase of a four-drawer legal file for re-appraisal.

COUNTY POLICY: discussed the county policy for pay during storm days when an employee is unable to get to work. Agreed that the employee would not be entitled for pay during this time, or if they prefer, these hours could be subtracted from vacation time or sick leave.

ARCHITECTS: the board met with three architectural firms regarding the preliminary plans for the construction of an elevator at the courthouse. The cost of drawing the preliminary plans were quoted as follows:

Larry White of Levant \$1800.

Ralph Keller of Hill City; 20% of 10% of the total cost.

Lloyd Benjamin & Associates of McCook NE. \$1000 if drawings of the courthouse are available, and up to \$1500 if they are not available.

The board agreed to hire Lloyd Benjamin & Associates.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Gary Worthy, Ron Vrbas, George Sutton and Ron Reneberg reported on the hazardous material workshop held the week of January 18th in Colby. This is in regard to the community right-to-know act regarding hazardous material; the committee needs to conduct a risk survey in the county, they need to appoint a co-ordinator in order to submit a plan for problems or potential problems.

Gary Worthy will contact the planning committee to discuss ideas, etc. and will report the results to the board.

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AIRPORT: Earle Niermeier, Peter Muller and Scott Beims met with the board to discuss several items: Scott reported that Gly Gibson has mineral and oil interest under 48 acres of the airport runway. The FAA is requiring an agreement for restrictive easement from Gibson which states that they will not drill within a 400' strip on each side of the runway. Scott is proposing that the city trade Gibson for 1/2 interest in the mineral and oil on the property the city owns. Scott will have the deeds drawn up within ten days. If Gibson does not agree, they could proceed with condemnation proceedings. The city will stand the cost and Scott is willing to proceed with the legal work. This is all contingent upon the city council's approval. It was moved by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Frick to proceed with the above proposal. Upon being put to the vote, the motion carried with Unger and Frick voting to proceed and Cahoj opposed.

- Commissioner Unger questioned Mr. Muller about the latest voucher in the amount of \$16,047.50 and stated that he would like to hold this check until hearing from Mrs. Gibson. Mr. Muller replied that this payment is for 70% of the updated plans for the airport; these plans are now 95% complete. This payment would not have anything to do with the problems concerning Mrs. Gibson. Mr. Unger also asked about other payments due, Mr. Muller replying that only one additional payment will be due before federal funds are available and that would be for the soil survey. Motion by Commissioner Frick, seconded by Unger to pay Mr. Muller at this time.

- Mr. Muller also noted that his calculations indicate it to be cost effective to tear up the present runway and completely replace it rather than overlay the runway. The board requested that the used asphalt be stockpiled if this method is used.

- Mr. Muller reported that Kansas State Health & Environment has approved the landfill site, except for minor changes which involve one monitor well and some revision of the trenches which should last 28 years.

HOSPITAL: Mike Braxmeyer and Don Grafel, representing the hospital board informed the board that the proposed malpractice insurance for the doctors was contingent upon the legality of the situation. They have been notified that it is not legal to do so.

- They also presented the board with a letter from the physicians regarding hospital emergency room coverage, stating that emergency room call and staffing will continue on its current schedule and staffing until March 31, 1988. As of April 1st, the attending doctors will require \$20,000 each to contract to cover the aforementioned services. Payment will be due April 1, 1988. Mr. Braxmeyer stressed that the doctors have never given the hospital an ultimatum and have been very cooperative by never charging the hospital to be on call for emergency room coverage.

- discussed further the need for legislation to be passed addressing the escalated cost of malpractice insurance.

- also discussed holding a general town meeting to discuss the issues with the hospital board, the county commissioners and all interested persons.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Kevin Zerr of John Deere presented the purchase order for the 644E front end loader which was approved January 18th .

- will accept bids for the purchase of a maintainer on March 21st.

- discussed bus routes; Pete will contact the school districts to coordinate bus routes and graveled roads.

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February 15, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session February 15, 1988 with all members of the board present.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: The board went on record that the county did not authorize Charles Peckham, as county attorney to investigate any hospital issues.

COUNTY RECORDS: The board agreed that county records or information on file in the courthouse not be removed from the premises. Should anyone desire information, the records are open to the public and should be viewed in the office in which they are on file.

COURTHOUSE: Noted that the downspout on the east side of the courthouse is down and water is dripping on the electrical circuits. Finley Construction was notified.

Granted permission for Kathy Bearley to use sick leave for a medical appointment for her granddaughter.

Granted permission to purchase a microwave and refrigerator for the employees use. This will remove the traffic from the sheriffs department.

XEROX: Gay Dill, representing Western Plains Art Association asked for a reduced price on making copies as they are a non-profit organization. Due to the cost of the maintenance agreement with Xerox and the cost of supplies, the board agreed that the cost of making copies will remain at 15¢ a copy regardless of the organization involved. Many non-profit organizations use the Xerox and they would all have to be considered should the charges be reduced. Motion by Cahoj, seconded by Unger, all agreed that the charges remain at 15¢ a copy.

SHERIFF: Sheriff Jones received permission to check into the cost of purchasing either strait jackets or soft body restraints. This is on the agenda for the 29th meeting. Reported that Raymond Wahrman was taken into protective custody- no criminal charges have been filed at this time.

TREASURER: Cheryl Wederski reported on a meeting to be held March 8th in Colby to view the Komtex computer program. This program will enable the offices to update real estate valuations following the reappraisal process.

NOXIOUS WEEDS: Signed the 1988 Agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to treat noxious weeds along the state highways.

RESOLUTION: Signed Resolution 88-1, authorizing the execution and delivery of a cooperation agreement pursuant to the Kansas Local residential housing finance law between Rawlins County, Geary County and Riley County, or either of them. This will authorize any of the above "sponsors" to engage in any and all acts and exercise all of the authority and powers conferred by the Kansas local residential housing finance law within, or with respect to any property located within, the corporate boundaries of Rawlins County.

The entire resolution is on file in the county clerks office.

REAPPRAISAL CLASSES for county offices, other than appraiser, will be conducted by Property Valuation Department. The board discussed attending one for commissioners only in June 20-24 in Salina and a class to be held in Hays for all offices on July 12-13.

NORTHWEST KANSAS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: Ned Webb and Jennifer Trembly were in attendance to discuss plans for the proposed elevator project in which the county will be applying for a grant. The first public hearing was set to be held February 29th at 2:00 p.m. in the courthouse. The second public hearing will be held 20 days thereafter.

Also in attendance were Dan Timm, Marge Crabb and Marlin Lillrich.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Pete reported general maintenance work in the county. Beamgards delivered one pickup.

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February 29, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session February 29, 1988 with all members of the board present.

Warrants were allowed for the month of February in the total amount of \$257,557.66.

RE-APPRAISAL: Ralph Hansen of Property Valuation Department and Audrey Dixon presented the phase delineation chart which indicates that the re-appraisal process projected for the county is current. The original contract with Sall Engineering has been completed. Further map maintenance will be an additional charge, should the county choose to enter into a contract with Sall Engineering. However, the county appraisers would be able to maintain the maps if they attend the necessary schools. The county would also have the option of purchasing some equipment for in-house map maintenance or take the maps out of county. Data collectors are still working with one person. Commercial data collectors will be hired out of county. Personal assessment deadline is today without adding a late penalty.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Commissioner Frick addressed Charles Peckham, stating that the county should have consulted with him before officially going on record at the last meeting that the county did not authorize Mr. Peckham as county attorney to investigate any hospital issues.

SHERIFF: Approved purchasing soft body restraints at a cost of \$219.00, and two chairs for the sheriffs department.

AIRPORT: Signed a subordination agreement between Gly Gibson and Rawlins County for the mineral and oil interest, as agreed January 29th.

HOSPITAL: Agreed that the county attorney request an Attorney General's Opinion as to whether the hospital can contract with the doctors for emergency room coverage. The county attorney agreed to the request.

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST KANSAS: Signed the annual agreement for Services between Rawlins County and DSNWK. Elmer Burk presented the agreement.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE: Dan Steffen informed the board that the 1982 session of the Kansas Legislature passed the Kansas Enterprise Zone Act to expand and review the local economy and improve the social and economic welfare of residents of economically distressed zone area's located in the counties and cities of Kansas. Dan's job is to assist counties and cities in applying for the enterprise zone; it is of no cost to the municipality. A resolution is needed stating that an enterprise zone is in place for incentives to businesses and industry. The area should include unincorporated cities, feed lots and areas surrounding cities. The board worked with Dan in locating these areas on a map and asked Dan to draw up the necessary documents in order to have more information to work with. He will meet with the board in the future with the above.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOME: Ralph Keller, Architect, presented plans for the addition to the home. Bids will be let March 31st at 2:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ELEVATOR GRANT: Approximately 24 constituents met on the first floor of the courthouse for input regarding the proposed elevator. Jennifer Trembley of Hill City was also present. Speaking in favor of the elevator were several elderly & handicapped persons, also the clerk of the court, and representatives of the law enforcement department. Those speaking against the elevator were constituents asking how the cost of the elevator compares with the landfill and the airport as far as increases in taxes are concerned and the percent of persons using the elevator. Some suggested the upstairs offices be moved or that persons could use the mail. It was also brought up that the majority of the people should be voting on issues before any increase in taxes. Upon a show of hands, eight persons voted for and four voted against the elevator. A second public hearing was set for March 31st. The board decided on a 35% match if the grant is approved.

EMT: The board signed a letter of support for Decatur County Commissioner Ralph Unger to be appointed to serve on the newly established State Emergency Medical Services Board.

BOARD ALTERCATION: The commissioners were discussing the request for a Kansas exemption for a burn site at the LANDFILL. The discussion became heated, resulting in an altercation between Commissioners Frick and Cahoj. The report on the above altercation will be on file for two years in the sheriff's office. It was noted that Commissioner Cahoj has accepted Commissioner Frick's apology. After the tempers had cooled, the discussion was resumed. The city officials were called for further information. Further discussion was postponed until meeting on the 21st with Dan Timm.

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ROAD & BRIDGE: The crews are busy with general maintenance. Scott Pitner reported that windshields in four pickups need to be replaced. He obtained cost from Jeniks (\$800), McDougals (\$974.32), and from two places at Hays- (\$496.55 & \$460.00). Hays will come to Atwood and replace the windshields at no extra cost. The board asked Scott to check with Palmers Glass Shop, and if his price wasn't comparable with Hays, to give the job to a Hays firm. - discussed the copy of a letter received from the Motor Carrier Inspection Bureau of Topeka written to county sheriffs. This concerns oversize and over weight vehicles traveling on county roads. The county can, by resolution, prohibit these vehicles on county roads without a special permit. No action taken at this time.

- Pete informed the board that Kent Huss will be leaving in May or June.

Robert O. Frick  
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Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

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Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

March 21, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session March 21, 1988 with all members of the board present.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Lyle Mellick reported on a recent meeting concerning the right to know act for hazardous materials. As of March 1, 1988, businesses should have complied with the act by listing chemicals stocked at their facilities. Placards listing the chemicals are then to be placed on the business and on vehicles. Fire routes and emergency evacuation routes need to be set up, also rural and city fire departments need to be informed where hazardous materials are stored. The protective clothing and equipment for the fire departments will possibly need to be updated. The board agreed to hire Lyle Mellick as chairman of the local emergency committee at a salary of \$6.00 per hour.

NOXIOUS WEED: The board supports our present noxious weed law regarding chemicals purchased. The weed director has received a letter from the Kansas Fertilizer & Chemical Association proposing some changes in the law as in a majority of counties, dealers see a large volume of business being done by the county. They feel that some counties are competing with the private sector and that the present law was written before there was a chemical industry. Our county, however, has a good working relationship between the weed director and the dealers.

HEALTH: Wynemah Cox presented an agreement signed between the four counties purchasing the reflotron machine which test cholesterol level. This agreement is on file in the county clerks office.  
- the board signed an application for a basic service grant in the amount of \$5585.  
- the cost to each individual for the cholesterol testing will be \$5.00 to cover the cost of supplies.  
- Wynemah informed the board that the health department would like to purchase a small TV and VCR to assist in health programs. Most of the information used to present programs are contained on VCR tapes. They will be contacting clubs in order to raise funds as this was not included in their budget.

TREASURER: approved installing an additional light fixture in the treasurers office at a cost of \$170.00. Cheryl Wederski reported on the Komtex tax program viewed by the clerk, treasurer and two commissioners in Colby on March 8th. The cost of the complete tax program is \$10,000. This would start in the register of deeds office for mineral and oil input, the appraisers office for valuation on oil, personal and real estate valuations and continue in the clerks and treasurers office for the final input and the printing of the tax statements. Although no action was taken at this time, the treasurer was given permission to pursue this.

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SHERIFF: The board questioned the sheriff in regard to the abandoned vehicle parked at the courthouse. Sheriff Jones informed the board that the county attorney was contacted several months ago in order to remove the vehicle but Jones has not been notified by the attorney as to the action to be taken. He will again contact the county attorney.  
Discussed briefly overweight and oversize vehicles traveling the county roads. For the most part, these concern oil trucks and some cattle and grain trucks. Larry will write the companies in this regard.

911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: Commissioner Cahoj asked the board to look over information concerning the 911 system before the 31st meeting date and that this be added to the agenda on March 31st.

IBM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: Signed the mid-range amendment to the IBM maintenance agreement, reference exhibit No. MRSA-0.

LANDFILL/ASBESTOS REMOVAL: the board received a letter from Kansas Asbestos Removal, Inc., requesting charges to receive asbestos containing waste materials. It is the county policy not to accept any restricted material not generated in Rawlins County. The company will be informed of this policy.

LANDFILL: Dan Timm, representing the Atwood City Council proposed that the county landfill and the city burn site be consolidated. To this end, the city would reimburse the county \$2500 a year. The county would then be in charge of the burn site. Dan suggested that consolidation would be more cost-effective as it is used by both the city and the county. The city recently spent approximately \$8000 to clean up the present site. The consolidated burn site would be easier to control and would be hidden from sight. The county clerk was asked to contact the insurance company for premium cost and Darrel Weber for his input. This will be on the March 31st agenda.

AIRPORT: The FAA grant was approved by the federal government. The board discussed whether the grant money should be handled by the county or by the city. Motion by Commissioner Unger that Atwood City be the entity in charge, seconded by Commissioner Frick. Commissioners Frick and Unger voting "yes", Commissioner Cahoj abstaining.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH: The board signed a proclamation encouraging all Kansas businesses and citizens to observe the month of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. This was encouraged by Governor Hayden.

GAS COMPANY will be notified to clean out the condensation pipes in the courthouse.

ROAD & BRIDGE: The board accepted bids for the purchase of a maintainer. The following bids were considered; however final action will be taken on March 31st.

Berry Tractor: Gallion A-600; price with trade in of the Champion 720A, \$61,605.00. Price with trade in of the Caterpillar 14C, \$82,105.00.

Sellers Tractor: Champion 730-A; price with trade in of the 720-A, \$57,950.00. Price with trade in of the 14C, \$78,950.00. Delivery in 120 days. It was also noted that the present snow plow would fit this machine, and that \$6,000 could be subtracted if trading for the 720A without the snowplow.

Murphy Tractor: John Deere 770-B; price with trade in of the 720A, \$53,700.00. Price with trade in of the 14C, \$77,200. Delivery date 30 to 60 days. It was also noted that \$10,800 be added, should the county prefer front wheel drive, or subtract \$6500 to purchase a demonstrator front wheel drive with 425 hours and a new warranty.

Martin Tractor: Caterpillar 140G; price with trade in of the 720A \$84,039.36. Price with trade in of the 14C, \$96,039.36. Delivery in 150 to 160 days.

- Pete will be attending a meeting in Salina April 21-22.
- Agreed to hire Billye Dewey to replace Kent Huss.
  - received a complaint from Harvey Steier regarding working on an area before allowing the county to set up a snow fence next year.
  - discussed rental of county equipment under the authority of KSA 68-141a. There is also an attorney generals opinion 76-302 on file in this regard.
  - Ben Harwerth reported that a 2x4 needs to be replaced on the trap door leading to the roof of the courthouse.

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Henry E. Cahoj  
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March 31, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session March 31, 1988 with all members of the board present.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met concerning the severed mineral and oil interest owned by Gly Gibson on the airport land; Scott Beims reported that according to FAA regulations, oil derricks cannot be placed within 800' of the runway and 2000' at the end of the runway. Therefore, over one-half of her interest cannot be used. Scott requested that the acreage located on the NE 32-2-33 not be taxed and that he prepare a resolution so stating. Moved, seconded and carried that the resolution be prepared.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Lyle Mellick reported that the State requires a response plan to be filed at the State by October 17, 1988. A two day school will be held in St. Francis for first responders. Lyle will inform the local emergency board of this school; agreed to reimburse those attending the required schools \$30.00 a day plus mileage.

APPRAISERS: Kathy Bearley reported that Audrey Dixon is a patient in Hadley Hospital, Hays. There is a CAMA meeting to be held April 11-14 in Hays. Approved Audrey and Kathy attending this meeting.

HEALTH: The board approved the courthouse employees receiving the chloesterol testing at no charge, if they desire.

LANDFILL: discussed with Scott Beims the option of leasing rather than purchasing the Obert land for the landfill. Beims will contact the other trustees of the estate in this regard.

The board discussed with DARREL WEBER the possibility of operating the burn site at the landfill. Weber has no objection as long as the burn site hours coincide with the landfill hours. He feels the city is generous in their offer to pay \$2500 a year to the county. Operating the landfill or burnsite will not increase the insurance premium.

911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: The county clerk was asked to make an appointment with a representative of Southwestern Bell in order to obtain further information on the 911 system.

HOSPITAL: Pam Thomas, Administrator and Marc Walker, Chariman of the Hospital Board presented a letter requesting a special meeting with the commissioners. This meeting would allow discussion of some long-range issues including major concerns with the hospital building, the lease between the hospital and the county which ends in 1989, and long-range health-care planning.

The board ageed to a special meeting to be held at the hospital on March 11th at 5:00 p.m..

COMPUTER: Cheryl Wederski received further information on the KOMTEX computer program for tax purposes. Komtex recommends purchasing the entire budget and accounting program along with the tax program as it all works together. This entire program sells for \$19,000, therefore, the treasurer and clerk recommends tabling the program at this time.

Moved, Seconded and carried not to purchase the tax program at this time, but instead to HIRE PART-TIME HELP, as needed for the treasurers office.

The treasurer also noted that a program is available for collecting delinquent personal property tax. A number of counties are looking into purchasing this as a unit which would reduce the cost. No Action at this time.

ELEVATOR HEARING: The second public hearing for the purchase of considering an application for a block grant to construct an elevator in the courthouse was held at 1:00 p.m.. The total cost is \$84,775 with a county match of 35% or \$29,600. Northwest Kansas Planning & Development will submit this grant application April 11 and the county should know the results around the 1st of May. There were a number of constituents in attendance, with the majority in favor of the application.

ATTORNEY/SHERIFF: Charles Peckham informed the board that a meeting involving area sheriffs will be held April 13th in Atwood.

- A county attorney's meeting will be held in June.

ROAD & BRIDGE: It was moved, seconded and carried to trade the 1985 Champion 720A for the 772B-H John Deere Front wheel drive domonstrator at a cost of \$58,050.00. Delivery will be in approximately 15 to 30 days.

- Noted that William I. Pedersen is on vacation.

- Lynn Officer claimed that 25 to 30 acres of irrigated land washed because of a plugged culvert and felt that compensation is due. The board denied any compensation; Scott Pitner will notify Officer.

- Frank Pochop requested that a road be maintained on property he purchased from Rolland Lorimer. The county will maintain this a couple of times a year, on request.

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GOOD SAMARITAN HOME:

Bids were received for the addition of the Atwood Good Samaritan Home. In attendance were architects from Ralph J. Keller Company, Charles Peckham, the contractors and the administrator of Good Samaritan Home.

General Proposal bids were submitted as follows:

- Rhoads Construction of Goodland KS. \$199,900 (alternate bid, deduct \$4500.)
- Casebeer Construction of Garden City KS. \$188,900 (alternate bid, deduct \$6400)
- Norman Luedke Construction of Atwood KS. \$168,738 (alternate bid, deduct \$7092)

Combination Proposal bids:

- Rhoads Construction: Total bid \$276,300. [General \$199,900; heating, air conditioning & plumbing \$49,800 with Auman of Hays; electrical \$26,600 with Jim's Electric of Colby; alternate bid, deduct \$4500.]
- Casebeer Construction: Total bid \$280,400. [General \$188,900; heating, air conditioning \$21,600 with L&L Plumbing; plumbing \$37,100 with L&L; electrical \$32,800 with Trenton Electric; alternate bid, deduct \$6400.]
- Norman Luedke Construction: Total Bid \$244,855. [General \$161,690; heating and air conditioning \$19,724; plumbing \$33,800; electrical \$29,830; alternate bid, deduct \$7092.]

Electrical Proposal Bids:

- Wolters Electric, Atwood \$42,000.
- Meyer Electric, Hoxie \$35,720.
- Reliable Electric, Hays \$35,950.

Mechanical Combination Proposals:

- Auman Company, Hays \$49,800.

The architect pointed out that Norman Luedke Construction did not include on the bid form, the name of the contractors for the electrical and plumbing work. Following discussion with the county attorney and the administrator of the Home, it was moved, seconded and carried to accept the general proposal bid submitted by Norman Luedke Construction of \$168,738, along with the combination proposal submitted by Auman Company of \$49,800 and the electrical proposal of \$35,720. submitted by Meyer Electrical.

It was also agreed not to accept the alternate bid of deducting \$7092. Therefore, the total cost would be \$254,258.

The discussion continued with the board noting that the combination proposal of \$244,855 submitted by Norman Luedke is nearly \$10,000 lower than the general proposal accepted because the contractor was not included on the bid form. The architect then suggested that if the board accepted the alternate bid of deducting \$7092, the cost would not only be reduced but the shingles would still meet specifications.

Commissioner Unger then amended the original motion; it was moved, seconded and carried to accept the alternate bid and deduct \$7092. Total general proposal bid submitted by Norman Luedke construction will then be \$161,646. The combination proposal of \$49,800 and the electrical proposal of \$35,720 will remain as previously carried. Total cost \$247,166.

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

April 11, 1988  
SPECIAL MEETING - HOSPITAL BOARD

A joint meeting of the board of County Commissioners and the hospital board convened at 5:00 p.m. at the hospital meeting room for the purpose of discussing long-range planning for the hospital and the lease with the county in conjunction with long-range planning.

Present were Commissioners Frick, Unger & Cahoj, County Attorney Charles Peckham, County Clerk Meredith Hrnchir, Hospital Administrator Pam Thomas, Hospital board members Marc Walker, Mike Braxmeyer, Don Grafel, Diane Montgomery, Sue Glad, Claude Kisling, hospital attorney Bob Lewis Jr., Marge Crabb and Jim Wilkens. Dr. Dill was also present for a brief period.

The ten year lease will expire September of 1989 and currently includes a .33 mill levy for building maintenance. However, the levy was increased to two mills in 1982 and to five mills in 1984 to include operating expense. The new lease should include the mill levy increase and should be reviewed by the board in early 1989.

Pam Thomas reviewed the deficiency report compiled by architects Jones, Engelhardt & Gillam of Salina. These include regulation or code deficiencies and functional deficiencies. Regulation and code deficiencies are required to be corrected by either federal or state regulations. The code deficiencies listed on the operating suite and the delivery suite are the most critical and the roof repair is a priority item.

The boards also reviewed the preliminary cost estimate for new construction and remodeling expenses. The estimated project cost is \$1,520,590. If the project is built in phases, the preliminary cost estimate for phase I is \$259,700. Phase II cost estimate is \$594,240 and phase III cost estimate is \$771,650. The increase in cost if done in phases rather than as one project would be \$155,000. There would also be down time during the remodeling to be considered.

After viewing the blueprints showing the three phases of the project, it was noted that phase III concerns the doctors clinic. The general feeling was that the clinic is not the most important item to be considered at this time. Following further discussion, it was the opinion of both boards that the addition of the clinic could cause the defeat of the hospital issue at an election. It was further felt that phase I and II could be combined and phase III should be "put on the burner".

In the discussion concerning the necessity of a mill levy in order to meet operating expenses, it was brought out that the DRG system implemented by the government is a disaster to the rural hospitals if you have 40% medicare patients. The patients in the Rawlins County Hospital averages 70% medicare. On the other side however, the hospital does serve 70% of the county residents compared to the average of 50%. The services provided by the lab and X-ray departments are a good business for the hospital, and the physical therapy department shows a 50% increase over last year.

The commissioners did note that in 1972, voters turned down a new hospital with a long term care unit. They also asked about their prediction concerning the availability of doctors in the next five years.

The doctor situation is a major concern of the hospital board; they feel that Dr. Erbachers' resignation could cost 50% of the patients presently served in the county. A committee consisting of Sue Glad and Frank Buk was appointed by Marc Walker to meet with Dr. Dill and Dr. Satchell in order to discuss their input of recruiting another doctor and other items that might be of concern to the physicians.

Supper was served to those in attendance, compliments of the hospital. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

April 18, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session April 18, 1988 with all members of the board present.

MIDWEST ENERGY: In response to questions raised concerning the power lines on the east side of the courthouse, Dave Phelps reported that the highest demand of power used the past few years has been 130 amp. Tim wolters installed a 1200 amp. system which he feels is a waste of taxpayers money. He stated that 200 amp. would be sufficient but the county could go to 400 amp. He did refuse to hook up the extra lines because of the cost for the connections and we would not use the power. When the demand increases, he will connect the lines, however.

Also briefly discussed the size of fuses and running a test after hours.

SHERIFF: Sheriff Jones reported that the State has mandated for the jail some sort of communication system. This can be by means of a full time jailer, video surveillance system or a two-way intercom system. Approved to purchase from Dunkers an intercom system at a cost of \$700 for the jail.

- A jail inspection will be held April 25th at 2:00 p.m..

CANCEL WARRANT #3843 dated 2/29/88 in the amount of \$41.62, payable to Don Grafel and drawn on the State Bank of Atwood against the Ambulance Fund.  
CANCEL WARRANT #2682 dated 4/6/88 (prepaid) in the amount of \$80.00, payable to Kansas APCO, drawn on the State Bank of Atwood against the General Fund.

RE-APPRAISAL: Audrey Dixson reported that Marsha Curry is employed by Conley, Kight & Eckford as a field appraiser, however she is receiving orders and/or instructions from three different sources and is seriously considering terminating her job. They had originally planned on hiring three field appraisers but are relying only on her and according to their records they will need to appraise 26 parcels a day in order to complete the job by January of 1989.

- Concern was expressed regarding payments made to the company of Conley, Kight & Eckford. Representative of Property Valuation Department, Ralph Hansen had earlier informed commissioner Cahoj of his concern that the county has paid 80% of the contract price but the work is not 80% complete.

EXTENSION: Terry Kastens informed the board that the extension council will be working on the preliminary draft for the 1989 budget. There are no valuation figures at this time and pending information received at the commissioners spring meeting regarding the new legislation on budgets, the board could not provide information at this time.

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS ON COASTAL OIL notified the commissioners that Coastal Oil had been denied a rehearing in their protest for taxes paid for the year 1986.

SOLID WASTE LANDFILL: Dan Timm and Darrel Weber discussed the burn site to be located north of the proposed landfill. It was agreed that a number of regulations are needed and that the hours for the burn site will coincide with the landfill hours.

A disposal pit for concrete was discussed, as well as guidelines for dispensing pesticide containers.

MOTION by Charles Unger, seconded by Henry Cahoj to accept the \$2500 year reimbursement from the city for the county to maintain the burn site and also to include Darrel Weber on the county health insurance program. All Agreed.

FRED GATLIN, representative from the 120th district discussed several bills before the legislature. House Bill 2904 is in regard to the effect reappraisal concerns the 1989 budgets. This will be addressed at the commissioners spring conference. House Bill 2808 concerns the windfall tax being returned to counties.

ENTERPRISE ZONE MAP: Dan Steffen reviewed with the board the zoning map. One location was changed and two others were added. Steffen will return May 16th.

911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: Paula Artzer of Southwestern Bell gave a presentation on the 911 emergency system in which she explained the installation of 911 and the cost. If installed, a 2% line charge will be added to each designated line in the county. In addition, the county will pay a one time fee of \$416.80 plus a monthly charge of \$625.20.

- The sheriff also presented information on code-a-phone call diverters presently used in Clay County which is more cost effective.

No Action at this time.

RURAL FIRE DISTRICT: a letter was received from Fire DsitRICT #3 stating they will no longer bring both their units into another district and leave their own district without protection.

NOXIOUS WEED: Agreed to place an ad in the newspaper with Ron Vrbas's phone number.

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ROAD & BRIDGE: Pete reported that a bill is pending on the federal level which may require counties to paint a yellow stripe in the middle of all oil roads.  
- Lyle Bowles requested gravel on the road south of J.B. Cox's to Brad Bowles place. This is a school bus route and will be added to the road list.  
- LeRoy Horinek complimented the board on the condition of the roads in his area.  
- Harvey Steier requested a tube and a hill cut down.  
- Ron Erickson requested gravel on one mile of open road by his place; he will furnish the gravel. He also requested that a corner be widened and the culvert be extended on a curve off of \$495.  
- scrapers are working on the hills on #314.  
- noted that the entry into Luke Prochazka's should be graveled when graveled the west lake road.

RELEASE OF SECURITY:

We, the undersigned Board of County Commissioners of Rawlins County, Kansas, do hereby approve the release of the following bond given by the Farmers Bank & Trust, Atwood Kansas to secure county funds deposited with the Farmers Bank & Trust, Atwood KS.

\$200,000.00      U.S. Treasurer Note  
8.250 Dated 1-11-79 due 5-15-88  
Security National Bank  
Receipt #071958

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir  
County Clerk

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahof  
Henry E. Cahof, member

April 29, 1988

April 29, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session April 29, 1988 with all members of the board present. Due to the absence of Charles Peckham, Scott Beims served as Assistant County Attorney.

APPROVED TO VOID County Warrant #2816, payable to Pat Wendelin in the amount of \$30.00 from the Rural Fire District #1 Fund and drawn on the State Bank of Atwood.

Commissioner Cahoj noted that there are chuckholes in the paving at the entrance of the hospital. The hospital has "uneven concrete" signs posted at these areas. Finley Construction estimated \$600 to replace an area 10' x 30' and patch the 2' x 4' area. The board APPROVED this expenditure. Commissioner Frick will contact Pete to help with this and ATWOOD CITY in order to use the jackhammer.

APPRAISER: APPROVED contacting Tim Wolters to estimate the cost of installing lights in the appraisers office.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR JANE WOLTERS: Motion by Henry Cahoj, seconded by Bob Frick all approved paying health insurance for Jane Wolters.

FARMERS BANK & TRUST/INTEREST & PENALTY ON MINNEY: Scott Beims and Cheryl Wederski met with the board to discuss the penalty and interest due on the Minney land. As the sheriffs sale was held prior to the date that the delinquent taxes were filed in district court, the bank is not liable.

RE-APPRAISAL: present to discuss reappraisal were Audrey Dixon, Ralph Hansen and James Headrick of Property Valuation Department and Terry Ballard of Conley, Kight & Eckford. Referring to the minutes of April 18th in which Ralph Hansen had earlier informed Commissioner Cahoj of his concern that the county has paid 80% of the contract price to Conley, Kight & Eckford but the work is not 80% complete, Mr. Hansen stated that his comment was misunderstood. Terry Ballard had asked that PVD and Audrey be in attendance and stated that four phases of data collection is scheduled to be geared up in April, several phases actually initiated which have not been billed. He assured the board that the billing of his company is accurate. The company has had a problem with data collectors in that some collectors trained have resigned and Marcia Curry has also considered terminating employment. This has been resolved and three applicants are being considered. They also have an excellent data collector hired in Cheyenne County which can be utilized in Rawlins County. A commercial data collector has been hired and is projected to start in May.

The preliminary soil overlay maps are completed. The board discussed using soil conservation maps for updating but they are not current. Terry recommended documentation using color slides which are current. These can be purchased at a cost of .50¢ each. MOTION by Unger to order these slides, seconded by Frick, approved.

Soil conservation will have slides available at a later date which could also be utilized to update the overlay maps. Terry will check into the price of these slides.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Terry Ballard requested an executive session at 11:00 to discuss personnel. The session ended at approximately 11:30 a.m..

AIRPORT: In attendance were Peter Muller, Earle Niermeier, Jack Poore, C.K. Fisher and Bill Lewis.

Mr. Muller reported that the FAA grant has been approved in the amount of \$1,035,360. Schedule III was reduced to \$134,318.85 by going to asphalt rather than concrete as the cost of concrete was 46% higher. Also discussed a gasoline tank with a 60' runway by Worthy's hanger. FAA will not fund the 60' runway as they want the tank located at the other end of the runway. Peter recommends a 20' wide asphalt taxiway at this time as FAA will fund this. The concrete on the taxiway will remain but the present asphalt will be torn up and replaced by an asphalt runway 5000' x 75'.

Bids were opened at City Hall on April 26th with only one bid submitted. No action was taken.

Commissioner Cahoj commented that he would like to back up and look at the bids as it does not look right to accept one bid. He also asked if Jim's Electric at Colby employed Jeff Unger. If they are a sub-contractor in the airport bidding, would that be a conflict of interest for Commissioner Unger. Peter Muller replied that other airports have had only one or two bids submitted. Since the bids were lower than the engineers estimate, we would not gain anything by rebidding. It was also the opinion of all present that there is not a conflict of interest for Unger.

Cahoj noted that the county would not gain for economic development if the bid from the Hutchinson contractor was accepted.

Schedule IV includes the landfill cost. Commissioner Frick contacted Woofter Construction of Colby regarding the monitoring wells. The county could save \$15,000 by dropping schedule IV and doing the job ourselves. Woofter quoted the wells at \$2500 rather than \$4500 to \$5000.

The first concern would be to test for water in the area. Jack Poore recommended obtaining a lease for additional acres for the landfill.

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an additional concern expressed by Cahoj is the existing ten year lease which was written August of 1974 and apparently has not been renewed.

In addition, he noted that a budget will be needed for future upkeep on the landfill and burnsite.

C.K. Fisher commented that this project could be poor timing, he does not want to see the county in financial trouble. He asked why the landfill is being moved from the present site and the life of the existing landfill vs. the life of the proposed site. Also whether local laborers will be hired for the airport project.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FRICK, SECONDED BY UNGER to award schedules I,II, and III, subject to changing schedule III to asphalt and dropping schedule IV. Commissioners Frick and Unger voting yes, commissioner Cahoj opposed.

The County Clerk was requested to check the general fund budget which shows a budget balance as of April 29th of \$288,388.

Peter noted that new plans will be arriving which reflects a twenty year direction plan for possible expansion, improvements, or future developments.

Mr. Muller will be presenting the FAA grant information to teh city council this evening.

They anticipate the airport will be closed for three months for construction.

ROAD & BRIDGE:

Pete reported that Rawlins County shouldered two miles of road on the Rawlins/ Decatur County lines. Decatur county will gravel this.

The crews are working by Randy Leitner's installing a culvert.

Discussed the letter received from the Division of Water Resources to McDougal-Sager Grain Company and to Mr. & Mrs. Roger Oliverius regarding the illegal channel change. The chief engineer ordered the land owners to fill in the overflow channel by November 9, 1987. As of April 15, 1988 the channel has not been filled.

Commissioners Frick and Unger will meet May 5th with Penco Engineering and Pete to appraise land for a construction easement at the Dennis Franklin bridge site.

Commissioners Frick and Cahoj will meet at the Charlene Kramer bridge site to appraise land for a construction easement.

Approved to install an air line between the two McDonald shops.

Pete will look at a bridge north of Bob Binning's which has no railing.

WARRANTS WERE ALLOWED for the month of April in the amount of \$180,445.36.

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir  
Rawlins County Clerk

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj member

May 16, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session May 16, 1988 with all members of the board present. Deputy County Clerk, Janet Stice set in for Meredith Hrnchir who had to leave for a County Clerk Association meeting in Wichita.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Discussed Norman Owings recommendation of road problems north of Binnings. Recommendations were to lower the ditch 3' on the west side. The road by Don Antholz's will be lowered by 6 to 8 inches.

- the easement contract of right of way with Kenny Ruda was discussed. Mr. Ruda would like his dam fixed to Soil Conservation specifications. The dam was partially constructed in 1976 by the county, but was never completed. Chairman Frick motioned and Commissioner Cahoj seconded the completion of the dam in return for the easement contract. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Cahoj motioned and was seconded by Commissioner Unger that a bi-annual bridge inspection be made by Penco Engineering of a \$3500 fee. Motion passed.
- The graveling request made by Kay Reeves was discussed. Mr. Reeves is asking that the first mile of the creek road west of Atwood be gravelled. No action taken.

HEALTH: Shirley Organ gave the commissioners an update on Wynemah Cox's condition. It was very encouraging news. Shirley requested permission to combine Senior day with baby immunization day in Herndon. This had been done previously at McDonald and works out well. The request was approved. The date will continue as the first Wednesday of each month.

- Because of the need to be in the office during the noon hour, Shirley brought up the possibility of changing the work hours to 8:00 to 4:00 and staying open during the noon hour. Also it was discussed as to bringing in additional help if needed. This was approved.
- Membership in the National Association of Home Care will be dropped. The membership dues have increased from \$100 a year to \$300 a year.
- The Commissioners will review the county policy at the next meeting regarding sick leave and leave of absence.
- There will be another cholesterol check on June 14th. The fee for this will be \$5.00 and volunteer help will be used. Shirley reported on the success of the clinics so far. The cost of Rawlins County's share of the machine has been reimbursed by the fees charged already.

MENTAL HEALTH: Wayne Loftland, Louise Sanden, John Peptis, Doyle Beamgard and Bobbie Hornung were present representing Mental Health. They reported a 60% increase in hours spent, resulting in adding some new staff. Mr. Peptis and Mrs. Sanden are now located in Colby. A new aspect of Mental Health is the addition of a sex abuse team. They have three people in their Hays office that treats both victim and offender. (Usually a family member)

MENTAL RETARDATION: Jim Blume, Roger Prideaux, Bonnie Easterday and local parents attended the meeting to present their needs and accomplishments. There are 54 people in the N.W. Kansas area (5 from Rawlins County) that are on a waiting list for home living. With the closing of Norton State Hospital in the near future there will be a need for more homes. They are now planning new homes in the Hays, Hill City, Norton and Atwood areas. Jim presented a talk on the DSNWK clients VS. State Institute clients and the savings to the taxpayer. Rawlins County now has two members on the DSNWK board.

ZONING: Dan Steffen brought copies of the zoning maps for the commissioners to look at. A copy of the letter is needed to be put on County letterhead and returned to him along with all copies of the maps.

RALPH KELLER held a pre-construction conference with his contractors so that construction can begin on the good Samaritan building on or before May 23rd. Notices to proceed were signed by the commissioners and the contractors. Mr. Keller said the county would need to look into Builders Risk Insurance. He also asked on the status of the Kansas Sales Tax Exemption.

AIRPORT: Scott Beims was present to explain about the signing of the application for approval for FAA funds on May 3rd. ~~The signing was approved at the April 29th meeting and the papers drawn up after.~~ <sup>AC</sup> Scott also said the airport resolution need not be a lease unless one party or the other wants a change. Resolution 88-2 on co-sponsoring the airport with the city was signed. This is to be published one time in the newspaper. Commissioner Unger made the motion and Chairman Frick seconded to adopt Resolution 88-2. Commissioner Cahoj did not vote. Resolution 88-3 accepting the FAA grant was presented. It was moved by Commissioner Unger and seconded by Chairman Frick. Commissioner Cahoj abstained from voting. The city will be adopting the same resolutions at their meeting in the evening. Scott Beims also reported as trustee of the Obert Estate, that the estate will deed the first tract of land to the airport at \$75 an acre. Additional tracts of land could be deeded if needed at the going price of grass land at that time. Peter Mueller presented an application for the landfill which still needed to be signed and filed with Health & Environment. Peter brought three sets of landfill plans that can be used for contractors if needed. The commissioners will decide at the next meeting whether to move the county building to the shop area or to the new landfill site.

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CHERYL WEDERSKI met with the commissioners with a request to take one of her deputies to the VIPS meetings with her. This was discussed but no action taken. Cheryl also presented the need for more storage space in her office or at least on this floor.

A BEER LICENSE for the Lucky 11 Club in Ludell was approved for the sale of beer at the softball tournament.

WARRANT #2749 issued on the State Bank of Atwood to the Kansas Register of Deeds on 4/29/88 was cancelled.

SW BELL TELEPHONE CO. will be contacted concerning the late charges assessed to the bills. Since we do not pay until the end of the month, the late charges will add up to quite a bit over a length of time.

MEREDITH HRNCHIR, Rawlins County Clerk met with the board concerning comments she had heard about her office and herself. The remarks were contributed to Commissioner Cahoj. Commissioner Cahoj said there was no truth to the comments he was accused of making. Meredith said she wanted to clear the air as she enjoys her job and wanted to continue to enjoy it. Meredith commented that her office now has two people doing the job that it used to take three people to do. Meredith said if there was no truth to the statements made, she would apologize to Henry. Henry accepted the "apology".

*Janet Stice*

Janet Stice, Deputy County Clerk

*Robert O. Frick*

Robert O. Frick, Chairman

*Charles E. Unger*

Charles E. Unger, member

*Henry E. Cahoj*

Henry E. Cahoj, member

May 31, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session May 31, 1988 with all members of the board present.

**HOSPITAL:** Present were Marc Walker, Pam Thomas, Joe Kanak III, Claude Kisling, Diane Montgomery, Don Grafel, Mike Sramek, Marge Crabb and Charles Peckham. The two board discussed the importance of an additional doctor in the county as patient utilization of the hospital was decreased by 20% with the resignation of Dr. Erbacher. They also noted that this will particularly effect the outlying clinics as two doctors cannot cover the clinics as well as their regular patient load. These clinics bring in patients from the outlying areas as well as keeping the in-county patients. The hospital board presented a rate adjustment schedule, effective 7/1/88. The 1988 annual operating budget summary shows a total loss of \$185,198; however after the addition of the county mill levy and depreciation, the profit and loss statement/operating budget shows a balance of \$27,800. This does not include capital expenditures or the board reserves as these are included in the capital expenditure budget and will be purchased only as necessary and only as funds allow. The emergency room coverage paid to the physicians is covered in the statement, however. The five mill levy will be continued. The hospital board did bring up the possibility of increasing the levy to six mills, as permitted by statute. The county attorney will look into this as the election held in 1984 adopted an annual tax levy of up to five mills.

Charles Peckham briefly reviewed the hospital lease in which the renewal date is the fall of 1989. He recommends deleting paragraph #5 which provides that if the hospital closes, the county would assume any liabilities incurred by the hospital. This would be in violation of the cash basis law. No action at this time.

Commissioner Cahoj informed the boards of a Rural Health Care Seminar to be held June 23 & 24 in Topeka. If possible, Cahoj will attend.

**APPRAISER:** approved purchasing map hanging strips for re-appraisal purposes at a cost of \$262, as requested by Audrey Dixon. Dixon reported the installation of the lights in her room is complete; the results are excellent.

Denise McMillin has been employed as a data collector, working with Marsha Curry. Two data collectors from Goodland are collecting commercial data for re-appraisal.

Motion by Charles Unger, seconded by Bob Frick to pay Dale Sall the balance due him. According to the contract, 10% has been withheld until the contract was completed. All Agreed.

**TREASURER:** Cheryl Wederski informed the board that back taxes for the years 1980 thru 1984 total \$7,923.41 for real estate and mineral and oil, and \$30,307.34 for personal taxes. Some of the above have initiated bankruptcy proceedings which have complicated the process of collecting delinquent taxes. The treasurer, attorney and sheriff discussed the legal procedures of collecting these taxes.

- Signed a request to the State of Kansas for reimbursement of equipment used for VIPS.
- Declined the purchase of a "Baby 36" computer system from IBM for Vips as the treasurer did not recommend this.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** Moved by Charles Unger, seconded by Bob Frick, all agreed to purchase an IBM wheelwriter at a cost of \$732, with trade-in of the present typewriter for the county attorney's office.

**BUDGETS:** The county attorney requested a 1989 budget of \$30,000. He noted that except for Wallace County, Rawlins has the lowest budget in the area. Peckham recommends an increase to at least \$25,000.

It was noted by Peckham that indigent defense for the county will increase to \$50 an hour. This is a general fund expenditure and should be considered in the 1989 budget.

**LANDFILL:** Motion by Charles Unger, seconded by Bob Frick, all agreed to have the building located at the present landfill site moved to the relocated site IF the funding is included in the FAA grant.

- The board will also be obtaining bids on 2000' of fencing (for phase 1) at the relocated landfill.

**COURTHOUSE:** Agreed to have the motor of the compact vacuum repaired. Approximate cost is \$150.

- Agreed to prepay the telephone bills in order to avoid paying late charges. The offices will be informed of approving the individual bills timely.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Discussed the blue paint which splattered vehicles and machinery at the county shop when a contractor painted the city water tower. It was felt that the county should be offered the same adjustment as private individuals.

- Agreed not to sell the crane to Frick Construction.
- Fran Holle requested three to four loads of gravel east of Kevin Holle's.
- Rosie Wilkinson requested that a curve by her place be rocked.
- Agreed to loan the spare grader to Atwood City when needed. Henry Cahoj then noted that McDonald City should be reimbursed as they paid for the use of the backhoe.
- SIGNED AGREEMENT concerning the dam re-construction on the Kenneth Ruda property.
- Pete presented pictures of a portion of the road in Achilles and Jefferson townships where a disc cut up the road.

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ROAD & BRIDGE:

The county attorney will advise Vincent Glad it is illegal to farm the county right of way. A reminder to farmers about farming the shoulders of the roads will be published.

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahoy  
Henry E. Cahoy, member

June 20, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session June 20, 1988 with all members of the board present.

RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #2: Approved the purchase of two nozzles for the district at a cost of \$315 each, as requested by Dennis Buford, Fire chief.

- Dennis also reported that firefighters by law cannot ride in the fire truck other than the front seat or on a mounted rack behind the cab which is equipped with a seat belt.

-Buford was asked to chart his time as to fighting fires and the time required to have the truck and water tank ready to go.

BUDGETS: The following entities met with the board to present the 1989 budget request. The approval of the budgets are contingent upon meeting with the county auditors.

SOIL Conservation requested \$6500 from the county, representing a 5.5% increase. Motion by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj. All approved this request.

EXTENSION asked for a 7% increase from the county appropriation, the amount being \$59,920. The majority of the increase is directed at salaries noting that the whole program rides on the agents. The state will be increasing their portion by 7.4%. Reba White was introduced. Reba is the area extension director, replacing Phil Finley.

AMBULANCE: Claude Kisling discussed a possible two mill increase in order to operate the ambulance fund next year.

The ambulance has 98,000 miles to-date. Calude recommends sending it to Herndon and tracing the 1972 ambulance now located in Herndon on a new ambulance for Atwood. The increase in mill levy would also provide extra revenue to purchase an ambulance as the equipment fund has less than \$500.

-Claude does not wish to teach the classes in the future, however Tina Harris has agreed to do this. The cost to train an instructor would be \$1800 to \$2000. This cost should be considered when preparing the budget.

- Also reported that three persons have been transported by ambulance to Larned State Hospital by order of the court. Insurance will not cover the entire cost.

ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE council, represented by Donna Beims reported a balance in their account. They would not require a mill levy for 1989, however because of the budget freeze in 1990, Commissioner Unger moved to approve a levy of .05. This was seconded by Commissioner Cahoj, all approved.

HEALTH estimates a budget of \$78,000, with the county contributing \$40,000 in 1989. The estimated levy would be 1.50 mills. The increase from .50 mills is due to the reduced reimbursement from insurance and a decline in home health visits. Shirley Organ and Jane Eller expressed a need to hire a part time RN as Shirley is unable to keep up with visits and paper work. Wynemah is now at home in Herndon but is unable to work at this time.

LANDFILL: the board met with Charles Kellerman of the engineering firm of Muller, Sirhall & Associates to discuss the progress of the relocated landfill plans. Darrel Weber expressed some concerns with the plans. No action taken.

ELEVATOR GRANT: The board received information on the grant for the elevator. A workshop will be held in Salina June 24th. It is mandatory that someone be in attendance. The county clerk will represent the county as the board is unable to attend.

ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE ZONE: The board noted an incorrect legal description in Area 8. The corrected legal description should read: State of Kansas, Rawlins County, Rosewood Township: Range 36West, Township 3south, all of Section 33. [the change is from section 4 to section 33].

CANCELLED WARRANT #2230 dated May 31, 1988 in the amount of \$9,963.75 payable to Muller, Sirhall & Associates drawn against the General Fund and issued from the Farmers Bank & Trust, Atwood.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Charles Vap, Driftwood Township, requested a culvert to be located between sections 21 & 28-1-33 to enable mail delivery by his place. Pete noted that this is not an open road and when checking into the area, he recommended two culverts rather than one. The cost of the culverts are approximately \$4000 each. The postmaster is satisfied with the present mail route, but stressed the need for gravel. In order for this to be an open road, Mr. Vap will need petitions signed by landowners. He will notify the county of his decision.

-signed AGREEMENTS on project #77C-2524-01 (Dennis Franklin Bridge) with S.W. Bell Telephone to relocate telephone cables from the county right of way beginning at the SE 15-4-33, thence north 450', and the AGREEMENT certifying utilities and right of way acquired.

Also signed an AGREEMENT certifying utilities and right of way acquired on project #77C-25-6-01 south of McDonald (Kramer bridge).

-MOVED by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Frick to approve the appraisals submitted by Crawford & Company of Colby for paint damages to vehicles and equipment parked at the county shop which occurred when the water tower south of the shop was painted.

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Minutes of June 20, 1988 - continued)

ROAD & BRIDGE:

Charles Hedke asked about selling gas to the county. It was agreed to rotate C.J.'s every six months with Perry Oil at McDonald, with C.J.'s starting July 1st.

-Discussed the Atwood township road; Commissioner Frick reported that because of moisture, the state recommends replacing a foot of dirt and pack it before oiling. It is his understanding that the city and township will pay for the oil.

-Extension was added on a culvert at Albert Peterson's in Driftwood Township.

-discussed the entrance area and waterflow at Bundy's.

-a trail road by Nelsons in Achilles township needs bladed.

-a voucher will be issued to McDonald City to reimburse them for the use of the backhoe in March in the amount of \$78.00.

-ROAD VIEWING: was held at 3:00 p.m. located by C.W. Antholz and Don Antholz, concerning a road problem and a water diversion problem. The board will take action at the meeting to be held June 30th.

RELEASE OF SECURITY: We, the undersigned Board of County Commissioners do hereby approve the release of the following bonds given by the State Bank of Atwood to secure county funds deposited with the State Bank of Atwood

\$200,000.00 Federal Farm Credit Banks  
Rate 10.40000% Dated 4-22-87  
Maturity date 7-23-90.  
Receipt #016908

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir  
County Clerk

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

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Charles E. Unger, Member

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj Member

JOINT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
RAWLINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ATWOOD TOWNSHIP

July 5, 1988  
Atwood, Ks.

The City Council of the City of Atwood, met on the above date in special session, with the Atwood Township Board and the Rawlins County Commissioners, to discuss the resurfacing of the Lake Road on the north side from the spillway to the bathhouse.

The meeting was duly called to order by Commissioner, Robert Frick. The following were present; Atwood Township Board: Albert Glad and Robert Mann. Rawlins County Commissioners: Henry Cahoj, Robert Frick and Chuck Unger. Mayor Robert Creighton and Councilpersons: Bill Beangard, Marion Frye and Daniel Timm.

Discussion was held with it being reported bids had been submitted from the firms of J.H. shears & Co. and Hays Asphalt Co. in the amounts of \$20,000.00 and \$16,000.00. Commissioner Cahoj stated with local help from the County maintenance crew the work could be done at a cost of \$3,000.00 using a cold mix. He also stated the road could be sealed later with a heavier coat but at this time a 3/4 inch layer would do. Commissioner Frick said he would like to have the dirt removed and fill the surface and repair by patching the remained of the road and next year repair the edges where water gets under the mat.

The project could be started July 11th with the work being completed by Fair opening, July 25th.

The motion was made by Councilwoman Frye and seconded by Councilman Timm that the resurfacing of the Lake Road be done by the Rawlins County maintenance department, the area of 1/4 mile on the north side of the lake from the spillway to the bathhouse. The motion carried.

The motion was made by Commissioner Cahoj and seconded Commissioner Unger that the Rawlins County maintenance department resurface and pay for the project, of 1/4 mile on the north side of the lake from the spillway to the bathhouse at a cost of \$3,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

The members of the Township Board agreed to have the Rawlins County road crew resurface the Lake Road on the north of Lake Atwood a 1/4 of a mile surface.

Commissioner Cahoj made the suggestion that a new agreement be made to include the cost of resurfacing the Lake Road at a later date, with all three governmental bodies paying 1/3 of the cost. This agreement will be written up and discussed and action taken on it at meetings of each body.

Attest: Lorraine Bliss  
City Clerk

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June 30, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session June 30, 1988 with all members of the board present.

HEALTH: Community Health Nurse, Mickey Ellis discussed with the board concerns of the health department created by Wynemah Cox's leave of absence. - moved by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Commissioner Unger to appoint Shirley Organ as acting Administrator of the health department. Approved. -regarding the financial part of the department, Mickey will review fees and the various programs offered. The board agreed that people outside of Atwood should be provided with services although some of the services could be combined.

ELEVATOR GRANT: David Wilson, architect discussed the bidding process and gathered information regarding the elevator to be installed at the courthouse. We have 18 months to complete the construction following acceptance of the grant. Northwest Kansas Planning & Development will be assisting with the grant.

TREASURER: Approved Cheryl Wederski and Bea Kanak attending a VIPS workshop to be held July 18th in Hays.

APPRAISER: Approved Audrey Dixson and Kathy Bearley attending a mandated course July 18-22 in Hays.

COMMISSIONERS: Moved by Commissioner Cahoj and seconded by Commissioner Unger to pay the board \$50 a day plus expenses while attending the re-appraisal meetings. Approved.

FAIR BUDGET: Irene Holste and Clyde Jensen presented the 1989 budget. This is in the same dollar amount as in 1988, the amount being \$14,000. Approved.

EXTENSION: The budget proposed to the board on June 20th would require a 2.25 mill levy which reflects a 7% increase. Commissioner Unger moved, and Commissioner Frick seconded that this be returned to the extension council to be reduced to no more than a 5% increase.

AMBULANCE: Commissioner Frick reported that Claude Kisling feels that the ambulance fund will require a 2 mill levy in order to function in 1989.

LANDFILL: It was moved by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj to have Finley Construction run a foundation and footing for the building to be moved to the relocated site. All agreed.

- Upon filing of the deed, the engineer will draw the locations for the wells and Woofter Construction will be notified.

- Henry Persinger asked if the county would consider cutting some branches on trees located on Highway 25 when moving the landfill building, as he will be moving a house from a township location down highway 25 to Atwood City. A contractor will be responsible for these details when moving the county building, Mr. Persinger will be notified of this.

SOLID WASTE FEES: The schedule of fees to be used for the operation and maintenance of the county waste disposal site will remain the same as in 1988.

AIRPORT: Commissioner Frick informed the board that when extra ground on the south end of the airport was needed for expansion, Bob Lewis's ground was surveyed and staked for this purpose with his knowledge. The airport appraisers did not however notify Mr. Lewis when expanding from 4500' to 5000'. This will be discussed at the city council meeting this evening.

ATWOOD CITY COUNCIL, ATWOOD TOWNSHIP AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will set up a special meeting to discuss the Lake Road which incurred damages when the National Guard moved rock to the lake bed.

HOSPITAL: The board received a letter of thanks from the hospital board for repair of the concrete in the circular drive.

RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS: the board discussed with Sheriff Larry Jones the method of dispatching fire trucks. Jones noted that his office serves as a dispatch only, they are not fire fighters. He reported that on June 21st, a fire located by the railroad tracks in District #2 was reported and the district responded. However, the truck broke down and District #3 was called to help. Apparently District #2 fighters left when #3 appeared, leaving them to attend the fire. On another occasion, the fire truck from District #2 broke down at Ben-Lee and the Atwood City truck responded. On June 26th, Harry Wigner in District #1 reported a fire on his property. The dispatcher called the unit from that district but did not receive a response. She then called for District #2 unit and again the truck was not in service. By this time, Wigner called stating the fire was under control. District #2 truck has been repaired and is in service at this time.

Minutes of June 30, 1988 continued:

ROAD & BRIDGE: the board discussed the road viewing held June 20th at C.W. Antholz and Don Antholz with Attorney Bob Lewis, Jr. It was moved by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by commissioner Unger to install a tube on the north side of the east/west road south of Don Antholz. The Antholz's will be informed by letter.

-signed a utility agreement stating that the present REA pole will not be moved at the Franklin bridge site. This is project 77C-2524-01.

-on behalf of the Courts of Praise Church, Barney Horton asked permission to fill in the area on the north side of the county road for additional parking. The state has two culverts off the highway which are not used and have no objection. The county agreed to this.

-received a letter from the city council concerning the lake road. Commissioner Frick will set up a meeting between the city, county and township to be held as soon as possible.

SICK LEAVE taken for a job-related injury was discussed. This was tabled pending further information from the insurance company and the county attorney.

RELEASE OF SECURITY: We, the undersigned board of county commissioners do hereby approve the release of teh following bond given by the Farmers Bank & Trust, Atwood Kansas to secure county funds deposited with the Farmers Bank & Trust.

\$500,000.00 U.S. Treasury Notes 9 3/8 note N 89  
Rate 9.37500 Dated 12/22/86  
Maturity date 9/30/89  
Receipt #210413

Meredith Hrnchir  
Merédith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry F. Cahoj  
Henry F. Cahoj, member

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July 18, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session July 18, 1988 with all members of the board present.

LANDFILL: Pete reported that the pits will be dug by the road department.  
-bids will be submitted for the fencing and the cattle gates.

-Woofter Drilling from Colby will start drilling the wells as soon as possible.  
- the building will face toward the east on the same angle with the road; part of the northeast side will need to be built up before Finley Construction lays the foundation.

-reviewed the agreement for the easement between Sunflower Electric and Rawlins County, which was approved.

RE-APPRAISAL: Commissioner Cahoj reported that the school held recently in Hays was very informative. The school was also attended by the Register of Deeds and the Treasurer. They recommend informing the legislature that the state should help with the map maintenance cost. They also recommend hiring a hearing officer for the appeals process. The state said the data collection should be 95% completed by August 1st. Rawlins County will not be at that point, however Terry Ballard stated that the county is on schedule according to the delineation chart approved by the State. The county did not anticipate completing 95% of the data collection by the 1st of August. Two data collectors from another county will be helping with the agriculture data collection.

-Terry Ballard and Audrey Dixon expressed concern in regard to the budget for 1989 and 1990 as the on-going map maintenance cost is estimated to be \$42,000. Ballard feels that initially most counties will not be equipped to handle total maintenance at least the first year. It is a complex system, however it is a tax system that will be equal and uniform.

HEALTH: Mickey Ellis, district nurse and Shirley Organ reviewed the various health programs for cost effectiveness, reimbursements and possibilities for improvement. Some of the programs are required for home health purposes and because of grants and some need to be available for the communities.

AGREED to increase the immunization fees by \$1.00 to help cover expenses. This is effective immediately.

The cash balance of the health fund was reviewed with the county attorney and will be discussed on the 25th with the county auditors when they return for the final budget workup. It was agreed by the board that the county will be required to issue no-fund warrants in order for the department to function for the remainder of 1988.

The mill levy will be increased for the 1989 budget year.

EXTENSION: approved the extension budget with the 5% increase of county funds rather than the 7% increase originally submitted.

ATWOOD TOWNSHIP: Jerry Bell, representing Atwood Township, met with the board concerning the township cemetery books. Carolyn Marshall, register of deeds was also in attendance. In the past, the register of deeds kept the books in her office and sold the cemetery lots for the township. In 1984, the books were moved to the abstract office. The township feels the register of deeds office would be a convenient place to keep the maps, etc. for the people. The map and the books need to be updated, and would be willing to pay Carolyn for this service. Commissioner Cahoj expressed concern that this might be illegal. The board discussed several options as to whether the township could pay the county, the county could then reimburse Carolyn; or the township could pay Carolyn directly. No action at this time, pending information received from the county attorney.

ELEVATOR GRANT: Darla Knapp, N.W. KS. Planning & Development presented a contract to administer the grant received from the Department of Commerce. This was approved in the amount of \$5400.

AIRPORT: Bill Beamgard requested airport improvement money which was set aside from the county mill levy of .10. Approved.

COURTHOUSE: approved wiring on the north side of the courthouse in order to move the pepsi machine out of the basement. The company will then be responsible for the mch.

ROAD & BRIDGE: C.W. Antholz requested that the length and the direction of the culvert by his place be changed. He will pay the difference. Agreed

-Pete reported that the crankshaft broke on the big truck; cost approximately \$4000.

-The lake road should be completed today. Crews will start graveling.

-Charles Vap asked about the required signatures needed in order to declare an open road. This requires 12 signatures; however the county expressed concern that the cost of this road could be from \$6000 to \$8000. The board will act on this matter when the signatures are actually filed.

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

July 25, 1988

An informal session was held the afternoon of July 25, 1988 with Commissioner Cahoj and Commissioner Unger in attendance. Commissioner Frick was out of the county and unable to attend.

This session was called in order to work on final plans for the 1989 budget and to discuss the paperwork involved in the application for a no-fund warrant to finance the health department.

The proposed tax rate for 1989 will be 57.315. This represents almost a nine mill increase over the 1988 budget.

Increases over the preliminary budget plans were in the general fund, the road and bridge fund, noxious weed, employee benefits and the health fund. The preliminary workup set the tax rate at 54.268. The above funds were increased due to insurance rates and a decrease in fund balances.

The health department and the county attorney were in attendance for the information needed for the no-fund warrant.

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

July 29, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session July 29, 1988 with all members of the board present.

The minutes of the board meeting held on July 18, 1988 were approved as distributed.

APPRAISAL: Discussed with Kathy Bearley information received on the purchase of a blue line copier. The approximate cost would be \$2500 for a new unit. Kathy reported that some counties have purchased used machines.

NOFUND WARRANT application for the health department was signed for the amount of \$30,000.00.

SOLID WASTE: Kropp Moving will be contracted to move the building to the relocated site.

BIDS were submitted by Ninemire Fence Construction of Lenora KS. and Finley Construction, Atwood for the fencing and cattle gates located at the relocated site. Finley Construction was the successful bidder at \$5050. Ninemire's bid was \$5534.60.

AIRPORT: The city will match the county's .10 mill levy with funds from their general fund which will be placed in a special account.

ATWOOD TOWNSHIP: The register of deeds reported that the township cemetery books might possibly be located in the SRS office as Betty Mickey is a candidate for township clerk.

NOXIOUS WEED: it was agreed that the cost of chemicals to the landowners will be increased. Effective September 1st, the county will pay 1/4 of the cost, the landowner will pay 3/4.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Discussed the area around the lake road where moisture is causing the asphalt to break up. This area will be patched and closed until after the ten mile race. This will need to be repaired at a later date.

-road crews are graveling in the Herndon Area. Discussed graveling an additional 1 1/2 miles to Kenny & Randy Timms as this was requested the fall of 1987 and is a bus route. As this is not in the Herndon district, it will be taken care of at a later date.

-the diesel fuel tank in Herndon will be replaced.

BUDGET: discussed the results of the informal session held on July 25th to work on the 1989 budget and no fund warrant application. The budget hearing was set for August 15th at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir  
County Clerk

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

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August 15, 1988

The Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session with all members present.

The minutes of July 25th and July 29th were approved as distributed.

APPRAISAL: Audrey Dixson met with the board concerning the appointment of a hearing officer for the formal hearings on new valuations for re-appraisal. The commissioners approved of Audrey putting a notice in the paper that she was looking for a person to fill this position. The person hired for the temporary job will have to go to the training sessions.

-Audrey was also given permission to order a report put out by the groundwater resources on all the irrigation wells located in Rawlins County.

-The commissioners asked Audrey if she thought Rawlins County will meet the deadline on data collecting. Audrey reported that six more data collectors were sent to the county and field work will be done by September 1.

TREASURER Cheryl Wederski reported on the amount of delinquent real estate taxes that will be published in the paper.

EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE By-laws were approved by the commissioners, as written

ELEVATOR: Darla Knapp and Ned Webb were present to award the contract for the elevator grant. According to the point system, Lloyd Benjamin and Associates of McCook, Ne. was awarded the contract. The N.W. KS. Planning Commission will notify all that sent qualifications, of the architect selected. Commissioner Unger moved, Henry Cahoj seconded issuing the contract to Benjamin & Associates. Motion carried.

LANDFILL: Dale Wing telephoned the approval of the new landfill. He is a member of the Department of Health. The opening of the landfill is set for August 25, 1988. Darrel Weber will be contacted about running an ad notifying the public of the above date.

ROAD & BRIDGE: road work was discussed. Fred Gatlin met about the road at his farm from highway 25 to Tim Ruda's. He pointed out that he has been on the list for about three years. When the road crew is finished on #314, they will go to that area.

-Scott Pitner asked about paying Paul Pochop's estate the amount left of his vacation and sick leave. There is nothing indicated in the handbook. Scott was told to go ahead and pay the estate the amount left.

-George Welling met with the commissioners concerning a "do-more" that he would like to purchase from the county. Henry Cahoj called Martin Tractor about the value of the maintainer. It is valued at 10 to 12 thousand with out the elevator attachment. No decision was made at this time.

-Penco Engineering Firm was appointed as engineer for the bridge projects. They received the highest points and are familiar with the area.

BUDGET HEARING: The public budget hearing was held and no one came to protest. The budget was approved as published.

Janet Stice, Deputy  
Janet Stice, Deputy Clerk

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

August 31, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session August 31, 1988 with all members of the board present.

Warrants for the month of August were approved with the total amount being \$172,157.00

SOLID WASTE: The landfill site which is located south of Atwood was opened August 25th. The board discussed the need to replace the 1975 dozer. The solid waste fund is supported by a fee method rather than ad valorem taxes, therefore funds are not available at this time to purchase a dozer. The county auditors are contacted regarding possible alternatives for a future purchase. This information will be available at the next meeting.

ADAC: approved a treatment grant application submitted by Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council. The estimated amount submitted will be \$30,000, serving the cunties of Cheyenne, Decatur, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Gove, Thomas and Wallace.

RE-APPRAISAL: Terry Ballard and Audrey Dixson presented information concerning the reappraisal progress in the county. Commissioners Frick and Unger reported that at the Garden City meeting, the state informed them that Rawlins County is behind on the data colleciton. Ballard replied that the state originally approved an October 1st deadline and just recently updated the data collection deadline to August 1st. As of this date, data collection is 95% complete with just four townships to complete. This will take approximately two weeks with the 130 parcels. - the board asked Ballard about his plans to train the appraisers staff on the computer following the termination of their contract with the county. Ballard replied that they will have a general idea, however the maintenance of the system above data collection is very complex. The maintenance cost will be approximately the same whether it is done in-house or contracted. -Ballard also commented that the 1988 deadline for reappraisal to be completed will most likely result in shoddy work in order to meet this deadline. -hiring an appeals hearing officer was discussed with Albert Hardon present. Hardon will be available until April 1st and feels that \$8.00 an hour, plus mileage would be agreeable. No action at this time. -Ralph Hansen met briefly with the board in the afternoon.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-5 was signed by recommendation of the county attorney. This basically grants Rawlins County the right to charge inmates of the county jail \$10.00 a day to defray the costs of maintaining the inmate in the county jail, if they are participating in a work release program. The entire resolution is on file in the county clerks office.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: requested Peckham to write the hospital for information regarding comments made that Dr. Satchell refused to treat Avilda Frick.

NOXIOUS WEED: Pati Heble informed the board that due to the ill health of an employee at the Citizen patriot, she will be unable to continue working on the noxious weed books. The board approved hiring Deputy Clerk, Janet Stice as bookkeeper, to be paid \$100 a month. It was agreed this work will be done on her time.

HEALTH: Discussed with the county attorney and Shirley Organ the information needed in order to meet with the State Board of Tax Appeals when applying for the no-fund warrant. This meeting will be held September 13th at Great Bend. Attending will be Charles Peckham and Commissioner Frick.

ELEVATOR: Darla Knapp of N.W. KS. Planning Commission and David Wilson of Lloyd Benjamin Architect met to review the agreement between the county and the architect. Motion by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Unger to accept the agreement. This is on file in the county clerks office. -discussed the letter received from the Department of Health & Environment requesting additional information on the location of the elevator. This concerns historical significance as the courthouse is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The courthouse is not listed in the National Register, however.

SHERIFF: Jack Maris reported that Wm. Finley has been hired as a part-time deputy. He will be required to attend a two week school in the future and will be receiving further training from the sheriffs department. -approved salary of \$5.00 an hour for Bill Finley and Arlie Hafer, as requested by Jack Maris. This is effective September 1st.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOME: Ralph Keller, architect presented change order #1 in the amount of \$3,746.25; and change order #2 in the amount of \$663.60, and change order No. 3 which will increase the contract time due to loss of time due to the weather conditions by 15 days.

Minutes of August 31, 1988 - Continued.

TREASURER: Cheryl Wederski presented the agreement between the State and the County on VIPS and th reimbursement to the counties. This was signed by the board and will be on file in the county clerks office.

-regarding collection of personal property taxes, Cheryl recommended that the county attorney write those taxpayers with delinquent accounts rather than hiring a collection agency.

-approved purchasing a long telephone cord from Dunkers.

-reported that they may need to purchase an additonal printer for sales tax. She will receive further information at her meeting to be held on September 5th.

-approved Ben removing the portion of her counter running west and replacing it with a barrier and adding a gate. This will allow them room for the printers and computers.

-APPROVED closing the treasurers office at 4:30, beginning September 19th in order to close out the VIPS business. Most counties will be closing either at 4:00 or 4:30.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Wayne Buk, Louis & John McCain requested two miles of gravel. The county will be graveling by Bowles in the near future, McCains are willing to haul gravel for the above at that time.

-Ed Reuber requested gravel on the road north of Ludell.

-Donna Most requested gravel on the bus route north of Ludell at the Walter Most place.

-INTERVIEWED Dean Bebb and Dan Weishapl to replace Paul Pochop who is deceased and Gary Loker who has resigned. Larry Stice will be transferred to the McDonald area, by request.

-Scott Pitner phoned to inform the board he will be on sick leave for two weeks.

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir  
County Clerk

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

September 19, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session September 19, 1988 with all members of the board present.

The minutes of the board meeting held on August 31, 1988 were approved as distributed.

SOLID WASTE: The county attorney presented a written opinion in reference to obtaining funds for a bulldozer. This opinion states that money credited to the special road & bridge equipment fund must be used for the purposes of purchasing road & bridge equipment or for building bridges and cannot be used for the purchase of a bulldozer for the landfill. If the county is to purchase a new bulldozer for the landfill, this would have to be done under the hme rule provisions by Charter Resolution. In the long run, the fees which the county is authorized by K.S.A. 65-3410 to charge for solid waste disposal, should be set a a level sufficient to pay not only for the day to day operating expense of the landfill but long term expenses, such as a bulldozer.

-Commissioner Frick reported that no water was found at the relocated site. In order to have water available at the site, water rights at adjoining properties will be checked.

TREASURER: approved the purchase of an additional printer for sales tax in the treasurers office to be funded from the special auto fund at a cost of \$2883. Motion for approval by Commissioner Frick, seconded by Charles Unger, all agreed.

RE-APPRAISAL: Motion by Commissioner Frick, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj, all agreed to hire Albert Hardon as hearing officer.

NOXIOUS WEED: signed the annual approval of employment pursuant to K.A.R. 4-8-38. This will verify employment of Ronald Vrbas as noxious weed supervisor with the division of health and environment.

SURPLUS HELICOPTER: Gary Worthy and Sheriff Larry Jones were in attendance to report that two surplus helicopters are available to the county at a cost of \$1500. One of the helicopters will be used for parts. An additional charge will be getting the helicopters to Atwood and the on-going cost of maintenance. -The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council will contribute \$1500 as the helicopter will be used for drug surveillance as well as for medical emergency situations. -Motion by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Charles Unger to approve the purchase. Motion Carried. The board expressed appreciation to ADAC for their contribution and feels that this service will protect the health and well being of all county residents.

HOSPITAL: Robert Creighton, Atwood City Mayor and a member of the Kansas Board of regents introduced Dr. K. Kay Clawson. Dr. Clawson is the head of the Kansas University Medical School. He was in Atwood to discuss problems associated with rural health care needs. Also in attendance were State representative Fred Gatlin and Senator John Sears.

- Pam Thomas, representing the hospital board presented several proposed changes in the hospital by-laws. Paragraph B includes the following procedure for breaking a tie vote in the event there are more than two qualified candidates under consideration to fill a board vacancy. The two candidates receiving the most votes will be submitted for a second and final ballot. In the event there is a tie after three consecutive votes, a flip of a coin will decide the winner. Paragraph E would change voters from eligible to registered voters. Paragraph F defines the cause for removing a board member.

The board approved the proposed changes in Paragraphs B and E, as presented. In addition, the board recommends deleting the entire paragraph F.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Approved replacing the air compressor in the Atwood shop. The cost will be approximately \$1400 plus trade-in. Commissioner Cahoj requested that the hoist be fixed. Pete reported that the gas tank in Herndon has been repaired.

RELEASE OF SECURITY: We, the undersigned Board of County Commissioners do hereby approve the release of the following bonds given by the State Bank of Atwood to secure county funds deposited with the State Bank of Atwood.

\$200,000.00 Federal National Mortgage Association  
9.30000%  
Dated 10-8-86  
Maturity Date 6-12-89  
Receipt #016312

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

September 30, 1988

Rawlins County Commissionrs met in regular session September 30, 1988 with all members of the board present.

Warrants for the month of September were approved with the total amount being \$184,137.17.

The minutes of the board meeting held on September 19, 1988 were approved as distributed.

COMPUTER: Jim Rogers of UNISYS presented information on an Uninterrupted Power System (UPS) for the computers. This system would prevent damage to the system from power outages or from a power surge, such as lightening. Several counties, including Ellis, Reno, Haskill and Brown have installed this unit. The cost is \$5790, which includes the unit, battery, warranty and installation.

The board decided at this time to table purchasing this unit. The board APPROVED the purchase of surge protectors for the lines, however.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS meeting was held September 27th. It was noted that binoculars are required equipment for fire trucks. Approved this purchase.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOME: Ralph Keller, architect and Administrator, Henry Reith presented plans which show an exhaust fan system to tie into the present system. However, the present system is not compatible with the plans and would not meet State standards. Mr. Keller recommended updating the present exhaust system at a cost of \$2290. This cost will most likely be included in the original cost. Motion by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Frick to update the system. All agreed.

LANDFILL: discussed with Kevin Zerr of Murphy Equipment a replacement dozer for the landfill. No action.

Commissioner Cahoj reported that the solid waste building which was moved to the relocated landfill site, was not put in place correctly. Jack Finley was in attendance and noted that he was unaware of the problem but will see that it is corrected.

HEALTH: the board received the order from the State Board of Tax Appeals approving the application for authority to issue no-fund warrants in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the health department.

-Approved hiring a part time nurse for the department.

COURTHOUSE: approved wiring for the health department and on the west wall in the hall of the first floor.

CAFETERIA COMPENSATION plan was presented by Bob Harper. This is an optional employee plan with the enrollment cost \$50.00 for the first 25 employees and \$25 dollars thereafter. Mr. Harper estimated this would save the county taxes of 10%. No action.

ELEVATOR: signed the first quarterly progress report for Darla Knapp of Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission. This briefly summarizes what has been completed to date. (continued below)

AMBULANCE: signed the following reciprocal agreement with Decatur County Ambulance Service, as requested by Decatur County in order to be in compliance with the rules and regulations for the Civil Defense Program.

WHEREAS, all parties realize that when a disaster takes place the primary concern has to be the care of injured persons as soon as possible.

FURTHER, the parties recognize that there may be some conflict as to whether county ambulance services would or could cross county or other political lines to help disaster victims, IT IS HEREBY formally agreed between the parties above named that all disasters occurring within the range of county ambulance services will be acted upon by any and all of the so designated ambulance services without regard to political lines.

FURTHER, payment made to the "joining" service shall be negotiable between the two governing bodies.

KAC VOTING DELEGATE will be Henry Cahoj; 1st alternate will be Charles Unger and second alternate will be Robert Frick.

JANE WOLTERS cancer insurance coverage, paid by the county, will be effective July of 1989, which is one year from the beginning of her health insurance coverage.

AIRPORT DEDICATION will be held October 2nd.

ELEVATOR (continued) The county clerk reported that the estimate from architect Lloyd Benjamin to develop a set of record drawings for the existing stairway would be \$1200.00. After contacting the state with this information, Barbara Anderson stated that black and white photographs are acceptable. Jack Maris will take the pictures of all angles for the State Historical Society.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Penco Engineering was hired after negotiations for an engineer for the bridge project 77-3-2506-01.

-it was moved by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Unger to replace Duane Rahe's tools, which were stolen from the county shop. Estimated cost is approximately \$2500 to \$3000. Should the tools be recovered, they will become county property.

-Randy Holub was hired at \$4.00 an hour to replace Larry Stice who resigned.

-Scott Pitner presented the updated road work list.

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Meredit Hrnchir  
Meredit Hrnchir, County Clerk

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

October 17, 1988

Rawlins County Commissionrs met in regular session October 17, 1988 with all members of the board present.

The minutes of the board meeting held on September 30, 1988 were approved as distributed.

S.W. BELL TELEPHONE representative, Dennis Hufford phoned regarding a charge of \$1500 due SW Bell for repairing buried cable north of McDonald August 18th. Commissioner Cahoj replied that a cable was damaged when crews were working south of McDonald by Gayle Lokers. The county was not aware that buried cable was in the area as it was not marked. This information will be forwarded to the county attorney.

TREASURER, Cheryl Wederski reported that the county has received \$29,752 from the State of Kansas as reimbursement for the VIPS program and \$4,082.50 from Atwood City as reimbursement for moving the landfill building.

NO-FUND WARRANT will be issued with the State Bank of Atwood.

RE-APPRAISAL: Terry Ballard and Audrey Dixson discussed land use values, in particular irrigated land. They also noted that comparison studies of market sales will be difficult to compute in most of these counties as the sale of new homes are practically non-existent.

SOLID WASTE: Darrel Weber presented information regarding unexceptable waste at the landfill. Mr. Weber noted that the landfill is presently operating at about 1/3 to 1/2 the cost of some of the surrounding counties. They have been commended several times by the Department of Health and Environment for an excellent operation, one of the best in teh State. Complyilng with the recommendations presented by Mr. Weber, the county will be able to keep operating cost low and the good record with the state. MOTION by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Cahoj to set a fine of \$100 for illegal dumping. This will be set up in a resolution for the next meeting and recorded in its entirety at that time.

The board also approved a two-way radio at ~~the~~ site and locks for both gates. Roger Bliss will be hired to paint signs at the site.

-the board also discussed the future purchase of a loader. Weber does not prefer a rubber tire unit.

INSURANCE: the board clarified the \$200 reimbursed to the employees for Blue Cross deductible; stating this is to be paid per family.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Scott pitner reported that one of the trucks is being repaired.

- Don Kogl has gravel west of Herndon.

- Norman Owings of Penco Engineering presented several options for the Binning bridge project. MOTION by Commissioner Frick, seconded by Cahoj to approve the steel arch project. The cost to the county will be \$10,000.

RELEASE OF SECURITY:

We, the undersigned Board of County Commissioners of Rawlins County do hereby approve the release of the following bond given by the Farmers Bank & trust to secure funds deposited with the Farmers Bank & Trust of Atwood, Kansas.

\$200,000.00	Federal Home Loan Bank Series Q-1988 Con Bonds Receipt #212717 Rate 8.90000 Maturity Date 11-25-88 Issued Date 11-25-85
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PLEDGED SECURITIES:

We, the undersigned Boaed of County Commissioners do hereby approve the following securities given by the Farmers Bank & Trust to secure the county funds deposited with the Farmers Bank & Trust.

\$300,000.00	Federal National Mortgage Assn. Series SM-1990-G-9-857 Receipt #262915 Dated 10-6-88 Matures 7-10-90 Rate 9.85
\$300,000.00	Federal Home Loan Banks Series W-1990 Receipt #262913 Dated 10-6-88 Matures 7-25-90 Rate 8.5
\$250,000.00	Federal Home Loan Bank Series T-1990 Con Bonds Receipt #262914 Dated 10-6-88 Matures 11-26-90 Rate 8.4
\$250,000.00	Federal National Martgage Assn. Series SM-1990-M Receipt #262912 Dated 10-6-88 Matures 12-10-90 Rate 8.4
\$250,000.00	Federal National Mortgage Association Series SM-1990-1 Receipt #262916 Dated 10-6-88 Matures 10-10-90 Rate 10.15

*Robert O. Frick*  
Robert O. Frick, Chairman

*Charles E. Unger*  
Charles E. Unger, Member

*Henry E. Cahoj*  
Henry E. Cahoj, Member

*Meredith Hrnchir*  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

October 31, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session October 31, 1988. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Unger, due to the absence of Chairman Robert Frick.

The minutes of the board meeting held on October 17, 1988 were approved as distributed.

S.W. BELL TELEPHONE: The county attorney corresponded with S.W. Bell in regard to the charge of \$1500 for repairing buried cable. This was reported in the minutes of October 17th. The county has indicated they will not pay the bill as there were no signs and other indications that there was a buried telephone line in the location.

The board recieved a letter in reply to the above stating that they feel the county is responsible. This was again referred to the county attorney.

SOLID WASTE: The board reviewed with Darrel Weber and the county attorney a draft of the resolution prohibiting certain items from being placed in the landfill. Commissioner Cahoj moved to approve the draft, seconded by Commissioner Unger. The county attorney will complete the resolution which will be published in the Citizen Patriot.

Discussed a one time charge for local contractors to be in effect next year.

Discussed with Homer Hunter and Don Dunn specs for the possible purchase of a loader. Bids will be opened at the November 21st meeting for a loader.

SHERIFF: The county clerk was asked to obtain bids for replacement of the carpet in the dispatch area of the sheriffs department.

HEALTH: Approved part-time nurse attending the required meetings. Discussed whether she should be paid an hourly wage, in addition to paying expenses.

APPRAISER: Contacted Albert Hardon as to the hours submitted for attending re-appraisal school, in addition to expenses. This will be adressed at the November 21st meeting.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOME: Signed change order #3, as presented on October 17th.

ROAD & BRIDGE:

Commissioner Unger was appointed secretary/treasurer of the Northwest Kansas Highway Officers Association at the meeting held October 20th.

- Dorothy Bohme reported needing gravel at the fill located south of their place. Dorothy drives a school bus along this route.

-Added to the road list to gravel approximately five miles from highway 25 to Barnetts, to Blakeman, to Ben Harwerths. Gravel from Reno Fikan pit.

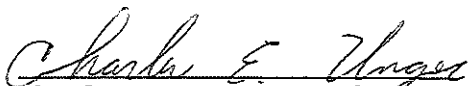
-Straighten the #407 road sign by the gas relay station; as reported by Commissioner Cahoj.

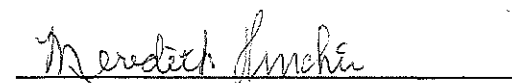
-Steel bridge has arrived for the Binning bridge; work will start this week


-Pete will fill the potholes around the lake.

The board will canvass votes October 11th, following the General Election. Canvassing will commence at 10:00.

The board adjourned at 2:00.

  
Charles E. Unger, Member

  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

  
Henry E. Cahoj, Member

November 21, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session November 21, 1988 with all members of the board present.

The minutes of the board meeting held on October 31, 1988 were approved as distributed.

SOLID WASTE: Bids were considered for the future purchase of a loader. Presenting bids were Homer Hunter, representing FiatAllis and bidding s FL14E at \$96,442. Tom Keenan, representing Murphy Tractor and bidding a John Deere 755 at \$86,200. Don Dunn, representing Martin Tractor and bidding a Caterpillar at \$101,721.

No action taken at this time. The board will consider budget and cash available, also information in this regard will be forthcoming from the audit.

Discussed with Walter Woofter the upcoming drilling of a domestic water well for use at the landfill. This well will not be for public use and will possibly be located west of the landfill on the Obert land. Woofter will drill and test the well; Gordon Crowdis will finish the pipe, etc.

Signed Resolution 88-6 which will prohibit certain items from being placed in the landfill and establishes fines and penalties for the enforcement. The entire resolution is on file in the county clerk's office. *page 255-256*

NOXIOUS WEED: The county has been notified by the State Weed Specialist Bill Scott, that we are not in compliance with State Noxious Weed Laws. The county director has failed two tests and has not completed the required monthly reports. The board will meet with Ron in this regard on November 30.

ELECTION CONCERNS: The following statement was submitted to the board for consideration.

- "For the record, let me introduce myself and the two ladies with me- I'm Betty Ryan, supervising judge of Achilles-Jefferson precinct and Maxine Wright and Carol Ginther, my other board members on election day. Our purpose today before you, is to find out the complete details of a complaint made against us by Mr. Cahoj to Mr. Peckham, county attorney, late morning of Tuesday November 8th-General election day.

Mr. Cahoj, we hope you will state the exact nature of this complaint, by whom, and explain your necessity for approaching the county attorney, who in turn notified the county election officer of the accusation; then we indulge your patience as commissioners to hear our account of happenings on election day and request an apology in the questioning of our abilities and competence to carry out laws that govern a voter precinct and thus the judgement of Meredith on her selection of us as citizens, to enable any and all registered voters to exercise one of our most precious freedoms- the right to vote!"

Commissioner Cahoj replied that approximately 9:00 he recieved a complaint from Linda Wright that she went to vote at 7:20 a.m. and couldn't get in to the building. She wanted to vote that morning as she had planned to attend the football game held at Stockton that evening. He then felt obligated to refer this to the county attorney. Betty stated that the door does stick but everyone is aware of it. Also, the board workers were there by 6:30, three cars were parked in the lot and the place was lit up like a Christmas tree, including the porch light. They did observe her drive in and leave and wondered why she didn't come in and vote. She did not return to vote but did ~~not~~ <sup>vote</sup> that evening.

In another matter, Commissioner Cahoj questioned the county attorney in regard to Richard Mann who is registered to vote in Driftwood Township and his subsequent voting by absentee ballot on November 8. Richard Mann is the husband of Denise (Worley) Mann whose place of residence is Driftwood Township. The county attorney will pursue the matter.

ELEVATOR: Signed a procurement policy as requested by Darla Knapp of Northwest Planning and Development. The purpose of this procurement policy is to ensure that sound business judgement is utilized in all procurement transactions and that supplies, equipment, construction, and services are obtained efficiently and economically and in compliance with applicable federal law and executive orders. The entire policy is in the "elevator file".

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY: will be held December 12th at the Country Club for full time employees and guest.

HELICOPTER: vouchers were reviewed for the expenses incurred by Gary Worthy. The expenses will be divided between the sheriffs department and the emergency preparedness fund.

APPRAISER: The board discussed with Audrey Dixson personnel in her office; also questioned Audrey's health in regard to continuing the required maintainence for re-appraisal. Audrey replied that she had recieved a good report by her doctor and will be able to continue her duties. The appraisers office will need to hire at least one additional person.

SHERIFF: Jack Maris reported that Bill Finley will be hired as undersheriff when he takes over his duties as sheriff on January 9th. Bill will be required to attend eight weeks of training at the academy in Hutchinson some time with in the next year. He will also be hiring someone to work weekends. Some items will need to be purchased for the department as they are personal items of Larry Jones. The sheriffs inventory for 1988 will be submitted before the change of office occurs.

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HEALTH: The board discussed with Shirley Organ part time nurse attending meetings. Motion by Commissioner Frick to pay registration, meals and mileage for the part time nurse attendance at meetings.

Commissioner Cahoj also reported he recieved a complaint from an individual who had not recieved a bath in a week from the home health department. Shirley explained they had reciently seen a patient prior to a referral from her doctor. This call was recieved after 4:00 PM and also on a weekend. Also, the other nurses were on vacation during the week and her daughter was a patient in Hays on Tuesday of that week. She waited until Friday to take off work to see her daughter, so a bath was probably not given that week.

AMENDED BUDGET HEARING will be held November 30 at 10:00 a.m.

The amended budget will increase general fund expenditures from \$477,000 to \$537,000.

ROAD & BRIDGE:

Alan Archer will be installing an underground irrigation pipe. Pete will send Archer the following specs. Owner of irrigation system will pay all cost to the county for repairing oil mixed road and any other damage inside the county right of way.

Don Schwerdt requested gravel from Vauchata to Oscar McCain's mailbox. Commissioner Cahoj will check with Pete to see if the road needs to be built up and the status of the ten mile in his area.

INSURANCE: Dennis Luedke presented information concerning the tax-deferred plan for the county and employees. This can be self administered or contracted. Luedke is working with Ken Peterson and will return at a later date. At this time the "cafeteria plan" is tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Robert O. Frick, Chairman

Charles E. Unger, Member

Henry E. Cahoj, Member

Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

November 30, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session November 30, 1988 with all members present.

The minutes of the board meeting held on November 21, 1988 were approved as distributed.

AMENDED BUDGET HEARING: was held at 10:00. There were no taxpayers present, therefore the 1988 amended budget was approved and adopted. This will increase the use of general funds from \$477,000 to \$537,000.

AUDIT CONTRACT for 1988 in the amount of \$13,200 with Bartlett, Settle & Edgerle of Hutchinson was approved.

NOXIOUS WEED: The board met with Ron Vrbas about licensing and reporting required by the State. State testing will be conducted in Garden City December 6th, which Ron will attend. Signed the annual nomination for Ron Vrbas as County Weed Supervisor, as required by the Noxious Weed control section in Topeka. Discussed problems of obtaining signatures when spraying. Ron reported he is planning on presenting information concerning noxious weed control at various meetings this spring. The truck has been winterized. Some Banvil needs to be stored for the winter.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Lyle Mellick was asked about the hours he has submitted to date. It was suggested he use a voucher stating the date and the hours. Mellick expressed concern regarding the recent explosions in Kansas City and noted that the fire-trucks should be equipped with binoculars.

HOSPITAL: Pam Thomas, Claude Kisling, Joe Kanak and Mike Braxmeyer presented the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988. Pam noted a loss of approximately \$49,000 over last year. Uncollectable accounts have increased, mainly because of younger patients either with no insurance or an increased deductible. The hospital shows an operating loss of \$196,554, this however does not include the tax levy and gifts. Kanak noted that the board is concerned about the upcoming year as the loss at this time shows a loss of 20%, mainly because of losing Dr. Erbacher. Looking forward - The tax funds currently recieved will not off set the operating loss. The board funds need to be kept intact, therefore in order to preserve the reserve and to continue the present level of medical services, the hospital board asked for approval to submit to the voters a question of a 7 mill increase. This would be voted upon at the city-school election to be conducted in April of 1989. MOTION by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Frick, all agreed to submit the question of an additional 7 mills at the April election. If the additional 7 mill levy does not pass, the hospital faces about one year of operation. The board feels that the hospital is a major economic factor in the county and the people should be entitled to vote.

Discussed the upcoming renewal of the hospital lease which expires September of 1989. Some questions were directed as to the legal procedure of obtaining hospital board members. The county attorney is concerned about the portion in the current lease dealing with the statement that the county is liable for the hospital debts as this violates the cash basis law. Commissioner Cahoj questioned the county attorney in regard to the bank he represents and asked if that would be a conflict of interes. Mr. Peckham replied that in his opinion it would not be a conflict.

In discussing the impact of losing Dr. Erbacher, Pam Thomas reported that the hospital has contacted potential doctors, one of them a female. Her husband would be willing to relocate if he could find a job, preferably farm-related. Commissioner Cahoj requested her address in order to contact her in this regard. The hospital offers a basic income guarantee of \$50,000 the first year.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: The board questioned Mr. Peckham regarding the voucher submitted in the amount of \$3100.00 for services performed for out of county expenses in teh criminal appeal case of Raymond Johnson. Mr. Peckham replied this is an additional duty, as in the case of tax appeal cases. The voucher was then approved.

COUNTY HEALTH/WYNEMAH COX: Frank Cox reported that Wynemah's rehabilitation is almost over and she will return home December 9th. She has been on a leave of absence because of health reasons since April of 1988. Frank is a case manager and guardian and reports that Wynemah wants to return to work. He recommends a casual and part time work load under supervision. Also to be firm, telling her that she can work under those circumstances or not at all. After her discharge, Frank is to authorize one person to talk with her neuro-psychologist regarding Wynemah's employment potential before she returns to work. The board suggested Shirley Organ and requested a documented report from Dr. Price. The board questioned her ability to drive and to perform her duties as a nurse and director. Frank replied that her drivers licence expired while under treatment but feels she is able to drive. She will now be required to take a driving test. She is physically in good health. Frank would like her to not start working until January. A meeting will be sechudeled with Wynemah at a later date.

ELEVATOR: In attendance were architect David Wilson and Darla Knapp. Mr. Wilson presented plans for the proposed elevator at the courthouse. The plans call for a 2500# capacity with an interior wall 4'10" x 5'5". The county will also be required to install three-phase electrical supply. MOTION by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Commissioner Unger to approve the plans, as submitted. All agreed. Local contractors will be notified of the bid-letting at 2:00 p.m. om January 16, 1989. The notice of bids will be published in the Citizen-Patriot, the Oberlin Herald and the Salina Journal. -Signed procurement policy.

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EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY: discussed final details for the party to be held December 12 at 7:00. Chairman Frick will address the group consisting of courthouse and road & bridge personnel paid by the county.

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF N.W. KANSAS: the board supports the application of DSNWKS to KDOT for capital assistance in purchasing the equipment & Vacilities to provide transportation services to the elderly & handicapped.

Warrants were allowed in the amount of \$196,259.88 for November.

*Robert O. Frick*

Robert O. Frick, Chairman

*Meredith Hrnchir*

Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

*Charles E. Unger*

Charles E. Unger, Member

*Henry E. Cahoj*

Henry E. Cahoj, Member

December 19, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session December 19, 1988.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Unger, due to the absence of Chairman Frick.

The minutes of the board meeting held November 30, 1988 were approved as distributed.

BEER LICENCE for 1989 was issued to Copper Penny Cafe, Rocewood Township.

COUNTY MATERNITY LEAVE POLICY was adopted as follows:

an employee shall be granted upon request six weeks maternity leave. Two weeks can be taken from accumulated sick leave or vacation time; the remaining four weeks will be without pay. There will be no accumulated sick leave or vacation time during this time. Should the employee not return after six weeks, they are required to pay their own health insurance.

ELEVATOR: fulfilling a requirement of the grant, the board agreed to publicize that Rawlins County will assist persons experiencing discrimination in housing. This notice of fair housing activities will be published in the Citizen Patriot December 22, 1988.

GRANT: discussed briefly the grant application for a possible project at the hospital. Pam Thomas will be contacted to identify these needs.

SHERIFF: Undersheriff Jack Maris reported that the department is in need of two shotguns as the present shotgun has been sawed off and shoots high and to the left. The board asked that this request be tabled until Jack takes office as Sheriff on January 9, 1989. As requested, the board approved establishing a cash fund of \$500 for the purpose of paying COD charges, and for the purpose of transporting prisoners. This fund will be in charge of the sheriff and each transaction will be recorded on a voucher. This will be effective January 9, 1989. -Discussed the audit report regarding the VIN fees collected by the sheriff's office. Jack replied that fees collected are now recieved by the clerk/dispatcher and will be turned in to the treasurers office on a monthly basis. APPROVED the bid of \$180 submitted from Krafts to replace the carpet with tile in the dispatch area of the sheriffs office.

AMBULANCE: discussed with Claude the results of the audit report. Claude will present this information to the bookkeeper and discuss with Pam Thomas and the hospital board the possiability of the hospital taking over the ambulance.

HOSPITAL: Administrator Pam Thomas, board members Claude Kisling, Joe Kanak and Don Grafel discussed the options of electing or appointing board members. Three board members from the nine-member board are replaced each year. Basically, if the board members are appointed by the commissioners, the commisssioners would set the levy, subject to statuate. The board also discussed with the county attorney the lease which presently exoires September of 1989. This needs to be reviewed, pending the method of selecting board members. Commissioner Cahoj asked Joe Kanak to explain the statement made in the Citizen that the hospital anticipates that all board reserves from tax levies and gifts will be wiped out by the end of this fiscal year. Kanak replied that it should have stated the following year. Commissioner Cahoj asked the hospital board members that should they find itself in the situation of having no funds available, whose decision would it be to close the hospital? Kanak replied that as a board member who would be liable, his decision would have to be to close the facility. The boards will meet again December 29th at 10:00 a.m.

COUNTY HEALTH: Shirley Organ and JANE Miller discussed briefly the leave of absence and re-employment of Wynemah Cox. The board referred to a letter in this regard dated December 2, 1988 from the county attorney. Before employment is considered, the board would need to meet with Wynemah.

Dr. Satchell was appointed as County Health Officer. His term will expire December 31, 1990.

APPROVED the annual policies of the Rawlins County Home Health Agency.


SOLID WASTE: The board contacted Gordon Crowdis who reported locating water on the northwest corner of the Obert land. This will require a water line to the site, approximately a quarter of a mile. The cost will be shared with the City of Atwood. Crowdis will be assisted by two college students who need to fill a community service time, designated by the court.

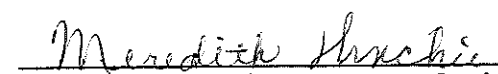
COSTAL OIL: the county attorney has had no word of an appeal at this time, however they have two years. Should they appeal, the county attorney recommends going to the Supreme court.

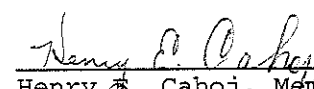
APPRAISER: Audrey Dixson presented a section from the Wichita Eagle Beacon with information concerning re-appraisal. Copies are available to counties at a cost of 10¢ a copy. Approved ordering 200 copies.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOME: Tim Wolters reported possible code violations at the addition of the home. This will be relayed to the architect. Commissioner asked whether a state inspector needs to approve the work.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Kevin Zerr and Don Dunn checked with the board concerning the possible purchase of a dozer for the landfill. The county will not be purchasing a dozer this year. Leroy Horinek inquired about graveling a couple of miles which were recently elevated. Grant Glad requested gravel around the road at the new ball diamond. This will be added to the work list.

  
Charles E. Unger, Member

  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

  
Henry A. Cahoj, Member

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December 29, 1988

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session December 29, 1988.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Unger, due to the absence of Chairman Frick.

The minutes of the board meeting held December 19, 1988 were approved as distributed.

BEER LICENCE for 1989 were issue to Lucky "11" Club and to Cindy's Country Kitchen in Ludell; and to the Columbian Club in Atwood Township.

The board agreed to adjourn the meeting at the courthouse for the purpose of reconvening at the Rawlins County Hospital.

HOSPITAL: Chairman Robert Frick called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. at the Rawlins County Hospital. Present were the county commissioners, county clerk, county attorney, Bob Lewis, Jr., Pam Thomas, Joe Kanak, Claude Kisling and Kathy Davis-Vrbas of the Citizen Patriot.

The two boards APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 88-8 which defines the manner of electing hospital board members. This resolution is on file in the county clerk's office.

Discussed terms of the agreement between Rawlins County Hospital, Inc., Rawlins County and the Rawlins County Hospital. The intent of this agreement is to place the operation of the hospital owned by Rawlins County in full compliance with the County Hospital Law and to remove any liabilities of the hospital so that the cash basis law does not apply to the operations of the hospital. Rawlins County Hospital Inc., would continue to exist as a health foundation with four non-hospital board members and five hospital board members on the board. Private funds such as gifts, bequest and memorials will remain in the foundation.

The board approved the draft copy of the agreement. After the formal approval by the boards, a quit claim deed will need to be filed according to 19-4624 vesting any real or personal hospital property to the county.

The meeting with the hospital board adjourned at 10:45.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Commissioner Frick to reconvene at 10:50 a.m. in executive session for the purpose of discussing the capability of Wynemah Cox returning to work. This session adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

HEALTH: Wynemah Cox met with the board to review the discharge summary report from Meadowbrook hospital. The board expressed concern that Wynemah does not possess a current drivers licence. The board also noted that Wynemah was dismissed from Wichita Hospital in June of 1988 and admitted to Meadowbrook in July, however her nursing contract was renewed after her illness. The board will be contacting the nursing licensure and the State Department of Health & Environment in this regard.

Wynemah was asked if she feels she is capable of returning to work; she replied "yes". She will be applying for a drivers licence in January, and also noted that a post-op evaluation is given in Kansas City for this. The board relayed to Wynemah their concern related to the health care of the public. She replied that her nursing certificate had been renewed. The board reaffirmed the fact that the report does not indicate employment at this time. Wynemah asked for approval to work three days a week, then after a few weeks she can work full-time. Commissioner replied that knowing the results of the report, he cannot in good conscious hire Wynemah.

The board asked Wynemah to review the job description, to meet with Dr. Dill For evaluation of her medical condition and her ability to carry out the various duties of a registered nurse in the County Health Department. Ultimately the board will require a better report, a current drivers license and an interview with Dr. Dill.

Wynemah replied tha she knows she can do the job and the board will not know that until she does work.

The board will meet with Wynemah January 9th, pending an interview with Dr. Dill.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOME: Ralph Keller, architect reported that the tentative completion date of the home is January 10th. Some of the rooms can be used and inquired about the inspection procedure. The board prefers that the architect complete the inspection and report.

In regard to the electrical complaint reported by Wolter's Electrical, after researching the codes, Mr. Keller explained that the use of rigid metal conduit shall be permitted under all atmospheric conditions and occupancies, subject to certain conditions.

Ferrous or nonferrous metal conduit, elbows, couplings, and fittings shall be permitted to be installed in concrete, in direct contact with the earth. Rigid nonmetallic conduit are permitted to be concealed in walls, floors and ceilings.

Further information is filed with the bond information.

IBM AGREEMENT: signed an amendment to WM31317 which combines the personal computer with the maintenance agreement.

AIRPORT: signed RESOLUTION NO. 88-7 authorizing the acceptance of an amendment to a grant offer from the United States relating to the development of the Atwood-Rawlins county airport.

STATE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS: in regard to Randall Wilkinson's request to the state board of tax appeals for a tax refund due to a clerical error, the board concurs with the State Board and does not recommend a refund to go back more than three years.

The board consulted with the county treasurer who informed them that Randall Wilkinson has delinquent taxes on the property concerned. Her office needs the authority from the State to take off their records the delinquent taxes owed by Randall Wilkinson because of a clerical error. Cheryl Wederski will inform the State Board of this.

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SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: Jack Maris, Sheriff-elect discussed briefly some priorities he feels necessary in the department. He would like to see a substantial salary increase for the entire department as the employees have a lower wage than the rest of the courthouse employees. He noted that the sheriff and undersheriff wages are much lower than the city police departments of most counties. No action at this time.

CANCELLED WARRANT NO. 4023 dated 11/30/88 in the amount of \$84.48, payable to Robert O. Frick, drawn on the Farmers Bank & Trust against the Re-Appraisal fund.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Scott Pitner & Pete Portschy presented a list of road work completed and an updated request for road work as of 12/28/88. Noted that the John Deere maintainer needs further work, as does the gravel truck driven by Marlin Wahrman. Granted permission to Dan Weishapl to take one week off without pay in January; he is to be married. Weishapl's employ started in September of 1988, therefore he has not worked the required time to accumulate vacation time.

COUNTY OFFICES will be closed January 1, 1989.

Warrants in the amount of \$142,477.79 were allowed for the month of December.

APPROVED TO AUTHORIZE the auditors to transfer the available cash and budget balance from the Road & Bridge fund to the Machinery fund.  
APPROVED TO AUTHORIZE the auditors to transfer available cash and budget balance from all other county funds, including fire districts, as needed.  
APPROVED transfers to meet the cash basis law.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING will be held January 9, 1989.

CENTER TOWNSHIP CLERK: The board appointed George Franklin to serve as Center township clerk. No one had filed for this position in the 1988 election and there were no write-ins on the general ballot. George is the incumbant township clerk.

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Robert O. Frick, Chairman

*Meredith Hrnchir*  
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Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

*Charles E. Unger*  
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Charles E. Unger, Member

*Henry E. Cahoj*  
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Henry E. Cahoj, Member

January 9, 1989

- RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING-

Rawlins County Commissioners met for the re-organization meeting in the family room at the Rawlins County Hospital, due to the hospitalization of Chairman Robert Frick.

District Magistrate Judge Dorothy R. Reinert administered the oath of office to Commissioners Henry E. Cahoj, Robert O. Frick, County Clerk Meredith Hrnchir, County Treasurer Cheryl Wederski, Register of Deeds Carolyn Marshall, Sheriff Jack Maris, and County Attorney H. Scott Beims.

CHAIRMAN: Motion carried that Henry E. Cahoj act as Chairman of the Board during 1989.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed.

MEETING DATE: 1989 meeting dates were approved to be held on the third Monday and the last working day of each month.

RESOLUTION FOR SECURITIES: The board named all county banks as official depositors.

OFFICIAL PAPER: approved the contract with the Citizen Patriot as the official county newspaper.

EXPENSES: Agreed that the expenses will remain at .21¢ for mileage reimbursement. Meal allowance will also remain at \$7.00 per meal or \$21.00 a day.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The following dates were approved for the 1989 holiday schedule. January 2, February 20, March 24, May 29, July 4, September 4, November 10, 23, & 24, and December 25.

SHERIFF: Jack Maris reported that the sheriffs department has collected \$8,940 from VIN inspections, has served 481 civil process papers and 46 criminal warrants. They have also filed 69 accident reports, had 91 thefts reported, 34 burglaries, and 50 cases of criminal damage to property reported. In addition, the department had 45 prisoners incarcerated last year. These activities all require a lot of paper work and responsibility, and are only a portion of the duties performed in the department. Because of the above, Jack recommends \$1300 a month wage for the undersheriff and feels the sheriff should draw the same as the road supervisor or chief of police. The dispatchers have the lowest pay scale in the courthouse even though some have worked a longer period of time. Again, Jack reminded the board of the immediate need to purchase two shotguns and a camera. They also need a set of leathers, pistol, and the dispatchers are requesting a good chair. It was MOVED, seconded and carried to purchase the shotguns and a camera.

It was noted that Bill Finley, undersheriff will be attending the eight week training school in May or June.

-Commissioners Cahoj and Unger approved the inventory of the sheriff's department following the afternoon session.

-Authorized the sheriff to rent a storage building in order to store the evidence presently housed in a jail cell. The sheriff will have the only key. The board will look into building a storage shed for evidence.

SALARY SCHEDULE:

The following salary schedule for 1989 was approved:

County Commissioners: \$5940, plus mileage  
 County Clerk: \$16,380, which includes election officer  
 County Treasurer: \$15,540, does not include special auto money.  
 Register of Deeds: \$14,580

County Attorney: \$13,080, plus \$3700 office expense

Sheriff: \$17,000

Bill Finley, undersheriff: \$14,280

Shirley Organ, Health Department nurse & acting administrator: \$8.25/hr.

Ron Vrbas, Noxious Weed Supervisor: \$10,500

Farm Appraisers: \$4.85/hr.

Custodian: \$280/mth.

McDonald Deputy Sheriff: \$120/mth.

Herndon Deputy will remain at \$60/mth.

All employees on an hourly wage scale will receive an increase of .30¢ per hour, if their present hourly wage is less than \$5.50 per hour.

Employees receiving an hourly wage of more than \$5.50 per hour will receive an increase per hour of .10¢.

Exceptions: Jane Wolters .10¢/hour increase to \$4.60 and

Audrey Dixson: .10¢/hour increase to \$7.95

Dal Argabright remains at \$4.89/hr. as part time.

Thelma Nickel: \$4.00/hr. (part time)

Reserve deputies for the sheriff's department remain at \$5.00/hr. and matrons at \$4.00/hr.

Ben Harwerth: .10¢ hour increase to \$5.50.

Lyle Mellick: remains at \$6.00/hour.

Albert Hardon: remain at \$8.00/hour as hearing officer for re-appraisal.

Elizabeth Pochop, health department part time remain at \$8.00/hour.

Irene Holste: remain at \$3.60 hour: health department.  
County Health Officer remain at \$125 month.  
Wynemah Cox: remain at \$8.66 hour.  
Janet Stice, bookkeeper for noxious weed department remain at \$100 month.

HOSPITAL: Signed Resolution 89-1 between the hospital and Rawlins County.  
The entire resolution is on file in the county clerks office. This will formally set up a hospital board elected at a county wide general election. The nine member board will be elected with three terms to expire May 1, 1990; three terms to expire May 1, 1991 and three terms to expire May 1, 1992.

ATTORNEY: Scott Beims pointed out that Charles Peckham will be finishing cases from Lewis, Lewis & Beims and will finish business pertaining to the hospital at a fee of \$75.00 per hour.  
-Approved the purchase of a four drawer file cabinet at \$187.50.

APPRAISER: Commissioner Cahoj reported that Terry Ballard would like to continue with re-appraisal on a monthly basis. Marsha Curry has been trained in this field but would require an hourly wage of \$6.25, should she be hired to continue.

LANDFILL: The board asked the county clerk to contact Gordon Crowdis for a cost on the installation of the water line to the landfill. This would include a submersible pump. The well is to be located on the Obert land, Scott will prepare an easement, Don Argabright as tenant will have a hydrant.  
Moved, seconded and carried to have Midwest Energy hook up the electricity.

TOWNSHIP: Commissioner Cahoj requested an opinion from Scott Beims regarding the townships paying the register of deeds for preparing cemetery deeds and keeping the cemetery books up to date and the county clerk for preparing township budgets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
The board moved to adjourn to executive session at 1:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel in the health department. Present were all members of the board, county clerk, county attorney, Charles Peckham and Dr. Dill. This session recessed at 1:35 to admit Wynemah Cox; and remained in executive session until 2:00 p.m.

HEALTH: The board proposed to Wynemah Cox the following guidelines for employment following her illness of April, 1988.  
Wynemah should first obtain a valid drivers license. After reinstatement of the drivers license, she will work three days a week for one month; then work full-time for two months in a non-administrative position. If Wynemah fulfills her obligations during this time, she will resume her position as administrator for a probationary time of three months.

-Shirley Organ will remain as acting administrator until the fourth month of this time frame. Medical insurance will resume for Wynemah when she resumes working full time.  
It was moved by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Frick, all agreed to adopt the above guidelines for Wynemah Cox to resume working at the wage scale paid in 1988 of \$8.66 per hour.  
Dr. Satchell, as county health officer and Mickey Ellis District Nurse will be contacted during this probationary time for evaluation.  
-The board signed an agreement that in the absence of Shirley Organ, Jane Miller will act as administrator on a temporary basis.  
They also reviewed the contract for nursing service for the department.

ELEVATOR: Signed the Second Quarterly Progress report. This is on file in the county clerks office.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman  
Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member  
Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, member

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

January 16, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session January 16, 1989.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cahoj, with Commissioner Unger present, Commissioner Frick absent.

The minutes of the board meeting held December 29, 1988 and the re-organization meeting held January 9th were approved as distributed.

LANDFILL: Gordon Crowdis has been working on the water line to the landfill; however it was reported to the board that the trench needs moved further east to the road and on line with the fence. Approximately 1000 feet of the trench is going the wrong direction. Scott Beims will be in contact with Gordon Crowdis in this regard.

STORAGE VAULT: The board discussed building a storage vault 12' x 24' to be located east of the courthouse. This could be used for storing evidence for the sheriff and for storing courthouse records. Jack Maris was asked to work on plans with Luedke Construction so bids can be obtained later. This will include a concrete floor and roof, two steel doors and electricity to the building. The sheriffs office is now renting a building to store evidence. The county clerk will notify the recreation committee to remove the play area south of the tennis court.

HEALTH: Shirley Organ informed the board that Phillips County, being one of the four counties purchasing the cholesterol machine, recently bought their own. They are now asking reimbursement of \$200 for their share from each of the three counties. The board agreed not to pay the \$200 but rather to release Phillips County from the agreement of shared maintenance cost. This is contingent upon agreement with the other counties involved.

-presented Wynemah's assignment schedule.

-approved compensation to Shirley Organ as Acting Administrator in 1988 during Wynemah's absence. The compensation will begin May 1, 1988 and will consist of the difference between Wynemah's wage of \$8.66 an hour and Shirley's wage of \$8.15 an hour. The wage of \$8.66 an hour to Shirley will continue in 1989 as long as Shirley remains as administrator.

-approved the contract for part time nursing. This contract is on file in the health department and in the county clerks office.

AMBULANCE: Claude Kisling presented statistics on the 217 ambulance runs made in 1988. He also suggested writing off uncollectable accounts. The board APPROVED THE FOLLOWING WRITE-OFFS from 1988. Frye \$246.00; Sramek \$87.00; Rooney \$219.00; Hooper \$84.00; Wert \$60.00. Scott Beims will try to collect Bridwell \$255.00 and Carter \$165.00. He will also go over the 1987 and beyond accounts with Claude in order to collect some delinquent accounts.

- A new ambulance will cost approximately \$36,000. Claude will obtain bids and information for the board. Claude suggested trading in the ambulance presently located in Herndon; transfer the present ambulance located in Atwood to Herndon, leaving the new ambulance for Atwood.

-Claude reminded the board that he intends to retire next year.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING: Three representatives of the agency presented a fact sheet on the services provided to the 18 areas of northwest Kansas. These include financial assistance, counseling, health services, transportation, legal assistance, in-home help. The goal of the agency is to keep the elderly in their own home, whenever possible.

ATTORNEY: Scott Beims noted that Coastal Oil is appealing to the court of appeals. Scott would like for Charles Peckham to continue this case as he is familiar with it.

INVENTORIES: approved the inventory for the sheriff's office.

APPRAISER: approved to purchase a file cabinet for the appraisers office.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Dan Timm, chairman of REDO invited the board to attend the annual meeting of the organization to be held January 23rd. The board was informed that two board members originally appointed by the board will either need to be re-appointed or replaced. The board re-appointed Karen Bruning and Charles Peckham.

N.W. KANSAS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: approved to pay the entire dues of \$2708 for 1989.

Commissioner Cahoj reported receiving a telephone call from Senator Bob Dole's office wanting to know what he can do for rural Kansas. Cahoj replied that rural areas are most concerned about health issues, highways and landfills.

ELEVATOR: bid-letting was held at 2:00 p.m. In attendance to bid were the following, with Luedke Construction of Atwood being the low bidder.

Luedke Construction	\$64,950.
Resco Construction	\$68,900
Deines Construction	\$77,400
Rhoads Construction	\$86,700

Norman Luedke was informed of the need to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act. Darla Knapp will verify the construction company with the state. There could be some change orders involved, making the total cost higher. The elevator is allowed \$70,750, according to the grant.

-Commissioner Cahoj was appointed labor standard officer.

-Moved by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj to accept the low bid of Luedke Construction, subject to approval of N.W. Kansas Planning & Development, the required bondings and insurance.

ROAD & BRIDGE: The board discussed the big rocks along the recently graveled roads and approved the following excerpt for publication.

Graveled Roads!!!

Let's stop erosion -- have you got a washout with nothing to fill it with? Have you been thinking of building a border along your drive or flower garden? We have the perfect solution. The Rawlins County Road & Bridge Department has miles of rocks - free, just for the taking. Along many of YOUR graveled roads, are lots of rocks. As a solution to both our problems, you can have these rocks and save us wear and tear on our mowers and other equipment.

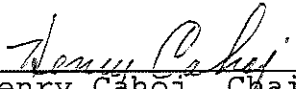
- The highway department will also be able to use community service workers when available for removing rocks.


- the board will look into replacing the 930 front-end loader with a 950.

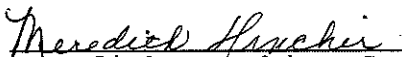
-also discussed purchasing two tractor-trucks.

-presently graveled in the Gatlin area, will be moving by Dan Dirks to gravel and are repairing the hill by Pence's. Pete will contact the township in Thomas County for permission to work in this area as it is on the county line.

- signed a contract for project 77 C-2506-01, with the county portion being \$15,219.

  
Henry Cahoj, Chairman

  
Charles E. Unger, member

  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

January 31, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session January 31, 1989 with all members of the board present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry Cahoj.

The minutes of the board meeting held January 16th were approved as distributed.

**SOLID WASTE:** the board discussed with Darrel Weber state regulations and related issues involving the landfill. Also discussed transferring the 930 loader to the landfill, if and when the county purchases a new loader.

The next board meeting will be held February 21st rather than on the 20th, due to the scheduled holiday.

**CUSTODIAN:** Lana Reuber informed the board she worked an additional 36 hours in January preparing the courthouse as Robert Lewis, Jr. was sworn in as Judge of the Kansas Court of Appeals. This ceremony was conducted in the courtroom the 24th of January. Lana also noted that some benches in the courtroom need refinished and ceiling tile on the west need to be replaced.

Commissioner Cahoj asked if the vacuum should be replaced or repaired. Lana would like to keep the compact and purchase a second vacuum.

AGREED to reimburse Lana \$5.00 an hour for the 36 hours and to purchase a second vacuum, the cost not to exceed \$125.00.

**COASTAL OIL/ATTORNEY:** Agreed to hire Charles Peckham at \$65.00 an hour to continue proceedings in the coastal oil case.

**SHERIFF:** Jack Maris reports neighboring counties have raised the charges for housing out-of-county inmates, due to increased expenses. He recommends increasing Rawlins County charges to \$40.00 for the first day and \$35.00 a day thereafter, except for prisoners housed at this time at the current rate of \$25 for the first day and \$20.00 a day thereafter.

-Moved by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Frick, all agreed to increase the out-of-county jail charge as recommended by the sheriff, to be effective immediately. Also APPROVED to continue the prior arrangements for the current prisoners until their release.

-Moved by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Frick to establish a PETTY CASH FUND for the sheriff's department in the amount of \$50.00. Jack will also look into obtaining a credit card for use in the department.

-Jack has not been able to purchase a camera at the price mentioned at an earlier meeting. He will check with Charles Peckham for further information and report to the board.

- the sheriff will continue working on arrangements for a sale of unused items.

**STORAGE VAULT:** Jack Maris presented the requested plans for the proposed storage vault to be located east of the courthouse. Commissioner Cahoj mentioned the possibility of relocating the health department to the clinic and utilizing these rooms for storage of evidence and for conferences with lawyers, etc. for the sheriff's department.

The storage vault was tabled at this time.

**APPRAISER:** Terry Ballard and Audrey Dixson discussed various subjects dealing with re-appraisal. The hearings and appeals process should begin in March as the notices of change of valuations will be mailed the end of February. The office has prepared an informational pamphlet for the hearings and appeals process. These will be distributed to the banks and be available to the public.

-Ballard reported that they are ready to finalize the residential valuation changes and would like some input from the board in order to rate areas by adjusting values. Rural property owners deserve a consideration because of their location. The board agreed that residential property located in Atwood City and possibly within three miles of Atwood should have a higher value. They also noted that the residential properties located near the highway have greater value. This discussion of influence factors will be considered by Ballard in determining residential valuations.

Ballard does not feel that there will be a major shift in Rawlins County of valuation changes, although commercial properties and elevators have voiced their concerns.

-Audrey reported that the county will lose approximately \$6,662 in grain tax and valuations of 1,397,575 from livestock and 431,075 from the loss of valuation of merchants and manufacturers inventory.

-Commissioner Cahoj asked Audrey whether the appraisers office will be able to handle the maintenance involved with continuing re-appraisal. Audrey replied that two people in the office cannot possibly keep up with the demands.

**N.W. KS. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT - PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE:**

Darla Knapp and Jennifer Trembley met with Architect David Wilson and Norman Luedke for the purpose of reviewing and discussing federal regulations before beginning construction of the elevator.

The architect provided the following comments:

-the required insurance documents were provided except the excess liability insurance of one million dollars.

-Luedke has not obtained a building permit from Atwood City at this time.

-six copies of shop drawings need to be submitted to the architect.

-pay request need to be submitted to the architect not later than the 15th of each month.

-the bonding certificate is in order.

-inspections will be made by the architect on a timely basis; he will inspect for reinforcement bar before the blocks are covered with concrete.

Luedke noted that he estimates two months time to prepare the elevator shaft with the first step being to cut the lower floor in preparation for footing and the base. At this time, one change order is necessary in order to move a second heating unit on the first floor. The approximate cost of this job is \$2375, plus \$40 for electrical work. The board felt this cost to be excessive and requested Luedke to check this with the sub-contractor. It was moved by Commissioner Frick, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj to accept the change order, contingent upon a reduced cost. Upon receipt of the excess liability insurance, the board gave the APPROVAL for the chairman to sign the contract.

GRANT: discussed the upcoming grant application for hospital improvements. This was tabled until the hospital defines the improvements needed and provides an estimate. Also needed is a community survey in order to determine the need for improvements. The board felt that the hospital could draft volunteers for this requirement.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Commissioner Cahoj voiced his concern about the need to post the county emergency telephone number throughout the county. A number of counties have implimented the 911 emergency system. In this county, however, all emergency calls go through the 24 hour dispatch system in the sheriff's office. The board will look into the cost of posting signs throughout the county with the telephone number of the sheriff's office.

APPRAISAL MAINTENANCE COST: Chairman Cahoj asked the board to encourage the legislature to help the counties with maintenance cost of on-going appraisal.

COMPUTER SERVICES OF KANSAS:

The county clerk and the county treasurer introduced Bill Turman of Ulysses who in turn presented a proposal for county government software which is compatable with the IBM computer previously purchased.

The clerks office has been informed by the State that they need a program to interface with Cama in order to complete their part of the reappraisal process. This program will also go into the real estate software for property taxes. Therefore, the offices recommended to the board the purchase of this software, noting that there is provision in the budget for the purchase. A printer and possibly an additional terminal for the clerks offices will need to be purchased from IBM. Telephone support system for maintenance was recommended at a cost of \$1500 for hook-up and \$3000 a year for support maintenance.

The board was informed that the IBM system has a 200 meg. storage and is now using about one-half of its capacity.

The software applications to be installed are real estate, personal property, oil, minerals, voter registration, accounts payable, warrant register, daily statement, general ledger and vehicle/equipment maintenance. The total cost of the above package is \$22,420.

MOTION by Commissioner Frick, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj to purchase the package. This motion carried with Commissioners Frick and Cahoj voting for the purchase and Commissioner Unger voting against the purchase.

It was also agreed that in the event that disc space is a problem, Rawlins County shall have the option to reduce programs, and Computer Services agreed to reduce the cost proportionately. (additional disc space would cost approximately \$12,000)

S.W. BELL TELEPHONE/INSURANCE FOR DAMAGED CABLE:

The board received a letter from Trinity Insurance stating they paid the claim to S.W. Bell in the amount of \$1500 for the damaged cable. They also included a recommendation for procedures to notify the insurance adjusters in order for them to inspect the damage when it occurs. Pete has posted this information in the shops and has informed the employees. The county attorney suggested we have a written agreement rather than a verbal agreement, and will contact S.W. Bell in this regard.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Discussed the above claim notice concerning S.W. Bell. Charles Vap reported the following problem: Richard Dozbaba and Vernon Reunitz has requested the fill north of Dozbaba's rebuilt, adding a catch basin. This would involve a portion of land owned by Vap as the work would require dirt from the three owners. Vap also rents a quarter of ground from Reunitz and was told that if he (Vap) does not give dirt for the fill, he could lose the quarter of land. Vap again requested a tube and fill on the one half of non-maintained raod east of his house. On teh recommendation of Pete, the board approved a 24" tube and fill for Vap; he in return will give dirt for the fill by Dozbaba's.

Scott reported he did contact dealers regarding replacing two gravel trucks, however he has received no response to date.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Henry F. Cahoj  
Henry F. Cahoj, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, member

February 21, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session February 21, 1989 with all members of the board present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry Cahoj.

The minutes of the board meeting held January 31, 1989 were approved as distributed.

**SOLID WASTE:** The board discussed a yearly fee to be charged to contractors when depositing waste at the landfill. The board agreed that Darrel Weber should continue collecting a fee from the contractors, as before.

**RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1:** The fire district pays rent of \$365 a year to the city of Herndon to house the rural fire truck. The county ambulance is also in the same building. Commissioner Unger discussed the possibility of applying for a grant to construct a building; this was tabled until the meeting to be held February 28th.

**COURTROOM:** The road & bridge employees have been refurbishing the court room benches when unable to maintain the roads. The board commended the men for a job well done. The board agreed to accept bids on restoring the wood floor or to carpet the area before the benches are replaced. The jury room will also be carpeted.

**ELEVATOR:** Norman Luedke and David Wilson, contractors were in attendance to discuss progress of the elevator. Commissioner Unger moved, Commissioner Frick seconded, carried to accept two change orders; Change order #1 in the amount of \$1,249.34 to relocate an air conditioning unit and change order #2 for removal of the existing floor and extra excavation to expose the footing at the base of the existing column. This modifies the original contract by providing the column underpinning to transfer the column load off the existing footing, removing the existing footing and column base plate and providing a new footing. This increased amount is \$2016.07. The original contract sum was \$64,950. The above change orders make the new contract sum to be \$68,125.41.

- Noted that Luedke will be utilizing the area on the northeast of the courthouse for a work area.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** the board adjourned to executive session at 10:30 am to discuss road & bridge personnel. In attendance were the three members of the board. The regular session reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

**TOWNSHIPS:** the board discussed with the county attorney a letter addressed to the register of deeds from Atwood Township clerk, Betty Mickey regarding cemetery deeds. The township agreed to pay Carolyn Marshall \$25.00 per month for one year for her service. The board requested that the township be notified that this fee should be paid quarterly to the General Fund. Likewise, the fee paid to the county clerk for township budget work will be paid directly to the general fund. In turn, these officers will be reimbursed from the general fund.

**DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF N.W. KANSAS:** Signed the annual agreement for services between Rawlins County and Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas. This provides a mill levy of 1.35 mills (1.10 plus .25 bldg. fund) for the purpose of providing revenue to pay for services for the mentally retarded residents.

**STATE WATER PLAN:** Wayne Bossert of the Groundwater management presented information regarding the proposed implementation of a state water plan; the emphasis on health and environment. At this point, the legislation has not been passed, however the proposal involves \$12 million dollars, in which 2.7 million will be returned to the counties. Bossert's proposal is to be a facilitator for 10 northwest counties to handle the money, to develop priorities and to look at alternatives for environment management that goes beyond irrigation.

The money would come from grants; the first two years to be funded entirely by the grant. The third year would be a 90-10 split. At the end of seven years, the split would be 50-50. The counties would each have a choice each year as to their participation.

- Bossert asked for a commitment of support for the next level of planning, should the water plan pass the legislature.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Frick, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj, to support the above proposal. Motion Carried.

**HOSPITAL:** the board discussed with Joe Kanak III plans for the upcoming grant application. The hearing is set for February 28th at 10:00 a.m.

**SIGNED AN AGREEMENT** to establish a county hospital operating under and in accordance with KSA 19-4601 and which will come into existence May 1, 1989. The entire agreement is on file in the county clerk's office.

**SHERIFF:** Jack Maris quoted a price of \$256.25 for a chair for use by the dispatchers and \$285.00 for the purchase of a chair for the sheriff's office from Western Office Supply of Colby. The board requested a second bid from Tri-Central Office Supply. This was tabled until the next meeting.

-Approved the purchase of 50 shoulder patches at \$2.90 each.

-SIGNED a Resolution of Support for the location of a correctional facility to be located near Great Bend Kansas.

EMERGENCY ROAD SIGNS: It was moved by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Frick, all approved to order 25 signs 12" x 18" to be placed throughout the county. These will read: EMERGENCY - Call 626-3208, which is the sheriffs telephone number.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Kim Muff reported on Kansas Day activities held in Topeka and meeting with the legislature. Priorities are health care, highways and solid waste sites. The county is also concerned with the 1% sales tax for highway funding, re-appraisal cost, landfills and the State Water Plan. -Also discussed reimbursing Kim for her representation of the county. No action at this time.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Scott Pitner received information on two trucks located in Denver. Commissioners Frick and Unger, Pete Portschy and Marlin Wahrman will view these on March 1st.

- A memorandum will be posted in the county shops stating that it is a violation for employees to use county purchased fuel in private vehicles.
  - The board opened bids for the future purchase of a loader, with the intention of trading the 930. No action was taken at this time. The following bidders were present:
- |                              |   |           |
|------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Don Dunn for Martin Tractor: | \$91,646, less trade-in of \$15,000.      | \$76,646. |
| Tom Keenan for John Deere:   | \$142,853, less trade -in of \$73,133.    | \$69,720. |
| Homer Hunter for Fiatallis:  | (FR12 - \$73,900, less trade-in \$24,550. | \$49,350. |
|                              | (FR15 - \$86,107, less trade-in \$24,507. | \$61,600. |

RELEASE OF SECURITY:

We, the undersigned Board of County Commissioners do hereby approve the release of the following bonds given by the State Bnak of Atwood to secure county funds deposited with the State Bank of Atwood.

\$100,000.00      Federal National Mortgage Association  
 Rate 10.30000%  
 Dated 12/12/86  
 Maturity Date    5/10/90  
 Receipt #016545

Henry E. Cahoj  
 Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
 Charles E. Unger, member

Meredith Hrnchir  
 Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Robert O. Frick, member

February 28, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session February 28, 1989 with all members of the board present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry Cahoj.

The minutes of the board meeting held February 21, 1989 were approved as distributed.

PUBLIC HEARING: N.W. Kansas Planning & Development, represented by Darla Knapp and Pam Thomas, Hospital Director, and Joe Kanak III, hospital board member were in attendance for the public hearing. Also attending were Eldean Cahoj and Teresa Knapp. The projects for improvements to the county hospital include a new elevator and a new roof. The cost estimate for the roof is \$69,600 and the elevator \$29,600. The grant application will be for 70% of the total cost with the hospital's share to be 30%. A survey must be conducted in order to determine that 51% of the persons benefitting from the project must meet the low to moderate income requirement. The survey will be mained to rural residents and will be taken house to house in Atwood City. Herndon and McDonald have been determined to be low to moderate income cities and will not need to be surveyed. This survey needs a response of 60% of the people in order to qualify.

The second public hearing will be held March 31, 1989.

SOLID WASTE: Darrel Weber reported a fire at the landfill Saturday as a result of someone dumping hot ashes. Agreed to have the county attorney write a resolution which sets a fine of \$500 for dumping hot ashes at the landfill.

Weber also needs approximately 300' of water hose.

Requested the county clerk to get information as to the cost, ect. in order to install a telephone at the site.

Discussed the problem of charging a fee to contractors. Presently, Darrel collects a fee at the gate, depending on the load. However, if they do not have the money at the time, he has to bill them, creating extra bookwork.

The board AGREED to continue charging contractors a fee at the gate at this time. The discyssion of whether to charge an annual fee of \$50 or continue paying at the gate will be resumed at the time of setting solid waste fees.

HEALTH: Signed a request by Jane Miller for leave of absence to begin on April 17, 1989 and to end on May 26, 1989. This is maternity leave.

SHERIFF: the board questioned Sheriff Jack Maris about the hours submitted by Scott Howard for delivering prisoner meals on weekends. No action.

DRIFTWOOD TOWNSHIP: Alvin Timm was appointed Driftwood Township Clerk to fill a vacancy in that position.

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST KANSAS: Paula McElwee and Roger Prideaux asked the board if the county would submit an application for a block grant in behalf of developmental services. This is to extend the PDC building to the south. They propose to continue the .25 mill levy currently imposed for the building which originally was for four years and is due to expire in 1990.

The commissioners will check with Darla Knapp for this information as the county has applied for a grant in behalf of the hospital.

COURTROOM: The board reviewed bids received from Jerry Kraft of True Value and from Tony Ruda of Front Range Carpet and Phil Jackson for the purpose of either carpeting or refinishing the west half of the courtroom and the jury room. The board will take action on this at the meeting to be held March 3rd when votes from the February 28th primary election will be canvassed.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Tom Keenan of Murphy Tractor informed the board that because of interest, he could reduce his bid for the purchase of a loader to \$63,031.50.

Homer Hunter received a price on Eagle Air conditioning from FiatAllis; his bid with eagle air is \$62,000.

Motion by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Frick, all agreed to purchase the FR15 from FiatAllis.

-Granted Dan Weishapl permission to check out at 3:30 on Fridays until June for personal reasons.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm

The board of canvassers will meet March 3, 1989 at 10:00 am to canvass the primary election results.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Member

Robert O. Frick  
Robert O. Frick, Member

March 3, 1989

The County Board of Canvassers met March 3, 1989 to certify the results of the Primary Election held February 28, 1989 in Atwood, Herndon and McDonald.

Due to a winter storm in the county, Commissioners Cahoj and Unger were unable to be present. Commissioner Frick and County Election Officer, Meredith Hrnchir appointed Cheryl Wederski, Treasurer and Janet Stice, Deputy Clerk to assist with the official canvass.

The following results of the Hospital Board nomination were certified.

Position #5

Edward Debauche-----145  
Sue Glad-----322  
Jeanette Vrbas-----362

Position #6

Michael L. Braxmeyer-----290  
LeRoy Luedders-----250  
Phil Studer-----291

Position #7

Gerald Heussman-----466  
Leo A. Micek-----131  
Harvey Wright-----228

The two candidates in each board position with the highest number of votes will be on the April 4th ballot.

USD #314, Brewster District:

Daryl Engel-----2  
Leroy Moore-----4  
Albert Rall-----1

OTHER BUSINESS:

At the meeting held February 28th, the board had agreed to take action on the bids received for refinishing the courtroom floor. Tony Ruda had submitted a bid for a 40 oz. carpet and was asked to resubmit a bid for a lighter weight carpet. Upon reviewing the following bids, Commissioner Frick telephoned the members of the board, all agreed to accept the low bid submitted by Front Range Carpets.

Jerry Kraft, True Value;	18 oz.	\$1351.27
Tony Ruda, Front Range ;	20 oz.	\$1217.70
Phillip Jackson for gym finish;		\$2053.00

These bids include the courtroom floor and the jury room.

*Robert O. Frick*

Robert O. Frick

*Meredith Hrnchir*

Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

March 20, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session March 20, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj, with Commissioner Frick present. Commissioner Unger was absent due to a winter storm.

The minutes of the February 28th meeting were approved, as distributed.

AMBULANCE: Claude Kisling presented two bids for the purchase of an ambulance, as follows: Prices include trade-in of the 1973 Chevrolet ambulance.

Collins Ambulance Corp. Proposal #1 \$32,780.  
Proposal #2 \$33,497.

Additional cost of \$1142 for #29M cot with mattress and three straps.

McCoy Miller Ambulance Type II Ford \$35,500.

The present equipment can be transferred; however the radio will need to be transferred by Motorola in Colby.

Claude recommends purchasing the Collins Ambulance, proposal #2, and adding the cot.

MOTION by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Commissioner Frick to purchase the ambulance, as recommended by Mr. Kisling. Total cost \$34,639.00.

HEALTH: Shirley Organ and Wynemah Cox presented the basic service Grant in the amount of \$6067.00 which was approved.

-concerning the agreement dated February 18, 1988 between the health offices of Cheyenne County, Rawlins County, Phillips County and Norton County which shares the reflotron machine (chlorestral) with carrying case:

The Phillips County health office has sold its  $\frac{1}{4}$  interest in the machine to the Sherman County health office, which has agreed to assume the responsibilities and rights of the machine under and by virtue of the agreement of February 18, 1988. This supplemental agreement was acknowledged by the board.

- it was noted that the employee valuation of Shirley Organ has been completed by Dr. Satchell. This will be added to the medicare report, as required.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Chairman Cahoj to adjourn to executive session at 11:15 am for the purpose of discussing health department personnel. In attendance were Shirley Organ, Scott Beims, Meredith Hrnchir and Commissioners Cahoj and Frick. The board reconvened in regular session at 11:30 am. As a result of the executive session, it was explained to Wynemah that she is an employee of the health department, of which Shirley Organ is presently the administrator. The county attorney will also notify Wynemah of this in writing.

SHERIFF: approved the purchase of two chairs from Western Office Supply of Colby in the amount of \$552.78. The bid from Tri-Central was \$695.00.

COUNTY CLERK: approved ordering a computer work center for the clerks office.

TREASURER: approved Norman Luedke repairing the vault in the treasurers office. There are large cracks on the west side which will require expandable caulking.

APPRAISAL: Discussed with Audrey the informal hearings which are in the process during March.

- Commissioner Cahoj questioned keeping the farm appraisers on the payroll an additional ten days. Audrey reported the 20% penalty was assessed on March 16th.

- Motion by commissioner Frick, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj not to allow Kathy Bearley's attendance at a land value class to be held the week of April 17-21.

SOLID WASTE: Darrel Weber reported that the dozer is leaking oil; it may run another year or it could quit at any time. Scott Pitner and Darrel were asked to check into purchasing a dozer. Darrel recommends rubber tires and a large bucket size with teeth. The county clerks office will check into the availability of funds.

- approved installing a telephone line to the landfill. This required 1400' of wire and installation cost will be approximately \$205.00, with a monthly charge of \$25.45.

ROAD & BRIDGE: signed agreements for projects to comply with federal regulations.

These bridge projects are:

project located 12 miles south and 0.8 miles east of McDonald, thence east and north .4 miles \$105,000. Project #892 located 2.5 miles north and 5 miles east of Atwood, thence north and west .25 miles. \$141,000. Project #179 located 3.4 miles north and 7.8 miles east of Atwood, thence northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile- \$94,000.

-Scott Pitner noted that repair of the truck at Cummins Truck Repair at Colby will be \$3500.

-The truck recently purchased from Denver is in good working order.

- Leroy Horinek asked about shouldering the road  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east from highway 25 to his pewter shop. Pete will check into this.


- Scott reported that Dan Weishapl is on the single health insurance plan. When Dan was married recently, Scott gave him the necessary papers in order to transfer to a family plan. However, Weishapl has not returned these papers.

- Billie Dewey has worked in the county clerks office a few times when unable to work in McDonald. She has asked about receiving mileage when traveling to Atwood. The county does not pay mileage when traveling to work.

- the soil conservation office has asked about placing terraces close to the road. In the past, the county has not allowed this. They will be asked to contact Pete, should this be considered at any time.

  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

  
Robert O. Frick, member

  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

March 31, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioneers met in regular session March 31, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry Cahoj. All members of the board were present.

The minutes of the March 20th meeting were approved as distributed.

SOLID WASTE: Bids were submitted for the purchase of a loader for the landfill, as follows:

Murphy Tractor - John Deere 624E Wheel Loader, 135 hpr., with trade	\$77,750.
Caterpillar 936F Loader, 145 hpr., with trade	\$90,522.
Sellers Tractor - FiatAllis FR12, 150 hpr., [demonstrator], with trade	\$79,040.
FiatAllis FR 12BGS, 150 hpr, with trade	\$84,107.

Homer Hunter of Sellers Tractor Company did return in the afternoon stating he does not feel the county needs a 4 in 1 bucket; he proposes to sell the demonstrator, keeping our loader for \$74,000.

Options for funding are to issue bonds, apply for a no-fund warrant, enter into a lease purchase agreement and to raise the users fee. No Action at this time.

- The board agreed to charge a fee of \$1.00 per yard, plus \$15.00 for each trip for asbestos disposal.

NOXIOUS WEED: The board discussed the availability of funds in the noxious weed fund as Ron Vrbas reported the increased cost to purchase chemicals and gas.

MOTION by Commissioner Frick, seconded by Commissioner Unger to increase the minimum fee charged for labor from \$10.00 to \$15.00. All approved.

- Signed the annual contract with the Kansas Department of Transportation to spray noxious weeds on the State Right of Way.

- Ron asked about adding dye to the chemicals at a cost of \$1.00 per acre in order to determine the area sprayed. This was not approved.

- Janet Stice presented a list of unpaid accounts for the year 1988. A letter of request will be sent; if not paid these will be added to the tax roll.

COURTHOUSE: approved the purchase of a hot water heater at a cost of \$279 from KN Energy. This is a 50 gallon commercial unit with a 5 year warranty.

ELEVATOR: David Wilson, architect and NormanLuedke were present to report that the work on the elevator is progressing in good order. The first pay request of \$9,267.30 was approved.

A change order in the amount of \$341.04 to relocate pipes was approved.

A letter of support for the grant application by Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas was mailed.

HOSPITAL: The second public hearing for the grant application for improvement to the hospital was held at 10:00 a.m. Present was Darla Knapp, Kim Muff, Joe Kanak III, Ron Vrbas, Marge Crabb and Virgil Portschy.

Darla reported that they need more survey forms completed in order to meet requirements. Joe Kanak asked if the grant application is acceptable; Darla replied that Ned Webb is satisfied. The grant application totals \$117,880 with \$69,600 for the roof, \$29,600 for the elevator, \$9,920 architect and \$8760 for administration. The hospital will be sharing cost of \$30,000.

The chairman of the hospital board, Joe Kanak, will sign two resolutions, also a letter certifying the hospital has funds in the amount of \$30,000 available in the Peoples Bank of McDonald.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOME: The board accompanied Ralph Keller, architect on a tour of the home to view the completed addition.

The board approved the project; Mr. Keller recommended Rawlins County as the owner take possession. The surety release was then signed, as well as all contractor release of liens.

HEALTH: Shirley Organ gave the board a progress report on Wynemah Cox, as requested. Basically, Wynemah mimics the procedures and repeats everything that is said. At this time, she isn't capable of follow-up teaching which is one of the main objectives in county health. She cannot be trusted with meds, etc. Recently the department had a pap test clinic in which the Thomas County Health Nurse was present. Wynemah was informed that one of the nurses should be present during the procedure, however a pap test procedure was done by Wynemah without another nurse present. This patient will be asked to return for a repeat test.

SHERIFF: Jack Maris was informed that Scott Howard has had his children in the patrol car on occasions and he should instruct Howard that this will not be allowed. Also discussed the method of pay for Howard; this will be on the agenda for the April 17th meeting.

March 31st minutes continued

RE-APPRAISAL: Terry Ballard and Albert Hardon met with the board to discuss procedures for the formal hearing, should any be held and to update on the informal hearings. Presently, the men are reviewing the questions regarding valuations at the various places as a result of the informal hearings. Any discrepancies will be corrected and change of value notices from the 788 parcels reviewed at the informal hearings will be mailed. At this time, it looks like the middle of April will be the first of the formal hearings.

- Albert reported that there seems to be an inconsistency in classifying metal and pole buildings. He has been investigating these areas.

-discussed briefly the on-going maintenance for re-appraisal. NO Action.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Gary Eaton and Barry Collins of Southwestern Bell Telephone discussed the placement of buried cable on county right of way. Commissioner Cahoj noted that in the past we have had a verbal agreement thereby creating problems when a cable is cut. The board agreed that a contract should be drawn up specifying the position of the cable and the depth for the cable to be buried in order to protect each side.

The county asked that on new construction, the cable be placed down the middle of the road at a depth of 2 feet. The cable will be run through a pipe along bridges and either under or around the culverts. Pete will work with them in this regard, depending upon the circumstances.

Regarding the weeds in the vicinity of the junction pedestals, it is S.W. Bell responsibility.

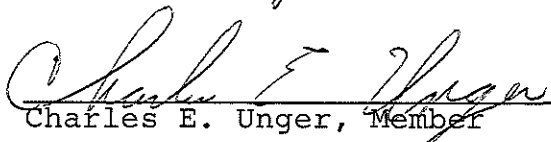
When working in an area, S.W. Bell normally needs one day notification, unless it is a big project and cable needs to be ordered.

RELEASE OF SECURITY:


We, the undersigned Board of County Commissioners of Rawlins County, Kansas, do hereby approve the release of the following bonds given by the State Bank of Atwood, Atwood KS . to secure county funds deposited with the State Bank of Atwood.

\$200,000.00 Federal Home Loan Bank  
7.35000% Dated 12/12/86  
Maturity Date 4/25/91  
Receipt #16546

  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

  
Charles E. Unger, Member

  
Robert O. Frick, Member

  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

April 7, 1989

The County Board of Canvassers met April 7, 1989 to certify the results of the General Election held April 4, 1989 in Atwood, Herndon and McDonald.

The following results of the Hospital Board Election were certified:

Position #1:

Mike Sramek-----967  
Jerry Frisbie (write-in)-----393

Position #2

Joseph A. Kanak III-----923  
Ralph W. Carlson-----636

Position #3

Kenneth Micek-----835  
Claude Kisling-----741

Position #4

Frank Buk-----1274

Position #5

Jeanette Vrbas-----841  
Sue Glad-----720

Position #6

Phil Studer-----867  
Michael Braxmeyer-----697

Position #7

Gerald Heussman-----952  
Harvey Wright-----604

Position #8

Diane Montgomery-----814  
Ronald Bell-----707

Position #9

Donald Grafel-----956  
Kevin Holle-----545

Hospital Question: Shall Rawlins County be authorized to impose an additional tax levy not to exceed seven (7) mills for the operation and maintenance of Rawlins County Hospital, with the total levy not to exceed twelve (12) mills?

NO -----1011  
YES----- 609

The following results of the School Board Election were certified:

USD #318 Board of Education

Position #4

Charles Walker-----749  
Bob Redmer-----328

Position #5

David Phelps-----710  
Dora Gulley (write-in)-----301

Position #6

H. Scott Beims-----610  
H.G. Easterday (write-in)----440

USD #317 Board of Education

Position #4

Robert Martin-----168

Position #5

Thomas Sattler-----163

Position #6

Greg Marintzer (write-in)---- 21

USD #103 Board of Education [Cheylin School-Cheyenne County Home School District]

Position #1 - Lyndon Montgomery-----198

Position #3 - John Scott-----218

Position #6 - Donna Wright-----194

Position #7 - Duane Wilkens-----212

## April 7th canvass of general election votes--continued

USD #314 Board of Education [Brewster School - Thomas County Home School District]

Position #4 - Leroy Moore-----7  
Albert Rall-----2Position #5 - Jackie Jorgensen-----4  
Nathan Reid-----5

Position #6 - Neal Rush-----8

USD #315 Board of Education [Colby School - Thomas County Home School District]

Position #4 - Charles Williams-----5

Position #5 - Victor Schwarz-----6  
Robert Dible-----1Position #6 - Ronald Rogers-----2  
Gary (Roy) Rogers-----5

USD #316 Board of Education [Golden Plains School, Rexford - Thomas County Home Dist.]

Position #4 - Duane Unger-----no votes cast

Position #5 - Judy Shull-----no votes cast

Position #6 - James D. Tubbs-----no votes cast  
B.J. Melvin-----no votes cast

The following results of the City Elections were certified:

Atwood City Council (voted for three)

David Brown-----393  
Bill Beamgard-----526  
Rosalie Ross-----478  
Richard Williams-----373

McDonald City Council (voted for three)

Blaine Hubbard----- 70  
Beldon Jenik----- 80  
Brenda Johnson (write-in)--- 13

Herndon City Mayor

Roger Marintzer (write-in)-----43

Herndon City Council (voted for five)

Ronald Beims-----73  
Dalbert Bruning-----73  
David Ketterl-----81  
Robert J. Leitner-----82  
Danny Leitner (write-in)-----14

Rocewood Township Question: Shall Rocewood Township eliminate the tax on gross earnings derived from money, notes and other evidence of debt and be authorized to impose and levy property taxes, in addition to any aggregate levy amount limitation on taxing subdivisions ad valorem tax levy authority, as may be necessary to offset the revenue lost from elimination of the tax on gross earnings derived from money, notes and other evidence of debt?

NO-----99

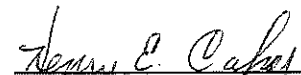
YES-----56

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Chairman Cahoj to adjourn to executive session at 11:00 am to discuss personnel problems in the appraisers office. Present were the members of the board, county clerk, and Audrey Dixson. The board reconvened in regular session at 11:15 a.m.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

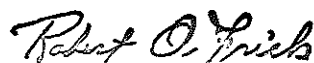
Commissioner Cahoj reported on the meeting held April 5th regarding local elected officials agreement (LEO), under the Job Training Partnership Act. The board will be getting further information of this in the near future.



Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman



Charles E. Unger, member



Robert O. Frick, member


Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk  
and Election Officer

April 17, 1989

Rawlins County Commisisoners met in regular session April 17, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry Cahoj, all members of the board were present.

The minutes of the March 31st meeting were approved as distributed.

**SOLID WASTE:** Representatives of Murphy Tractor Company and Sellers Tractor Company were present with information regarding the bids submitted at the March 31st meeting. The board agreed to keep the present loader, the salvage value being \$4000.

- MOTION by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Frick to purchase from Murphy Tractor Company a John Deere 624E Wheel Loader. The bid on the 624E was \$77,750, with trade. As the county will not be trading the present loader, the purchase price is \$81,750. The county will pay \$20,000 down on a lease-purchase agreement, which is interest-free for one year.

**DISTRICT COURT:** the board reviewed a voucher re-submitted by the clerk of the court for additional mileage reimbursement. The county reimburses mileage expense at 21¢, however the state reimburses mileage at 22.5¢. Bessie Peterson was paid the county rate. She also did not have the required mileage reading on her voucher. The board asked the county attorney to ask for an Attorney Generals Opinion on payments by the county for state employees.

**HELICOPTER:** Jack Maris and Gary Worthy reported on the status of the helicopter. Salina Technical College is presently working on the aircraft at no charge to the county, other than for parts if they cannot be obtained from the spare helicopter. They expect the helicopter to be ready in two months. They are working with FAA in order to have the aircraft licensed.

**SHERIFF:** Jack Maris reported that Scott Howard has agreed to a salary of \$40 each weekend he is on call. This includes delivering the meals to prisoners. For hours worked, other than delivering meals, he will be paid \$5.00 an hour.

**HEALTH:** Commissioner Unger moved to adjourn to executive session at 10:50 am.m to discuss personnel. Present were the commissioners, county attorney, county clerk and shirley Organ. The executive session adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

-Shirley reported that Wynemah started working full time April 9th. Health insurance will resume in April. Wynemah's work status was reviewed.

-Jane Miller is presently on leave of absence. Shirley briefly discussed the possibility of Jane working on a contractual basis after her baby is born.

**GARY WORTHY/COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR:**

Gary submitted his resignation as coordinator, effective April 30, 1989 because of business and personal obligations.

Commissioner Frick moved, Unger seconded that Lyle Mellick assume these duties. All Agreed. Lyle D. Mellick accepted this position.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Kim Muff presented a summary of work completed on the grant application for the hospital, as requested. This work involved 30½ hours and \$10.00 for postage. The above was not presented as a bill.

-Kim reported that the survey was a success; 52% reported a low to moderate income and 60% of the surveys were returned. The application will be processed with Northwest Kansas Planning & Development.

**MENTAL RETARDATION:** Jim Blume, Paula McElwee and Don Beamgard were present to inform the board that Development Services of Northwest Kansas has applied for a Community Development Block Grant thru the City of Atwood for the expansion and improvement to the Prairie Developmental Center which is located in Atwood. The total cost of the project is \$315,351 with CDBG application amount being \$275,351 and matching funds supplied by the county in the amount of \$40,000. They request therefore that the county continue the ¼ mill levy for the mental retardation building.

Commissioner Cahoj moved, Commissioner Frick seconded to continue the ¼ mill levy for this purpose. All Agreed.

**AIRPORT:** in attendance were Earle Niermeier and Bill Beamgard. The boards reviewed the lease agreement dated December 30, 1989 between the airport commission, Rawlins County and Luke J. Prochazka. Prochazka rents approximately 200 acres of farmland for the sum of \$3750, payable on the 1st day of March, 1989. The rent for 1988 was due on August 1, 1988, due to some problems concerning the execution of the lease agreement. However, the 1988 rent has not been paid because of damage occurring to 3.5 acres of farm ground. Luke previously met with the airport board stating that he would like to delay the 1988 payment in order to determine the extent of crop damage.

The commissioners informed the airport board that they are not to wait on a damage claim as the terms of the lease addresses the damages due to the expansion of the airport facilities. Prochazka is entitled to deduct \$18.75 per acre plus expenses not to exceed \$35.00 per acre on the 3.5 acres.

-Bill Beamgard presented a statement of income and expenses as of 4/11/89.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

APPRAISER: Ralph Hansen of PVD asked for an executive session to discuss personnel at 12:50 p.m. In attendance were commissioners Cahoj and Unger, Ralph Hansen and Jim Hardon of PVD. This session adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

\_ Audrey reported that Kathy Bearley is required to have 30 points in order to remain on the county appraisers eligibility list and asked permission to attend an IAAO-5 course May 8-12. Tuition is \$145.

-In addition, Audrey requested permission to attend an IAAO-201 course May 22-26 with tuition being \$145.

-MOVED by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj to deny both personnel attending the courses. All Agreed.

- Commissioner Cahoj questioned Audrey Dixson concerning personnel; does the county have a personnel problem and/or does the county need to hire additional personnel in order to keep up with the demands of re-appraisal. Audrey replied that there is a personality problem in the office and also feels that additional personnel is needed for the on-going maintenance of re-appraisal.

- Ralph Hansen was concerned whether the county will be doing in-house maintenance or contracting. He was also looking at the deputy's eligibility as he feels Kathy is qualified to handle the maintenance.

Jim Hardon's concern is that Kathy has not started inking on the mylar maps, but does feel that she can handle the job. He reported the county is behind in this area. It was reported earlier that Kathy had not worked on mapping the soil types, she said this was CKB's responsibility. This work has since been completed.

It was also noted that Sall Engineering ended their responsibilities September of 1987.

Mr. Hardon recommended that Audrey check the deeds, finding out exactly which deeds require splits and combinations as it may be cheaper to hire it contracted. The deed log is completed. It was also suggested that the register of deeds office give the appraiser a copy of the deeds.

The general concensus was to give Kathy Bearley 30 days in order to see if she can handle the work requirements.

## HOSPITAL:

The Official Oath of Office was administered to the nine elected hospital board trustees by District Magistrate Judge, Dorothy R. Reinert.

The board will assume their duties May 1st. An educational meeting will be held on February 28th at 8:00 p.m. at the hospital. The organizational meeting will be held May 1st at 8:00 p.m. at the hospital.

-A short meeting was held following the oath regarding possible funding procedures should additional funds be needed. Diane Montgomery left the meeting due to obligations at the school.

Commissioner Cahoj noted that no-fund warrants would be an option and Commissioner Frick stated that should another mill be needed to keep the hospital open, that he and other individuals could raise this by contributions.

- Commissioner Cahoj noted that people have questioned the need for two maintenance men. He also noted that employees seem to go to the board with greivances rather than to the administrator.

-Jeanette Vrbas asked whether the officers for the new board could be elected at this time. Thsi will be done at the organization meeting held on May 1st. Jeanette asked when Rawlins County Hospital, Inc. would cease to exist. Scott Beims replied that Rawlins County Hospital, Inc. can continue as a defunct corporation. He also noted that some wills or bequest have been received to Rawlins County Hospital, Inc.; therefore, a board has been set up for the purpose of receiving this money.

- Commissioner Cahoj stated that should the clinic have extra space, the county needs room to house the county health department.

The elected board will agree to assume obligations of contracts now in effect. When contracts become due, the board will consider them.

## JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT/LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AGREEMENT (LEO):

A draft was reviewed of the LEO agreement which consist of nine members working with the job training partnership act. Commissioner Cahoj will attend a meeting in Hays on April 25th for the purpose of ratifying a local elected officials agreement, select LEO board officers and to draft an additional agreement delineating the LEO and private industry council responsibilities for the JTPA Program.

-Present to review criteria for the JTPA were C.W. Hamilton and Deb Escher. The county will be hiring an employee in the road & bridge department, due to the resignation of Dan Weishapl, and will be working with Escher for on the job training. Through this program, the county can be reimbursed up to 50% of wages paid during the training period ranging from 10 to 36 weeks.

-it was stressed, however that membership in LEO is not required to qualify for the JTPA.

LES LOKER/TAXES: Les Loker inquired via telephone about appealing the delinquent taxes on the old theatre buiding owned by Don Moore in McDnald. According to the treasurers office, delinquent taxes, penalty and interest due from 1981 thru 4/17/89 is \$1237.33. No Action at this time.

ROAD & BRIDGE: USD #318 Superintendent, Ted Jones reported on the bus routes north of Atwood. The storm routes have been graveled, however the bus driver lives one mile from the highway and this road needs graveled bythe next school year.

-Commissioner Cahoj noted that graveling in the McDonald area was extended ¼ mile by authority of Pete.

-reviewed several job applications which were referred to JTPA.

-MOVED by Commissioner Frick, seconded by commissioner Unger to purchase a 1984 Mack truck from Tom Jones, Denver CO. Trading the Brigidare, the cost will be \$14,000. The board feels that the demand for graveled roads is a priority. This wil be purchased from the machinery fund.

Minutes of April 17, 1989 continued.

Road & Bridge;

notified Carroll Ginther of needing to reset REA Poles.

- Scott Pitner presented a bid to install two doors with windows on the north side of the shop and to weather strip the existing overhead door. Installation of the doors is \$1995.00 each and weatherstripping the overhead would be \$610.00. This will be on file in the bid drawer until fall.

- Scott Pitner will begin a two week vacation April 24th.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Robert O. Frick  
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Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

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April 28, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session April 28, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry Cahoj, all members of the board were present.

Chairman Cahoj called a meeting of all courthouse personnel at 8:45 a.m.

COURTHOUSE: approved KN Energy replacing the heating and air conditioning system water and re-charging with new water, anti-freeze and an anti-fungus agent. Estimated quotation is \$1455.00. The county will be responsible to dispose of the waste water.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Kim Muff reported that several homes in the county are considering a "bed and breakfast" business venture. Atwood City presently has several homes available. The chamber of commerce is considering charging a bed tax of 1% to 2% which is added to the total bill at the motel or the bed and breakfast room. This money is sent quarterly to the Department of Revenue and then returned to the local Chamber of Commerce. A commission is set up with equal representation from the groups charging the tax. The money can only be used to promote tourism and is set up in a convention and visitors bureau fund. Should the rural homes get set up for the bed and breakfast rooms, the county would be involved. No action at this time.

- a letter was addressed to the economic development commission thanking Kim for her work on the grant application in behalf of the hospital. Also a letter to N.W. Kansas Planning & Development Commission thanking Darla Knapp and Jennifer Tremblay for their cooperation.

- approved to reimburse Kim for her expenses to attend a conference to be held May 10th at Hays.

- Kim presented a progress report from the economic development council.

HELICOPTER: Jack Maris reported that he has been in contact with Salina Technical Institute. They may need to purchase some new parts which the county will be billed. This will be on the sheriff's budget expense.

TREASURER: Cheryl Wederski reported that the last tax sale was held in 1980. The county presently has \$17,833.07 in delinquent taxes from the years 1980 to 1985. After September, we can pick up the delinquent 1986 year. Commissioner Frick moved, Commissioner Cahoj seconded, all agreed to proceed with a tax sale after September.

APPRAISER: Kathy Bearley reported that the schooling she had asked to attend and was denied at the meeting held April 17th will cost her eligibility if the required hours are not gained by July 1st. Commissioner Unger moved, Commissioner Frick seconded, all agreed to grant permission for Kathy to attend the school. Her pay will continue during this time, however she will be responsible for all expenses. This will not affect her vacation.

- Kathy noted the inking is about 40% completed.

- Audrey reported that the oil valuation is 1,403,355 which reflects a loss of 775,280 from last year. Audrey was asked about Kathy's work. In addition to the inking, Kathy has been entering personal property in the computer.

- the hearings report submitted by Ralph Hansen reflects 784 informal hearings completed and CKB preparing to make adjustments as the result of the informal hearings. Notices of changes have not been mailed.

ATTORNEY: Scott Beims noted that on the voucher submitted by Charles Peckham, he feels the time is excessive. With the approval of the board, Scott would like to trade cases with the Decatur County Attorney when there is a conflict of interest. Approved.

AIRPORT: Scott Beims will pursue the rent due from Luke Prochazka for airport land.

CANCER INSURANCE: Darryl Luedke, representing Capitol American presented a cancer and intensive care insurance plan for consideration. No action.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Pete reported the gravel for sealing oil would have to be hauled from Trenton NE.

Commissioner Unger moved, Frick seconded to hire Steve Chessmore at \$4.25 an hour.

-windows on a maintainer were shot out recently. The board agreed to offer a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of this criminal damage. Also discussed replacing damaged road signs.

- the price of oil for re-sealing has been locked in at last years price.

- the Herndon shop has an old air compressor with the motor burnt out. Will accept bids on this.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Member

May 15, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session May 15, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj. Commissioner Unger was present, Commissioner Frick absent.

The minutes of the board meeting held April 28, 1989 were approved as distributed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Kim Muff reported on the Forum "89" Conference held May 10th in Hays. This was a very beneficial meeting and Kim was able to make some business contacts at the resource fair. The county will reimburse Kim for expenses to this conference.

Transient Guest Tax: Kanti Patel of the Crest Motel expressed his concern regarding the proposed county guest tax. He is against the tax as he is afraid he will lose business. Kim noted that the owner of the Lakeside Motel is against the tax, however the manager feels it would be beneficial. Kim estimates Rawlins County will pull in \$2000.00 a year.

- The board asked Kim for figures from the bed and breakfast businesses as to their income in order to determine the benefits.
- Commissioner Cahoj noted that Senate Bill 49 addresses the state prison overcrowding problem and Senate Bill 6 concerns hazardous waste. As Kim will be attending the Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission meeting in the near future, Mr. Cahoj asked Kim to check with Ned Webb in this regard.

MENTAL HEALTH: Wayne Lofland, Doyle Beangard, Roberta Hornung and John Peptis presented an update on patient care in Rawlins County, representing an 8% increase. They also report a 19% increase in out-patient care. According to a graph, there has been a insignificant increase in therapist. The therapist, on an average, see 8 patients a day. There is a 3 to 4 week waiting list, except for emergencies. A counselor comes to the hospital in Atwood once a week for patient care.

APPRAISAL: Terry Ballard visited briefly concerning the upcoming formal hearings and the map maintenance. He will meet with the board on April 31st in this regard.

-Marsha Curry met with the board. She is interested in working for the county on the on-going map maintenance. She has worked for Conley, Kight & Bosley the past two years on data collection. Marcia said she would require \$6.25 an hour, in addition to fringe benefits. No action taken.

Audrey reported that she feels Marsha would be good help for the re-appraisal maintenance. The board asked Audrey to draw up a work plan involving the present duties for herself and for Kathy in order to assess the time needed for re-appraisal.

SOLID WASTE: A notice will be placed in the Citizen Patriot concerning disposal delivered to the landfill and the landfill hours.

BURNING BAN: Commissioner Cahoj reported that Rural Fire District #3 is concerned about the number of fires in the area recently. Due to a recent rain, the board took no action at this time but encourages anyone contemplating burning to first call the fire department.

COUNTY HEALTH: Shirley Organ presented a notice to be posted stating that the courthouse is a drug-free work place. This is in accordance with federal regulations.

- Shirley reports that Jane Miller would like to submit her resignation but continue to work on a contractual basis. Shirley will draw up a contract in this regard which will not include fringe benefits.
- chlorestal screenings are continuing on a quarterly basis. The county has screened 307 individuals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Cahoj moved to adjourn to executive session at 11:50 a.m. to discuss health department personnel. In attendance were Commissioners Cahoj, Unger, County Clerk Meredith Hrnchir, County Attorney Scott Beims and Shirley Organ. Executive session adjourned at 11:55 with no action taken.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

It was noted that the newly purchased Collins Ambulance arrived May 10th.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Pete reported that replacing approximately 70 road signs will cost \$30.00 each, due to vandalism.

Motion by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Commissioner Unger to replace FAS road signs, including curve and stop signs.

- Josh Biera will work part time this summer at \$4.00 an hour.
- discussed a bill presented from FEG Interest of Eureka, KS. in the amount of \$1983.99. This is the cost of replacing an oil line when working on the Franklin Bridge. No Action.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

May 31, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session May 31, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj. Commissioner Unger was present, Commissioner Frick absent.

The minutes of the board meeting held May 15, 1989 were approved, as distributed.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Kanti Patel of the Crest Motel, Atwood was present with his video camera to discuss with Kim Muff the transient guest tax proposed to be collected in Rawlins County. Kim explained that the procedure in order to establish the tax is by resolution through the city or the county. The transient guest tax law falls under K.S.A. 12-1692, 12-16,101 and under the terms of the act, a business has to have eight rooms or more to qualify. The bed and breakfast, as an association, would qualify through the county. Kim estimates the revenue derived from the bed and breakfast association to be approximately \$56.00.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Chairman Cahoj that the request by the economic development council for a county wide transient guest tax be rejected. Approved.

**RE-APPRAISAL:** Albert Hardon, hearing officer and Audrey Dixon presented an update on the formal hearings conducted by Hardon. To date, there have been 26 individuals schedule an appointment for a hearing.

-approved Kathy Bearley attending a CAMA report meeting in Topeka June 26 - June 29 and Audrey in Salina July 24 - July 27.

-the board asked Audrey to have a report on the time spent in her office on re-appraisal and why she feels they need more help.

-Audrey suggested that the retainage to CKB be withheld until the training listed in the contract is fulfilled.

**AIRPORT:** Earle Niermeier met with the board concerning the 1988 rent due from Luke Prochazka. Earle had suggested to Luke that he make a full payment, the airport board could then reimburse him for the damaged crop, however his attorney did not agree. At this time they are waiting for measurements of certification from the ASCS office as they have three opinions on the acreage involved. Earle will have a report on the settlement by the next meeting.

**HEALTH:** Jane Miller submitted her resignation, which was accepted. Agreed that Jane will work on a contractual basis at the same hourly wage of \$5.55 an hour but with no fringe benefits.

-Wynemah Cox is scheduled to resume her position as Administrator on June 9th. The board discussed options of whether to continue her employment or to continue the probationary period. The county policy was reviewed with the county attorney. An evaluation was submitted by Shirley Organ and signed by Dr. Satchell, along with a notation. Dr. Satchell will also submit an evaluation as County Health Officer.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Unger, seconded by Chairman Cahoj to terminate the employment of Wynemah Cox, effective June 9, 1989.

Commissioner Cahoj commented that he is convinced this decision is made for the protection of the citizens.

**ELEVATOR/MIDWEST ENERGY:** Granted permission for Midwest Energy to set an anchor and pole for the power line to the courthouse for the elevator.

**COURTHOUSE:**

**TELEPHONES-** meeting with the board were all offices, requesting permission to pursue the cost of purchasing touch-tone telephones. Permission was granted.

**CLEANING -** discussed briefly the extra cleaning required because of the elevator construction. This was tabled with no action.

**INSURANCE:** Darryl Luedke discussed the cost of an accidental death with group life insurance for all employees. This will be reconsidered before January 1st of 1990.

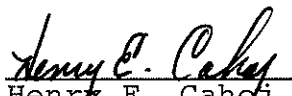
**HANDBOOK:** The board will review the sick leave policy and the vacation policy at the next meeting to be held June 19th.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Signed a sand & gravel lease with Patrick Ryan. Accepted the bid of \$50.00 from Tim Solko for the used air compressor. Agreed to sell an old scraper to Peterson Construction for \$3000.00.

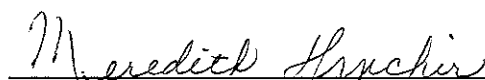
- the crews are graveling and have started spraying the shoulders for weeds.

Commissioner Cahoj noted that the crews should also be putting in the crossings needed before harvest.

-Bill Wahrman was a visitor.

  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

  
Charles E. Unger, Member

  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

June 19, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session June 19, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj with commissioner Unger present.

RESOLVED, That the Board of commissioners, with a deep sense of loss, records the death of Commissioner Robert O. Frick on May 9, 1989. County offices were closed the afternoon of May 12, 1989 for the funeral.

The minutes of the board meeting held May 21, 1989 were approved as distributed.

EXTENSION COUNCIL BUDGET was approved with the county appropriation being \$58,800. The council noted that K-State has mandated that the beginning salary for agents begin at \$20,000. The match from K-State will be \$11,412. The council has interviewed several candidates. Candidates are required to have a BS in Agriculture and also to meet various K-State requirements.

SOIL CONSERVATION BUDGET was approved, with the county appropriation being \$6500.

FAIR BUDGET was approved at \$14,000.

ELEVATOR: Norman Luedke and David Wilson, architect were present. The board approved the pay request to Luedke of \$1489.74 to be paid June 30th by the county.  
-approved a change order in the amount of \$113.68 involving moving the air tank in the furnace room. This will be deducted from the architect fees.  
-the county is responsible for the cost of \$801.80 to relocate the A T & T telephone cables.  
-noted that concrete on the north side of the courthouse is breaking, possibly from a buried septic tank. Upon completion of the elevator, this will be checked.  
-the elevator itself has not arrived; Luedke will contact Montgomery Elevator Company today as to the delivery date.

AIRPORT: Luke J. Prochazka has not paid the 1988 rent settlement, as requested by this date. Chairman Cahoj consulted with the county attorney and asked that the contract be declared void if the rent is not paid by 5:00 p.m.

SOLID WASTE: Darrel Weber reported that the township is no longer accepting old concrete dumped around the lake area. It is not acceptable at the landfill itself and asked the board to designate an area to dump the concrete. The board asked Darrel to fill the ditch on the east side of the road going to the burnsite. It will then be covered with dirt.  
-Darrel also noted that the ditch for the water line has settled some 12" to 18" and could be a hazard for livestock. He will contact Gordon Crowdis in this regard.

COUNTY POLICY: The board agreed to include on item #3 in the fringe benefit policy handbook that a two week advance notice is required for vacation of five days or longer. The county clerk will devise a leave request form to be completed by all employees when requesting any type of leave. This form can then be approved or disapproved by the department head and kept in the employees file.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING: Mr. C.J. Sattler was appointed to serve on the advisory council, replacing Mr. Henry Bruhn who is deceased.

BEER LICENSE was granted to "Ludell Days."

AMBULANCE: Claude Kisling reported that the new ambulance is working well and the technicians are pleased with the unit.

HEALTH: Shirley Organ presented the Healthy Start Grant to be signed. She reported that beginning July 1st, 60% will be funded by the grant and 40% by the State. Currently 40% is funded by the county. The grant was approved.  
-The board also approved the Basic Service Grant.  
-The proposed move to the clinic was tabled.

CANCER INSURANCE: Charles Krull of American Family discussed the county's present policy, premium payback and the possibility of accidental death with group life insurance as a future benefit. No action taken.

HOSPITAL: The future of the Rawlins County Hospital is in question, therefore, the Chairman of the County Commission and the Chairman of the Hospital Board has called for a Special Joint Meeting to be held. This public meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. on June 26th at the Grade School Auditorium.

APPRAISAL: Terry Ballard and Audrey Dixson presented the monthly appraisal billing progress report for C K & B. This contract will be paid in June, except for the 10% retainage.  
-discussed the on-going map maintenance with Ballard. The board will review information contained in the report from Audrey on hours spent in her office on re-appraisal and on regular office business at the next meeting. Ballard feels that the county needs a total review and that he can provide the necessary maintenance in order to continue the maintenance in all offices.

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COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Lavern Chvatal met with the BOE concerning two parcels. The board will review the information presented by Chvatal and the appraiser will present further information at the next meeting. A final determination will be made at that time.

PIONEER COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT, Inc. requested a letter of support on behalf of the economic excellence program to develop a regional industrial development booklet that will be available to all communities in N.W. Kansas to assist them with business prospects. This application will be directed to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for grant assistance. Approved.

ROAD & BRIDGE: The crews have been working on entrances in preparation for harvest and spraying ditches. The Hubbard road will be finished, back slopes completed at a later date.

-hired Arnold Hoxsey at \$4.25 an hour to replace Steve Chessmore, who resigned.

-hired Marcus Prochazka at \$4.00 an hour for part time summer help.

-recommended updating two vehicles; the shop pickup has over 100,000 miles.

-approved selling the old dump truck for \$500.

-Scott noted that the county was reimbursed nearly \$2600 from Federal Gas tax refunds.

Gordon Brantly was in attendance from 9:00 until 10:15 a.m.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Member

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

June 26, 1989

A Special Joint Meeting of the County Commissioners and the Hospital Board was called by the Chairman of the Commissioners and the Chairman of the Hospital Board. This public meeting was held in the Grade School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Representative Fred Gatlin was moderator for the panel consisting of Henry E. Cahoj, Charles E. Unger, Commissioners; Atwood City Mayor Robert Creighton, McDonald City Mayor Raymond Johnson, Herndon Representative Ron Beims and the seven remaining members of the hospital board.

More than 500 people from all parts of the county were in attendance. The crowd indicated by standing vote that they are in favor of the hospital remaining open as a full service hospital and that they would vote should a additional mill levy question be presented in a future election.

A number of people presented questions to be answered by the panel members and also gave their comments regarding the hospital. It was suggested that a public meeting be held annually in order to keep the public informed.

No action was formally taken at this informative public meeting.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Member

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

June 30, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session June 30, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj. Commissioner Unger was present.

The minutes of the board meeting held June 19, 1989 were approved as distributed.

Board of Equalization Hearings were held June 29th for the State Bank of Atwood (two parcels), Carole Luedders, Charles Peckham, Larry Kogl, Verol Bergling and Darrel Weber.

The Board of Equalization Hearing Appeals were conducted June 30th with hearings held for John Mickey, Raymond Wahrman, Dennis Worley and Leonard Wilkinson. The results of these hearings will be recorded in the hearing -tracking records of the reappraisal process.

The Board requested to the Director of Property Valuation an extension to July 15, 1989 in order to complete Board of Equalization Hearings and to certify valuations.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COUNCIL: Donna Beims and Rod McFee presented brochures and information presented to the public from ADAC. Approved the budget request; same as last year.

HEALTH: Shirley Organ reported that Jane Miller will not be working even on a contractual basis, but is willing to train whoever is hired to replace her. Approved part time help to work three times a week at \$4.00 an hour. Also approved hiring an LPN or RN to work part time at \$5.50 an hour. Shirley also mentioned that the department is looking at cutting the hours the department is open to the public.

- the 1990 budget was presented. Depending on the recommendation of the county auditors, the tax request could be lowered from last year.
- the county attorney reported he has been in touch with the attorneys for Wynemah Cox. The county will not oppose the request for unemployment insurance for Wynemah.

SHERIFF: Jack Maris reported that Scott Howard resigned. Approved hiring Lindsey Cooper to work weekends and to be on call. Cooper is employed by the City and would not have to complete the schooling required. This would also save some hourly wages. - approved adding one hour to the dispatchers wages for each meal picked up by the dispatcher.

AIRPORT: discussed the delinquent 1988 rent due from Luke Prochazka, which was not paid by 5:00 p.m. on June 19th. As noted in the minutes of June 19th, if the rent was not paid, the contract would be declared void. The county attorney noted that the lease expires February of 1990. According to the terms, Prochazka has the right to harvest wheat. The papers are ready to terminate tenancy, however Scott recommends suing for the 1988 rent and not renew the lease. Upon the recommendation of the county attorney, it was determined by the board to sue Luke J. Prochazka for unpaid 1988 rent.

ELEVATOR: Darla Knapp presented the quarterly progress report #4 which was signed by the chairman. The board feels the elevator shaft needs a casing and asked Darla to relay this to the architect. Signed change order number 4 in the amount of \$284.20. This will provide a two-tone plastic laminate in the interior of the elevator.

- The hospital grant was discussed. This was not approved through the grant process, however the grant will be resubmitted in September.

NOXIOUS WEED: Ron Vrbas met with the board concerning calls received from Lew Wederski stating that he had reported noxious weeds growing; they were not sprayed but he has been billed. Ron and Janet Stice verified that since Ron has been the director, the only noxious weeds sprayed in the area were in the ditch and Mr. Wederski was not billed.

ROAD & BRIDGE: the county incurred major damage due to a flood on June 29th. there is no way at this time to assess the extent of damage, a partial list of bridges and culverts damaged include: Frank Pochop bridge, Dick Roesch fill washed out, Marvin Waterman bridge, bridge north of Koons, fill east of Gilbert Frisbie and Henry Balik, Joe Kogl bridge, Kramer bridge, John Pianalto bridge, the slab south of Wilbur Leebrick, road washed out west of Louis Sabatka and south of Edgar Skolout, Allacher bridge, bridge east of Wilcie Robbins approach. Many bridges are undermined, this damage will be assessed when there is time to examine all the bridges and the roads. Penco Engineering will be requested to help. - the service pole at the McDonald shop fell on the gas meter; this is county responsibility. -Approved the request by the Atwood City Mayor and the Atwood township Board to help with flood damage on the north shore of Lake Atwood this day. -sold a 1959 dump truck to Ed Cahoj for \$500.

The Board will reconvene July 3rd for the purpose of appointing the county appraiser pursuant to K.S.A. 19-430 and to hear further Board of Equalization Appeals.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman  
Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

July 3, 1989

In compliance with K.S.A.19-430, Rawlins County Commissioners met in special session July 3, 1989 for the purpose of appointing a county appraiser. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj, with Commissioner Unger present.

Upon request of the board, Terry Ballard, Rebecca Lang and Audrey Dixson were present.

The appraisers office has requested additional help to enable them to continue the on-going maintenance required as a result of reappraisal, as well as perform other duties required in the office. Therefore, the board approved to continue the contract with C.K. & B of Kansas, Inc. in the amount of \$31,250.00. Terry Ballard will be the consultant in charge. It was suggested that CK & B services be used on a declining basis with the appraisers office assuming more of the responsibility. A "phase responsibility chart" which indicates the distribution of responsibility between CK & B and Rawlins County insures that the level of expertise will be available to most economically achieve reappraisal for the upcoming year.

The board also hired Rebecca Lang at \$5.00 an hour to begin July 10th. There will be a six month probation period.

The County Commissioners are required by statute to adopt a Resolution appointing or reappointing a county appraiser on the first day of July.

A concern before the board is whether to consider the reappointment of Audrey Dixson as county appraiser because of the internal problems in her office. Upon Audrey's confirmation that she will be the administrator and will assume full responsibility of her office, it was moved by Commissioner Unger to sign the resolution reappointing Audrey Dixson as Rawlins County Appraiser. Chairman Cahoj seconded the motion; the resolution was signed and the Division of Property Valuation notified of the appointment.

Following further discussion, the board stated they will support Audrey. Records should be kept if problems concerning the deputy continue to exist.

The board then requested Kathy Bearley's attendance, along with Ballard, Lang and Dixson to confirm the above actions. They stated that all personnel in the office will be required to work in all facets of the office. Commissioner Unger stated that the goal of the board is to have the best run appraisers office in the area!

Kathy reported a 94% test score at a recent school she attended.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARING APPEALS were conducted for Nadine Wolters, Helen Kogl and Arkie Snodgrass for McDougal-Sager Grain company.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Pete reported on bridge damages; they will temporarily be installing culverts until bridge construction can begin. This will allow farmers to use the roads during harvest.

- Ed Cahoj purchased a second dump truck in the amount of \$200.00.

- The county will apply for disaster funds in order to replace bridges and to repair county roads damaged by the recent floods. Pete will be working with Penco Engineering in this endeavor.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir,  
County Clerk

July 17, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session July 17, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj. All members of the board were present.

John Mickey was sworn into office by District Magistrate Judge Dorothy R. Reinert as Commissioner for the 2nd District. John Mickey was appointed by Governor Mike Hayden to fill the unexpired term of office created by the death of Robert O. Frick. In accordance with K.S.A. 19-203, this term will expire at the next general election to be held November of 1990.

The minutes of the board meetings held June 30 and July 3, 1989 were approved as distributed.

AIRPORT BOARD: John Mickey was appointed to serve on the airport board. He was given an update on the unpaid 1988 rent due from Luke J. Prochazka.

SOLID WASTE: Appointed as representatives to a Regional Task Force on Solid Waste were Henry E. Cahoj and Virgil Portschy.

CORRECTIONS: reviewed a proposed interlocal agreement presented by District Judge Keith Willoughby. If approved, this would be one means of complying with Senate Bill No. 49, mandating the Community corrections Act. This was referred to the County Attorney and will be acted upon at the July 31st meeting.

The new manager of the Citizen-Patriot, Steve Highlander, was introduced by Marge Crabb. The Citizen-Patriot is now owned by the McCook Gazette.

DANIEL VAP/SPRAY DAMAGE: David Horinek and Daniel Vap were in attendance to report damage to his sunflower crop, possible from Banvel sprayed by the county in the road ditch. The crop was planted June 14th with damage noticed 10 days later to 60% of the 81 acres planted. Representatives from K-State and Farmland Industries have identified Banvel. Horinek had been hired to apply prowl at the time of planting and aerial sprayers had been spraying 2-4D in the area. Commissioner Cahoj asked for a statement to the above information from Horinek to be submitted to the insurance adjuster. Mr. Vap reported the expenses to be \$3463.45.

The board noted that the county has been spraying road ditches for six or seven years; this is the first claim of this nature.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Penco Engineering reports the damage to the county roads and bridges to be \$1,502,500.00. The county will apply for disaster funds. If approved, the federal government will fund 75%, the State 10% and 15% will be derived from local funds.

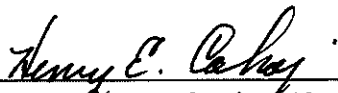
- Pete presented a list of persons farming past the center of the ditches. This was referred to the county attorney.
- Until state engineers view the damaged bridges, the county will temporarily fix the areas for traffic.
- Frick Construction of McCook requested they be included in bids for any type of construction projects.
- an application for employment was requested by John Martin.


PITNER RESIGNATION: The board accepted the resignation of Randy (Scott) Pitner, effective August 1st. Scott will train Joe Adams who was hired as secretary at a salary of \$5.00 an hour, plus benefits.

- Pete will be on vacation July 20th & 21st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Cahoj moved to adjourn to executive session at 10:03 a.m. to discuss road department personnel. In attendance were Commissioners Cahoj, Unger and Mickey, County Clerk Meredith Hrnchir and road supervisor, Virgil Portschy. Executive session adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

  
Charles E. Unger, member

  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

  
John Mickey, member

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July 31, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session July 31, 1989. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj. All members of the board were present.

The minutes of the board meeting held July 17th were approved as distributed.

CUSTODIAN: Lana Reuber reported that the tiles beneath the sinks in the downstairs restrooms need to be replaced.

- the mens restroom needs vented.
- the metal strip on the inside door, first floor needs repaired.
- the carpets need repaired at the seams. Jerry Kraft will be contacted in this regard.
- approved shelves in two closets for supplies.
- Lana requested a raise; she is presently paid \$280 a month. As the elevator project has increased the work load, it was moved by Commissioner Cahoj and seconded by Commissioner Mickey to grant a \$400 bonus. All agreed. An increase in salary will be considered in January.

KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT: Signed a Resolution authorizing Rawlins County to participate in the Kansas community Corrections Act. (KSA 75-5290).

In conjunction with the Resolution, the board also signed an interlocal agreement pursuant to KSA 12-2904, whereby the county agrees to enter into a contract with other counties in northwest Kansas to establish a community corrections board and program as mandated by Senate Bill 49 of the 1989 legislative session.

The resolution and agreement are on file in the county clerks office.

HOSPITAL: Discussed various concerns of the hospital board which include the 1990 budget request, uncollected accounts and their efforts in hiring an administrator, a director of nurses and a medical technician.

According to the freeze mandated by re-appraisal, the taxes collected to fund the 1990 budget will be the same as collected to fund the 1989 budget. At this time, the hospital is predicting a loss in 1990 of \$374,000 and therefore are looking at the possibility of issuing a no-fund warrant in the amount of \$188,000, if approved.

They also discussed changing the fiscal year to end December 31st rather than on June 31st.

The hospital will be mailing letters notifying persons with delinquent accounts of their intent to turn these accounts over to a collection agency. They noted, however it is not their intention to mail letters to those who are making an attempt to pay. In attendance were Willard Coffin, Jeannette Vrbas, Frank Buk and Kevin Finley.

SHERIFF: Jack Maris reported that the Renault sold for \$50.00. The remaining items will sell at the next consignment auction. Jack emphasized the need for additional room in order to book prisoners and room for the lawyers to visit with the prisoners. Moving the county health department to another location was discussed. An alternate location for the department is not available at this time.

- Jack reports the patrol cars need to be replaced and the lights located on top of the cars need to be red rather than blue. He was directed to pursue these areas and report at the August 21st meeting.
- The undersheriff will be attending the required school in Hutchinson for 8 weeks beginning August 20th.

The sheriff and the county attorney requested that a Special drug enforcement fund be established in the sheriffs department with the amount being \$1000.

Jack will check with the county drug and alcohol abuse council as to the possibility of sharing this expense. The auditors will also be consulted.

SOLID WASTE: Commissioner Cahoj has received complaints of trash blowing from untarped vehicles along highway 25 to the landfill.

The sheriff reports interviewing some individuals along the route. Most report they have noticed a little increase in trash since the landfill was moved south of Atwood. However they are more concerned about accidents as they turn into the site.

The board issued the following press release: There have been complaints raised by residents along highway 25 concerning the trash blowing off of trucks, pickups and trailers on the way to the landfill. After discussion, it was decided that it was not necessary at this time to require loads to be tarped, however, the sheriff's office has been asked to patrol the area on trash days and to ask the city's cooperation in this matter also. It is in violation of State law for anyone to haul any load, including trash, and allow the same to blow off on the road, ditch or private property.

The commissioners ask that everyone take extra precautions to prevent trash blowing off of their loads on private property or on the roads or ditches. It is felt that if everyone is a little more careful, that more drastic measures will not be necessary.

COMPUTER: signed a six month maintenance agreement with Computer Services in the amount of \$3720.

TREASURER: Cheryl Wederski received permission for her office to close during the noon hour on August 16th in order to permit her office personnel to participate in the district treasurers meeting to be held in Rawlins County.

Minutes of July 31st continued:

APPRAISER: Kathy Bearley, deputy appraiser resigned her position, effective August 1st. She would like to remain as cartographer on a contractual basis in the appraisers office. Her charge would be \$7.50 an hour to read the deeds, continue the deed log and data entry, or \$10.00 an hour if there are map changes involved. Audrey noted that the maps are an expensive part of the reappraisal process and Kathy is highly qualified for this job.

The board adjourned for lunch at 12:10.

Audrey Dixson and Terry Ballard were present at the afternoon session. The board questioned whether the appraisers office could function properly with two full time persons and a part time person or whether the office requires three full time persons. Ballard replied that in his opinion the office needs three full time persons. Ownership mapping maintenance is not difficult but needs to be done right. He is qualified for map maintenance and will help in this area. The office personnel will need to attend mapping schools as soon as possible, however. Commissioner Cahoj noted that Marcia Curry is willing to work at the same wage paid Becky Lang. She is also qualified in data collection. Marcia was called and interviewed. Commissioner Unger moved, Mickey seconded to hire Marcia at \$5.00 an hour, starting August 1st.

- It was agreed at this time not to hire Kathy Bearley on a contractual basis.
- Approved a bookcase for the appraisers office.
- Becky Lang asked the board some questions concerning vacation and sick leave.

ELEVATOR: Signed Change order #5 in the amount of \$113.68 which was approved June 30th. This order is to raise the existing expansion tank in the boiler room to permit the installation of the hoist equipment enclosure.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Pete reported that Penco Engineering stated that due to the recent flooding, the Federal bridge projects from the five year plan will be let in June or July of 1990. These projects will be the Scott Bridge (77 C-2791-0) and the Tony Weishapl bridge (77 C-2553-01).

- it was noted that Mary Scott does not want a culvert installed. The county will use a by-pass until the federal project is let.
- a by-pass will also be used at John Pianalto and Joe Kogl's at this time.
- Penco Engineering recommended replacing the Roesch bridge.
- Mike Leitner reports the road by Frank Reinert needs worked.
- Commissioner Cahoj reported that the dump truck recently sold to Ed Cahoj is working. Apparently the county mechanics did not install the synthesizer correctly.
- when installing the telephone cable on #319 road south of McDonald, the road was damaged. Pete was instructed to keep track of the time involved in repairs.
- in the future, roads that are pretty level, the county will not put in culverts leading to the fields. Crossings will be installed.
- complaints have been received that Maaske and Sabatka does not put the maintainer blade down. The roads are washboarding, especially on curves. Jeannette Vrbas was in attendance and verified that the Blakeman road is washboard, particularly on the curve. There is not enough gravel and the hill is only partially graveled.
- the metal shop at McDonald needs some repair as a result of the recent storm.
- Charles Vap asked about the road project by his place. The board replied that this will be delayed several years as a result of the flooding.
- the board received a call from Willard Miller of the Levant area in regard to the letters issued by the county attorney regarding farming of the road ditches. A press release will be issued clarifying the county's policy and a copy mailed to Mr. Miller. It was noted by Commissioner Cahoj that the right of way on highway 36 is not violated; the county right of way should not be farmed.
- Albert Holub turned in a bill for \$167 to replace eye glasses which were broken when hauling gravel. This was denied by the insurance company.

The board adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, member

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

John Mickey  
John Mickey, member

August 21, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session with all members present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj. Deputy County Clerk, Janet Stice took minutes due to the absence of the County Clerk.

The minutes of the board meeting held July 31, 1989 were approved.

**SOLID WASTE:** Darrel Weber presented the land fill "report card" to the board. The landfill was inspected by Karen Schmidt out of the Hays office of the Department of Health & Environment. The landfill was marked satisfactory on all counts. - County Attorney Beims will check with Mueller-Sirhall Engineering as to whether the old landfill site is ready to be officially closed according to state regulations. Closing of the old landfill site was part of the airport grant.

**HOSPITAL:** Board members Joe Kanak III and Kenneth Micek along with acting administrator, Willard Coffin met with the commissioners to discuss budgets and options on funding the hospital. Issues discussed were donations vs. tax increases, foundation funds, increased revenue with a third doctor. Acting administrator Coffin reported on the search for an administrator. They will decide between three candidates possibly by Wednesday. They also feel they have an excellent candidate for director of nursing. The hospital board will be back with a final presentation of monies needed on September 29th.

**COUNTY HEALTH:** Shirley Organ reported to the commissioners that Pati Heble has resigned her position as bookkeeper for the health department. Pati will be furthering her education. Shirley inquired to the possibility of hiring a full time bookkeeper/secretary. Commissioner Cahoj feels that time could be more efficiently used in the health department and as of right now a part time secretary is all that is needed.

**KIM MUFF,** Atwood Chamber director, accompanied by David Blaylock from KN Energy reported on a Sunflower roasting plant to go in buildings leased from Marlin Lillich west of Ludell. Dupont Enterprises, Inc. are inquiring of the most feasible way of funding a natural gas line costing \$118,000. Kim mentioned various ways the pipeline could be funded by block grants, and attorney Beims suggested Industrial Revenue Bonds.

David Blaylock told the commissioners that it is now possible for a natural gas line to be run to the county shop. The commissioners will be checking in to this.

**COMPUTER:** Chairman Cahoj spoke over the phone with Bill Turman, Computer Services of Kansas, about the cost of adding additional blocks to our system 36. No decision was made at this time.

**SHERIFF:** Jack Maris, sheriff, reported to the commissioners that ADAC has offered to help with the drug enforcement program if the county agrees to reimburse them should they need their money for other things. This was agreed.

- Bill Finley, undersheriff is presently attending law enforcement schooling in Hutchinson.

- Jack noted that there will be 1986 & 1987 Plymouth vehicles available from the Kansas Highway Patrol in the near future. The commissioners approved Jack putting in a request for a 1987 model. Jack will also check into prices for a four-wheel drive vehicle to be considered for the next fiscal year.

- the light bars will need repaired or replaced on the existing sheriff vehicles.

**COASTAL OIL:** no decision made at this time on the coastal oil appeal.

The treasurers bond was signed by the commissioners.

Commissioner Unger moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickey to renew the membership with N.W. Kansas Planning & Development for the 1990 fiscal year.

A sympathy card was sent from the commissioners to Plainville Commissioner Bud Archer on the death of his wife.

Commissioner Cahoj called county attorney Scott Beims in regards to the recovery of money due the county on the 1988 lease of airport land to Luke Prochazka. A suit will be filed.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** it was reported that federal disaster funds to the county to help repair roads & bridges damaged by the flood, has been denied. Colonel Weed phoned the county clerk with the news. No official letter has been received at this time, however Commissioner Mickey reported that the Governor has received a notice to that effect. The commissioners discussed with Pete which bridges and roads need the most immediate attention at this time. School bus routes will get first priority. Pete will contact the State Highway Dept. on obtaining tubes. Commissioners Unger and Mickey accompanied Pete to observe the roads and bridges in need of repairs. The meeting was resumed when they returned from the tour.

At 4:00 pm the commissioners met in executive session to discuss personnel problems. The session ended at 4:13.

The county attorney was directed to write Dennis Worley about the working up of an open road. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

*Henry E. Cahoj*      *Charles E. Unger*      *John Mickey*      *Janet Stice, Deputy*  
Henry E. Cahoj      Charles E. Unger      John Mickey      Janet Stice, deputy

August 31, 1989

Rawlins County Commisisoners met in regular session August 31, 1989 with all members present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj.

The minutes of August 21, 1989 were approved as distributed.

Citizen Patriot editor, Mark Kind was introduced by Steve Highlander.

**ELEVATOR:** In attendance were architect David Wilson, Norman Luedke, Darla Knapp & Jennifer Tremblay of NWKS Planning & Development Commission. Final inspection of the newly constructed elevator was completed. Some deficiencies were noted and should be corrected by September 18th. A manual is located in the service room. A key to the service room is located in the county clerks office as well as in the sheriffs office.

Luedke will submit the final billing to the architect for approval and will be included on the final drawdown from NWKSP&D.

The board asked that an estimate to replace the carpet on the 1st floor be obtained from Jerry Kraft as soon as possible. This cost would be included in the grant, if available. Darla will be in contact as to the balance on the grant money.

**COURTHOUSE:** With the completion of the elevator, Service Master will be hired to clean the carpets.

The cleaning staff will be notified to proceed with a thorough cleaning of the entire courthouse. Work release help will be used if available to assist Lana.

**CONCRETE REPAIR AT COURTHOUSE:** Norman Luedke submitted an estimate of \$803.60 to repair the damaged concrete in the parking lot. This was tabled.

**DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF N.W. KANSAS:** James Blume & Paula McElwee presented the annual report. They also presented sewing completed by retarded citizens in the form of a coat, jacket and baby sack. These items are offered for sale. The board approved continuing the funding for DSNWKS., including the building fund.

**INSURANCE:** Ron Beims of the Herndon Insurance Agency presented quotes on a group life insurance policy of \$10,000. The estimated monthly premium based on 44 insured employees is \$255.47. No action at this time.

**AIRPORT:** Rawlins County filed a petition in the district court against Luke J. Prochazka for 1988 rent due from leasing airport ground. The petition is in the amount of \$3750.00.

**SHERIFF:** the department received an evaluation from the State Fire Marshall stating there are no fire safety deficiencies.

The Kansas Department of Corrections have advised the office that the urgent rated deficiency concerning inmate welfare checks have been corrected.

The board referred the sheriff to the minutes of July 20, 1989 which states that there will be no smoking allowed in the courthouse.

There is smoking going on in the sheriffs office and it is to be stopped immediately. A written memo was presented to the sheriff to this effect.

**KAC RESERVATIONS:** The board expressed dissatisfaction regarding their room reservations for KAC and asked the clerk to inform the Kansas Association of Counties.

**INSURANCE POOLING:** KAC is presently conducting a feasibility and implementation study concerning the establishment of a multi-line insurance risk pool for county government.

The county's agents were sent a letter for permission to release a list of all losses on any and all insurance policies for the last five years. In addition, a letter authorizing the KAC and its consultants to obtain all necessary loss information for all workers compensation, property and casualty insurance coverage for the county.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** signed a gravel lease with Gayle Loker.

discussed bridge replacements due to the recent flood. Pete was asked to inspect bridge sites with Merle Francis of "Big R" in order to give recommendations at the September 18th meeting.

-received a letter from the Joe Kramer family and Mary Scott informing them of problems with the road crews working in their area. The letter is on file.

-Cheylin School District #103 noted approximately five miles of roads needing gravel on the bus route. A map was attached.

-Joe Adams reported the service contract on the copier is \$400 a year. The present copier is 13 years old. Agreed not to renew the contract.

-the board received a proposal from Albers Roofing to repair damage to the McDonald Shop Building. This was approved; the cost being \$1000.00. The county insurance paid \$388.00 for damages from the hail storm.

-discussed the new cattle gates installed by C. K. Fisher. Further information will be obtained and guidelines will be considered in the near future.

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SOLID WASTE: received information from Senator Sheila Frahm concerning solid waste disposal and compliance with EPA regulations. Each member was given a copy, as well as Darrel Weber and Atwood City.

BUDGETS: the board expressed concern regarding the general fund budget balance and asked that each office be aware of departmental budget balances.

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John Mickey  
John Mickey, member

September 18, 1989

Rawlins County Commisisoners met in regular session September 18, 1989 with all members of the board present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj.

The minutes of August 31, 1989 were approved as distributed.

APPRAISER: Terry Ballard presented information concerning re-appraisal. The prediction for valuation figures originally was estimated to be a 20% increase. At this time, the county valuation is estimated to be less than a 10% increase. As a result of re-appraisal, Ballard expects taxes on commercial property to double. The office is presently compiling updates on everything pertaining to the tax billing process. The state mandated that parcels be combined, however the county has not had a tax sale for 10 years. This has created a problem because delinquent property will have to be split from the parcels. The treasurer and appraiser also reported a problem discovered as a result of mapping. Some property originally taxed is non-existent. Apparently property has overlapped which affects paving taxes, as well as ad valorem taxes. The county attorney will be consulted and have an opinion at th next meeting in this regard.

Another concern is SOLID WASTE FEES assessed to renters located on exempt property such as the airport owned by the county and city and on school property. This fee is included on the real estate tax statements. It was agreed to amend the resolution dated July 21, 1987 to include exempt property.

Ballard discussed a letter received from property valuation department regarding sales ratio study in the county. Apparently some sales were included in a report which were not valid sales. These will be taken out in order for the report to reflect a correct analysis of sales.

Ballard noted that if the average commercial property tax doubles in the state, then there are inequities in the system.

The appraisers office will work toward compiling an analysis projecting what taxes will do prior to th date tax statements are mailed. This will enable the board to effectively inform the public should questions arise.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY DOOR: Lindsey Cooper presented information on the inside security lock and door located on the ground floor. The lock features an 8 day clock which can be programmed for holidays. Each office would be able to have their own code for access to the building. The upper portion of the door would be glass. A wide-style door, installed was priced at \$993 and the narrow-style door at \$895. The door, with security lock, installed was priced at \$2293.50. No action taken at this time.

AUDIT: John Mapes, CPA of Norton provided background information on the firm of Vick & Mapes. The firm is interested in the audit and budget services to the county. No action taken.

ELEVATOR: David Wilson, architect conducted the final inspection of the elevator. Montgomery Elevator needs to supply to the contractor the remaining lien waver in order for th final papers to be signed and all payments made. The final payment will be \$10,623.63.

RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #2: Dennis Buford had received a request from Williams Natural Gas Company to conduct a fire training exercise at the Levant Station on October 4, 1989. Approval for open burning is required. Approval was authorized by Dennis with the board noting that the county will not be responsible should any damage occur as a result of the fire training exercise.

N.W. KANSAS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS Program is scheduled September 27th in Hill City. Commissioner Mickey was appointed to represent the board.

ATWOOD TOWNSHIP CEMETERY: Commissioner Cahoj reported that the Register of Deeds has been working with Jerry Bell at the township cemetery for the purpose of updating the plat map. The question is whether the township should reimburse the county the salary paid Jane Wolters while Carolyn is out of the office. An appointment will be set with a township official to discuss this.

COURTHOUSE: It was decided to wait for installation of a carpet for the first floor until the decision to replace the security door is made.

BUDGET: Briefly reviewed the proposed 1990 budget. The budget meeting will be held September 29th at 10:00 a.m..

ROAD & BRIDGE: Reviewed the quotation from Big "R" Manufacturing for bridge replacement. Priority replacements include the bridges located at Kogl's, Pianalto's and Robbins. Motion by Commissioner Mickey, seconded by Commissioner Unger to replace the Kogl and Pianalto bridges with steel culverts at a cost of \$10,688.40 each. The Robbins bridge will be replaced with a 6' culvert from the State.

- the department will hire part time help; agreed to offer Gene McDougal or Nick Kane a contract.

Commissioner Cahoj noted that the county has specifications for installing underground pipe across county roadways. A pipe was installed at the Lake Road by Atwood Township without consulting the county. Atwood Township should abide by the rules. The county attorney will notify the township.

- received official notification from the Governor that the disaster funds were denied from the Federal Government.

- Pete reported receiving a bill from the REA in the amount of \$712.00 for replacement of a pole. The county mower hit a guy wire located in the bottom of the ditch on county right-of-way. This apparently knocked the pole down. However, a neighbor stated that the pole has been damaged for years. Pete was asked to obtain a statement to that fact. The board denied the bill.

- Reno Fikan claims the county is not paying for gravel from his pit and is denying access. The county has a large amount of gravel stockpiled. The attorney will be consulted.

- Dennis & Anne Marie Worley asked about closing the south  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of trail road located between sections 27 & 28-1-34. They have discussed this with a neighbor, Kenneth Micek who has no objection. Commissioner Unger noted that Micek suggested closing the additional 1' miles of road north. Worley's stated they had no objection to this. The land involved is located between sections 27 & 28 and sections 21 & 22. Commissioner Unger moved to proceed with the publication on closing 2 mile of road; seconded by Commissioner Mickey. Approved.

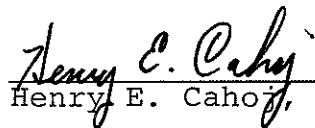
- the crews are presently graveling the bus route south of midway.

- Commissioner Cahoj recommended using white rock on "Old 36" from the oil  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles north. The road has been a problem area because of dumping salt water in past years, making the roadway extremely sick when wet.

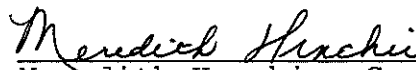
The board were guest of Richard Bates of Martin Tractor at noon.

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST KANSAS: The board received a letter requesting their support of their grant application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for assistance in purchasing the equipment and facilities to provide transportation serviced to the elderly and handicapped in Hays, Ellis, Hill City and Atwood. A letter of support was approved and signed.

The board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman



Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk



Charles E. Unger, Member



John Mickey, Member

September 29, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session September 29, 1989 with all members of the board present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj.

The minutes of September 18, 1989 were approved as distributed.

Warrants were allowed for the month of September in the amount of \$137,846.93.

The 1990 budget hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. The board unanimously voted to adopt the budget as published. There were no appearances from the public present.

NOXIOUS WEED: The Kansas State Board of Agriculture has completed a regional weed survey project. This project was conducted by every state in cooperation with USDA. The result is a system whereby states can monitor the spread of noxious weeds. Of particular concern is the spread of leafy spurge which is known to exist in thirteen Kansas counties. If this weed is not controlled early, it will overtake land, making it almost totally worthless. Severely infested land has been removed from the tax rolls in other states, which erodes the tax base of the county. Leafy Spurge has been reported in Decatur County. The weed supervisor was notified to contact Decatur County in this regard.

LANDFILL: Approved Delos Holle buying old scrap iron located at the landfill at \$5.00 a ton, if salvaged during open hours.  
- Scott Beims will contact Mr. Sirhall, airport engineer, regarding closing the old landfill.

COURTHOUSE: approved installing fluorescent light fixtures at each stairway because of the elevator installation. Tim Wolters will install them at a cost of \$175.00.  
- Moved by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Unger, all approved the bid submitted by Kraft True Value in the amount of \$2340 to replace the CARPET on the first floor. The cost to remove the old carpet will be \$15.00 an hour. The carpet approved is: Perfect Solution in ivory brown. Front Range Carpet's bid was \$2560.45.  
- Agreed to secure the courthouse by replacing the inner door. The County Clerk will notify Lindsey Cooper.

SMOKING: Scott Beims made a formal request that the sheriff's office and jail area be made an official smoking area.  
- agreed that the sheriff's office be designated a smoking area during non-business hours. Jail quarters approved as a smoking area at all times.

MENTAL HEALTH: The board discussed mental health services. Scott Beims suggested a number of counties combining resources to hire a psychiatrist. He feels the tax money would be better spent in this manner than through High Plains Mental Health. The attorneys and the court system is not at all satisfied with the waiting period and the manner in which evaluations are handled.

COASTAL OIL: the court has deemed the oil valuations were improperly valued. Therefore, the case has reversed back to the State Board of Tax Appeals in order to set proper valuations. The county could now request to enter new evidence in the form of reserves. As the county could lose \$40,000, it was approved for Scott Beims to pursue the case.

HOSPITAL: Hospital board members Joe Kanak, Phil Studer, Jeanette Vrbas, Don Grafel and Kenneth Micek, along with the new administrator Mark Hasselbusch and interim administrator, Willard Coffin met with the board.

Joe presented the budget which includes salary increases for personnel who have not had increases in 2 to 3 years, the administrator's salary and lab technicians hired. The funds needed are in the amount of \$465,000, which does not reflect a projected increase in revenue due to Dr. Chestnut's practice. At this time, the hospital has \$56,000 in available reserves and will be out of money in a week. They are getting a line of credit bank loan for \$100,000 with foundation funds as security, if approved by the foundation board on Monday.

The hospital board requested the county issue a NO-FUND WARRANT in the amount of \$290,000.00.

Commissioner Cahoj asked if the previous hospital board and administrator mismanaged funds. Mr. Coffin replied the auditors reported no evidence of mal-function, but there could have been errors in judgement. Joe Kanak replied that he predicted this a year ago.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Unger moved to authorize a No-Fund Warrant of \$290,000 to be paid in four years. Commissioner Mickey seconded the motion; carried.

The county attorney will publish the resolution, subject to a petition submitted by 5% of the voters if there is an objection to the no-fund warrant.

Commissioner Cahoj asked about re-applying for a grant to repair the hospital roof and to replace the elevator. The foundation funds could be used as a match, if approved by the foundation board. The hospital intends to reapply for grant funds. Commissioner Cahoj asked if the clinic has room for the health department. The board will pursue this and will notify the commissioners October 31st.

KIM MUFF reported that Senator Sheila Frahm will be at the landfill October 3rd at 9:30 am to discuss regulations, etc.

Reported Fort Hays State University will present a press conference which is scheduled at the State Bank Meeting Room on October 9th.

Reported that Dupont Enterprises at this time are not coming into Rawlins County.

Economic Development Commission is working on grant applications.

Also working on a natural gas line from Atwood to the county buildings. The estimated cost is \$84,325 with KN Energy standing 25% of the cost. They are hopeful to receive 50% from grant money and 25% on a cost-share basis. Further information is needed to apply, however. The transient guest tax passed in Atwood City.

KAC Questionnaire was completed by the Commission, clerk, treasurer, register of deeds and the county attorney.

ROAD & BRIDGE: In regard to the Reno Fikan gravel pit which was discussed on September 18th, Commissioner Cahoj reported that according to a recent weigh-in ticket, the gravel weighed 16 yards, however the county paid for 18 yards. The county graveled 1.3 miles at Blakeman using 1245 yards at 700 to 800 yards a mile. The cost is figured at \$5 a load. The county will use the gravel stock-piled, if further trouble occurs, we will nto renew the lease. The lease is for five years and was entered into in 1986.

- presently graveling in the Herndon Area. A culvert will be installed at Wilcie Robbins next week.

- discussed the telephone cables. The county has received no word from South-western Bell regarding the bill for road damages when installing cable.

- on #391 road sough of McDonald, Commissioner Cahoj requested it be built flat, to crown it when rocking it.

- Commissioner Unger noted the Ludell road past Weishapl's needs mowing.

The board adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Member

John Mickey  
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October 16, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session October 16, 1989 with all members of the board present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry E. Cahoj.

The minutes of September 29, 1989 were approved as distributed.

ATWOOD TOWNSHIP: Betty Mickey, township clerk was present as requested in order to answer questions concerning the township cemetery as recorded in the minutes of September 18th. Betty reported that Carolyn Marshall, Register of Deeds was asked if she would be willing to work with the township in keeping the cemetery books and map up to date. Carolyn responded on January 13, 1989 that she would be able to perform that service at a charge of \$25 a month. As far as the county hiring another individual to work when Carolyn is not in her office; the township hired Carolyn on a private basis and these concerns should be taken care of by the county.

Commissioner Cahoj noted that elected officials could take vacation time whenever they choose. Betty replied that the contract would be considered again on Jan. 1. The board also discussed the responsibilities of the county, city and the township for maintenance of the lake road. Copies of the past agreements and specs will be forwarded to Betty.

SOLID WASTE: signed a letter from Darrel Weber to Delos Holle accepting the offer of \$5.00 per ton for the heavy scrap iron salvage at the landfill. Guidelines were set out in the letter for Holle to follow, which were accepted. This letter is on file in the "contract book".

The board received a letter from the Department of Health & Environment that on October 5th, the county landfill was inspected to determine compliance with State regulations concerning closure. The method of closure at the former site located north of Atwood (permit #134) was approved by Karen Schmidt.

KAC VOTING DELEGATES were certified by the county clerk as Henry E. Cahoj, with 1st alternate being John Mickey and 2nd alternate, Charles E. Unger.

SHERIFF: Commissioner Cahoj noted that it has come to his attention that a part time dispatcher has been hired to work 30 hours per week for the purpose of qualifying for health insurance benefits. The board questioned the feasibility of this because of one individual receiving the same benefits as those working a full time schedule. The board suggested hiring a person to work a full shift or hire two people to work part time.

CLEANING: the county clerk was asked to notify the custodian of complaints regarding empty waste baskets and dusting.

Approved Ben Harwerth building additional shelves in the courtroom for law books, as requested by Sally Watkins.

HEALTH: reviewed applications to hire a part time secretary for the health department. The applicant will be hired on a six month probationary period, with no insurance benefits provided.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Don Marshall introduced David Yost of Yost Farm Supply, St. Francis Kansas. This is a Ford New-Holland dealership which will have parts available for the county mowers. They would also like to be considered when bids are open for tractors or supplies.

- crews will begin graveling in the McDonald area this week if the graveling is finished in the Herndon district.
- Joe Adams reported all the mowers are down at this time.
- Kenneth Micek notified the board of his intention to protest the requested road closing by Dennis Worley's. The hearing for the closing is set for October 31st at 9:30 am.
- the county clerk was requested to notify Henry Balik that the county cannot do private work.

The board adjourned at 12:25.

We, the undersigned Board of County Commissioners do hereby approve the release of the following bond given by the Farmers Bank & Trust of Atwood Ks. to secure funds deposited with the Farmers Bank & Trust.

\$300,000.00 Federal National Mortgage Association  
Series SM-19891 Receipt #212719 Dated 2/2/87  
Rate 9.85000 Maturity date 11/10/89

Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

*Meredith Hrnchir*  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

*Charles E. Unger*  
Charles E. Unger, member

*John Mickey*  
John Mickey, member

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OCTOBER 31, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session October 31, 1989 with all members of the board present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Henry E. Cahoj.

The minutes of October 16, 1989 were approved as distributed.

Warrants for the month of October were allowed in the amount of \$178,358.49.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Signed a resolution in support of the Economic Development District for Northwest Kansas. The complete resolution is on file in the County Clerks office. R898

COMPUTER: discussed the need to expand the IBM system 36 by purchasing additional space. The offices presently on the system previously requested this expansion due to space needed for state mandated information on reappraisal. The office of Register of Deeds has recently been informed that they will go on the system next year.

Motion by Commissioner Mickey, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj to purchase the disc space. Estimated cost will be \$12,000. Approved.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS meeting will be held November 29th at Norton. Betty Mickey is a member of the advisory board and will attend this workshop.

HEALTH: Shirley Organ received information regarding environmental planning. Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District #4 will present information at a meeting to be held in Oakley on the 5th of December. Shirley Organ, John Mickey and Charles Unger will attend this meeting. Shirley reported that she will offer Linda Hopkins the position of part-time book-keeper for the health department.

COURTHOUSE: an area of concrete located at the north parking lot has been blocked off for safety reasons. This area will be removed in order to determine the reason for deterioration and will be replaced.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on December 5th for full time employees and their spouses.

SHERIFF: Commissioner Cahoj questioned the sheriff about out of state vehicle tags. He feels that people living in the county, driving vehicles with out of state tags are not paying their fair share of taxes and registration fees. The sheriff will investigate.

- regarding part time dispatchers working 30 hours per week for the purpose of qualifying for health insurance, the board suggested Joyce Parker and Thelma Nickel each work at least 35 hours a week. This schedule allows each employee working a full schedule the same benefit.

NORTHWEST KANSAS HIGHWAY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION meeting will be held in Atwood October of 1990. Commissioner Unger is president of the association and the Rawlins County Commissioners will host the annual meeting. The county clerk was asked to reserve the Columbian Club for this date.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Bids to purchase a pickup will be opened November 20th. Specs will be submitted to C.W. Beamgards, Worthy Implement and Yost Farm Supply of St. Francis.

- Commissioner Cahoj suggested Pete check into prices of a tractor-trailer.  
- the road south of McDonald is closed for construction. Pete reported it should be completed next week.

- gravel contracts have been signed with George Banister and Jack Poore. They are on file at the county shop.

- Arnie Hoxsey has not shown up for work since a week ago Monday. It was suggested that Nick Kane be contacted to replace Hoxsey.

- 60' culverts with concrete headwalls will be placed at Joe Kogl's and at John Pianalto's.

- the Wilcie Robbins bridge site needs bladed and rocked. Concrete headwalls will also be poured at the site.

- approved to replace the antique gas pumps at the shop. The coop has pumps for sale at \$175 each. Pete will check these.

-ROAD CLOSING: Scott Beims read the notice of intention to vacate the county road located between sections 28 & 27 in township 1, range 34 and the county road located between sections 21 & 22 in township 1, range 34. In attendance were Anne Marie Worley, Mary Micek and Rose Heble. Mary Micek protested the closing, stating her father had a similar situation whereby the fence was removed and the neighbor kept farming into the next acreage. Also, she feels the road designates a section line and was put there for a purpose. Anne Marie Worley presented a letter from Richard Dozbaba supporting closing the two miles of roads in which he owns 1/2 mile of the land that it is on.

Commissioner Unger moved, seconded by Commissioner Mickey to close the said road. Kenneth Micek joined the meeting at 10:30 to protest the closing, stating he used the road to move his cows. The board informed him the hearing was at 9:30 and they had approved the closing at that time.

- Commissioner Unger and Mickey will accompany Norman Owings of Penco Engineering to appraise land for the Weishapl bridge on November 8th.

The board adjourned at noon.

October 31, 1989 (continued)

We, the undersigned Board of County Commissioners do hereby approve the following described securities pledged by the Farmers State Bank of Ludell Kansas to secure the deposit of county funds with the Farmers State Bank of Ludell Kansas.

\$300,000 Fhlmc #170164 (Pledged of Securities)  
Receipt #016969  
Dated 6-11-87  
Rate 9.00%  
Maturity Date 05/01/16

\$100,000 Federal Home Loan Bank (Pledged of Securities)  
#017536  
Rate 9.35000  
Issued 10-25-88  
Maturity Date 10-25-89

\$100,000 Federal Home Loan (Release of Securities)  
Bank Receipt #017752  
Dated 12-23-87  
Rate 7.05000%  
Maturity Date 4-25-90

\$100,000 Federal Home Loan (Release of Securities)  
Bank #017536  
Rate 9.35000%  
Issued 10-25-88  
Maturity date 10-25-89

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Member

John Mickey  
John Mickey, Member

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NOVEMBER 20, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session November 20, 1989 with all members of the board present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Henry E. Cahoj.

The minutes of October 31, 1989 were approved as distributed.

**MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS:** discussed a complete maintenance service agreement received from Montgomery Elevator Company. The cost is \$116.00 per month which includes regular examination, adjustment & lubrication as required; repair or replace all elevator components, unless specifically excluded. The equipment excluded were found to be lengthy, therefore the board agreed not to accept the maintenance service agreement.

Also discussed the typewriters maintenance contract. The county presently is under contract with Western Office supply. A bid has been submitted by Tri-Central for maintenance which was accepted by the board.

**BURNING BAN:** the board issued a proclamation prohibiting careless use of smoking materials, open fires, and prescribed burning of all fence rows, fields, ravines, trash and debris. Prescribed burning may be exempted if approved in writing by the sheriff of Rawlins County. This proclamation is in effect for a period of seven days and may be extended for additional seven-day periods according to law.

**COURTHOUSE:** the district court clerk reported that they have found a number of bugs in the office recently. The exterminator reported these to be soft ticks, possibly carried in by rodents or birds. The board asked that Reeves Exterminators be contacted.

**INSURANCE:** agreed to continue insurance on the older shop building located in McDonald and agreed not to insure the new shop building.

**COUNTY BUDGETS:** upon examining the budget balances, the board found that the district court has overspent their 1989 budget. Therefore, the board will deny capital outlay expenditures in this department, as well as all other departments should the need arise.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** the Rawlins County Economic Development Organization notified the board of the need to appoint one member to fill the expired position of Dan Thomas. Chairman Cahoj will contact Ron Bell in the regard.

**SHERIFF:** Jack Maris reported that the dispatchers are now splitting a shift in order to keep the hours on a part time basis.

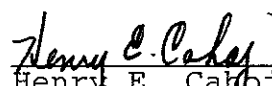
**HOSPITAL:** the county clerk reported that a number of residents are carrying petitions calling for an election on the issuance of no-fund warrants for the hospital. The deadline for filing the petitions is December 15th at 5:00 pm.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:**

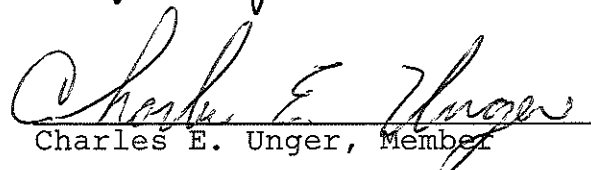
Bids were opened for the purchase of a 1990 4x2 pickup. Submitting bids were C.W. Beamgard Company in the amount of \$11,994.45. Worthy Implement & Motor Company in the amount of \$12,300.00; and Yost Farm Supply of St. Francis in the amount of \$12,560.00.

Rod Beamgard noted on his bid that a \$2000 rebate might apply if purchased before the first of the year. Following a phone conversation with Rod, the board agreed to add \$235.00 to the bid to expedite the order and to receive the \$2000 rebate. C.W. Beamgard Company was awarded the bid.

- Forwarded a bill to the county attorney in the amount of \$723.46 from the REA. This was for damages to a REA line and pole in the vicinity of Eldon Anderson's during the month of August.
- granted permission for the department to obtain bids on a maintainer, to replace an older model 12M. These bids will be opened December 18th.
- also the department received permission to look for a good used truck-trailer.
- crews have started work on the Pianalto bridge and the Kogl bridge.
- Commissioners Unger and Mickey were at the Weishapl bridge site and agreed to reimburse Charles Weishapl and Tom Basgall for right of way and easement.
- Dale Nelson was present, expressing his concern of the weeds in the ditches.

  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

  
Charles E. Unger, Member

  
John Mickey, Member

NOVEMBER 30, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session November 30, 1989 with all members of the board present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Henry E. Cahoj.

The minutes of November 20, 1989 were approved as distributed.

Warrants were approved for the month of November in the amount of \$123,410.75.

BURNING BAN: The proclamation prohibiting careless use of smoking materials, open fires, and prescribed burning of all fence rows, fields, ravines, trash and debris has been extended for an additional seven-day period.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Donita Sparks of the Lockwood Company, representing Mentor, introduced a records indexing package for the Register of Deeds. The program normally sells for \$10,000 but if the county commits to the purchase before the end of the year, Mentor will subtract \$2000. They will also require \$500 down in 1989. A maintenance contract includes 24 hours of training, travel expenses and support and enhancements for the first 90 days. This cost is \$1250 annually for level 1 or \$1950 for level 2, which is recommended for the first year. A demonstration was scheduled at the next meeting date of December 18th.

BLAKEMAN/J.R. SMITH: Mr. Smith would like the board to vacate the streets and alleys in Blakeman which are presently listed in separate parcels on his property. The appraiser and the county attorney will be consulted.

APPRAISER: approved hiring Albert Hardon in January for personal property assessments. Terry Ballard was in attendance. -discussed briefly the article in the Citizen Partiot concerning the value of the Masonic Temple. The value of the building before re-appraisal was listed at 8450; the present assessed value is 99,300. Lodges are valued at 30%, same as commercial property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Scott Beims requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. The session convened at 11:10 a.m. In attendance were the board, county attorney and Terry Ballard. The executive session adjourned at 11:15 am.

TREASURER: Cheryl Wederski reported that the treasurers office has handed out over 100 protest papers, however no one has paid under protest at this time. Cheryl is concerned about the 50% tax distribution paid to districts on January 20th since the deadline to pay taxes has been extended to January 16th by Governor Hayden.

The board has received an order from Property Valuation Department confirming the extension to pay taxes. The board AGREED TO ABIDE by the order of PVD and will not charge interest until January 16th on unpaid taxes.

CANCER INSURANCE: Dwayne Cockroft of Capital American Insurance Company presented a plan for insurance coverage. No Action.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Carroll Ginther of REA met with the board to discuss the bill submitted in the amount of \$712.00 to repair damages on a pole and transformer. The incident occurred in August by the Eldon Andersn property when a guy wire located on the county right-of-way was hit by a mower, causing the pole to fall. Agreed to submit the bill to the insurance company. -discussed graveling roads. - Commissioner Mickey reported receiving numerous complaints of rough roads south of Atwood on "Old 36".

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Member

John Mickey  
John Mickey, Member

DECEMBER 18, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session December 18, 1989 with all members of the board present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Henry E. Cahoj.

The minutes of November 30th were approved as distributed.

Citizen Patriot editor, Ted Harbin was introduced by Steve Highlander.

HOSPITAL: Administrator, Mark Hasselbusch, Joe Kanak and Claude Kisling were present. Mr. Hasselbusch reported he recently attended a meeting in Topeka dealing with grants for rural areas. The federal government has approved a rural transition grant which Mr. Hasselbusch has applied for funding.

-the commissioners agreed to continue the grant application for the hospital which was applied for last year and denied. The grant application will be through Northwest Kansas Planning & Development.

- Mr. Kanak reported that the payroll has been met, the concern at this time is the billing for insurance which has not been received.

- discussed the petitions filed in the county clerk's office which call for an election on the issuance of no-fund warrants for the hospital.

The filing deadline was December 11th, 125 names were required to call an election. The county clerk verified 292 valid signatures.

The board AGREED TO CALL AN ELECTION on the issuance of no-fund warrants. The election date was set for January 23, 1990.

- Commissioner Unger asked if the medical clinic would be available for the health department to relocate as Dr. Dill will be practicing medicine in Benkelman NE. Mr. Kanak will have an answer in two months.

AMBULANCE: Claude Kisling presented past due claims on ambulance billings. The board requested that a letter be addressed to these persons, along with a bill in an effort to collect before these accounts are written off.

- Mr. Kisling also reported that ambulance funds have not been collected by the hospital since August. Mr. Hasselbusch noted that this is a correct assessment but that the hospital has corrected this. All billings have been sent in up to November, which will be completed this week.

- Mr. Kisling will continue as ambulance director until October of 1990. David Brown was also in attendance as he is interested in assuming this position at \$1250 a month. The director needs to be an emergency medical technician, needs to be a training officer and also needs an area for records, books and supplies. No action by the board.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Mentor presented a records indexing demonstration, as reported in the minutes of November 30th. No action was taken.

CANCER INSURANCE: Dwayne Cockroft of Secure Pay Insurance Company was granted permission to contact county employees during non-working hours to present his company's coverage plan. This would be a payroll deduction for the family portion; the county pays the single portion of a policy. The county will require 20% participation in order to provide coverage from two policies.

HEALTH: the policies of the home health agency were approved and signed.

- Shirley Organ requested permission to hire Jane Miller, in addition to Pati Heble as part time employees. The board requested that each employee's hours be kept below 20 hours per week.

-discussed the inter-local water plan. No action

APPRAISER: Audrey Dixson reported that the informal hearings have been re-opened.

-the board gave Audrey approval to proceed with vacating lots and alleys in Blakeman.

- Audrey reported that irrigation land will have 10 classes rather than 5.

- Approved hiring Cynthia Dixson to update soil analysis on the irrigated land.

COURTHOUSE CLOSING: approved the treasurer's office closing on December 29th in order to complete end of year business.

BEER LICENSE was approved for the "Lucky 11" Club in Ludell Township.

COMPUTER: approved the extended support plan agreement with Computer Services of KS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Cahoj moved to adjourn to executive session at 2:55 pm with all office heads to discuss salaries and health insurance coverage for 1990. No action was taken, regular session resumed at 3:30 pm.

ROAD & BRIDGE:

Bids were opened for the purchase of a maintainer. Bids were received from the following representatives and included air as option #1.

Berry Tractor bid a Dresser 850 at \$86,269. Option #1, add \$2600; option #2, add \$11350 for all-wheel drive. This is a 1989 model, delivery in 120 days.

Sellers Tractor bid a Champion 720A at \$69,640. Option #1, add \$2950. This is a 1989 model with immediate delivery. Option #2, has \$2000 extended warranty.

Martin Tractor bid a Caterpillar 140G at \$82,536. Option #1, add \$3715, Option #2, has \$1800 extended warranty after the first year. This is a 1990 model with 120 delivery.

Murphy Tractor bid a John Deere 770BH at \$83,720. Option #1, add \$2200. This is a 1989 model with immediate delivery.

The board agreed to purchase the Caterpillar. The purchase price to be \$83,483, with the addition of a differential-lock at \$974. The trade-in value of a Caterpillar, the 1990 model and disc brakes were factors in the decision. A 1965 caterpillar 12E will be traded.

- Norman Owings of Penco Engineering reported that KDOT have not field checked bridges in N.W. Kansas even though plans were submitted in August. The board requested a copy of the letter addressed to KDOT in this regard.
- Pete reported the culverts are in at Pinalto's and Kogl's. APPROVED a 10' culvert north of Morgan's.
- Pete will contact Frick Construction for cost to replace pilings at the wooden bridge by Miller's north of Ludell which was destroyed by the flood.
- Agreed to DELETE THE FOLLOWING PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:  
Charles Brandt \$30.00; Frank Holub \$30.00; Pete Wolters \$75.00; Niswonger Grain \$60.00; Robert Cooper \$60.00; Francis Weishapl \$40.00; Jeri Rahe \$33.13. Total \$328.13.
- The board agreed to re-apply for the hospital grant rather than apply for bridge grants.

RESOLUTION exempting Rawlins County from the provisions of K.S.A. 75-1120a was approved. Said resolution is on file in the county clerks office.

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Member

John Mickey  
John Mickey, Member

DECEMBER 28, 1989

Rawlins County Commissioner met in regular session December 28, 1989 with all members of the board present. The meeting was called to order by Henry E. Cahoj.

The minutes of December 18, 1989 were approved, as distributed.

Warrants were allowed for the month of December; the total amount being \$158,606.78.

DENNIS LUEDKE/CAFETERIA PLAN: Dennis explained th cafeteria plan, as outlined by Section 125. This plan is most beneficial by sharing the medical deduction, un-reimbursed medical expenses including dental and eye, child care expense, employee share of group life insurance. If approved, the plan would be administered by Gilbert Sabatka. There would be a flat fee charge of \$250 and a monthly maintenance fee of \$2.15 per month per employee. He left a brochure and is willing to contact each employee for input. No action taken at this time.

GREYHOUND BUS SERVICE: the board agreed to write the Federal Interstate Commerce Commission objecting to the proposed discontinuation of service in Kansas.

FRED GATLIN discussed various topics regarding re-appraisal in Kansas. The first level the legislature will address deals with correcting mistakes, the second level will be to adjust the formula used on land classification and to work on commerical property. Chairman Cahoj noted that state funding to counties should be continued for ongoing maintenance.

ELEVATOR: Darla Ellis was in attendance for the last public hearing in order to close out the elevator grant. The total committed was \$55,175, the available balance is \$1371.68 which will be reflected in the final drawdown.

LUKE PROCHAZKA: discussed the rent due from Luke Prochazka for airport rent and the pending lawsuit. Also Jane Wolters, deputy Register of Deeds reported an insufficient fund check received in October from Luke.

AUDITORS: renewed the 1989 audit contract with Bartlett, Settle & edgerle.

WATER DIVISION: Shirley Organ, Health Department Administrator, as well as Soil Conserationist, Josh Saunders and Louis Sabatka discussed the environmental planning program proposed by Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management. This involves 16 counties with one representative from each county on the board.  
- the board signed a statement of participation in the Northwest Kansas Regional Environmental Program. This specifically is entitled "Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Area County Commissions and County Board of Health for the Development of Coordinated Environmental Planning and the Implementation of Environmental Programs". The state subsidizes approximately \$7000 per county which will hire two environmentalist.  
- Louis Sabatka agreed to serve on the board if an alternate is also appointed. Shirley Organ was appointed as alternate.

APPROVED TO AUTHORIZE the auditors to transfer the available cash and budget balance from the Road & Bridge Fund to the MAchinery Fund.

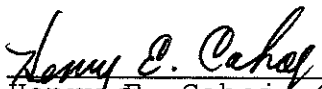
APPROVED TO AUTHORIZE the auditors to transfer available cash and budget balance from all other county funds, including fire districts, as needed.


APPROVED transfers to meet the cash basis law.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Joe Adams noted that the cost of propane has increased in two weeks from 42¢ to 86¢.

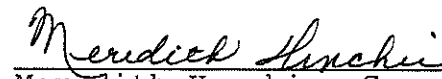
- Tom Solko is unable to work for at least two weeks because of a broken foot.

The annual re-organization meeting will be held January 8, 1190 at 9:00 a.m..

  
Henry E. Cahoj, Chairman

  
Charles E. Unger, Member

  
John Mickey, Member

  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

January 8, 1990

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

Rawlins County Commissioners met January 8, 1990 for the annual re-organization meeting. There were no scheduled appointments.

CHAIRMAN: Motion carried that Charles E. Unger act as Chairman of the Board during 1990.

MEETING DATE AND TIME: 1990 meeting dates were approved to be held on the third Monday and the last working day of each month. The meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m.

EXPENSES: Agreed that the reimbursement for mileage will be 22.5¢. The meal allowance for county employees will remain at \$7.00 per meal or \$21.00 a day.

RESOLUTION FOR SECURITIES: The board named all county banks as official depositors.

OFFICIAL PAPER: Approved the Citizen Patriot as the official county paper.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The following dates were approved for the 1990 holiday schedule. January 1, April 13, May 28, July 4, September 3, November 12, November 22 & 23, and December 24 and 25.

SALARY SCHEDULE: The following salary schedule for 1990 was approved.

County Commissioners: increase of \$5.00 per month.

All other elected officials: increase of \$50.00 per month.

Appointed personnel; health department, undersheriff, appraiser: increase of .25¢ per hour.

Full time personnel at courthouse: increase of .25¢ per hour.

Part time personnel at courthouse: increase of .15¢ per hour.

Exceptions: reserve deputies in the sheriff department will remain at \$5.00 per hour. Harold Portschy remains the same as last year, Wilford Martin earns an increase of \$10.00 per month. Naida Townsend remains the same as last year.

Ben Harwerth and Lana Reuber remain the same as last year.

Road & Bridge: Virgil Portschy earns an increase of \$46.21 per month.

Joe Adams increase of .50¢ per hour.

All other employees to receive an increase of .25¢ per hour, except two employees recently hired and are on six month probationary time. At the end of this probationary time, they will receive an increase of .50¢ per hour.

Noxious Weed Department will be discussed at the January 15th meeting.

The board also agreed to discontinue the \$200 reimbursement paid to employees for health insurance. Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance will continue to be paid for full time employees.

HOSPITAL: At the request of the hospital board, Administrator Mark Hasselbusch asked if it were possible to issue the January 1990 tax distribution to the hospital today. The county treasurer reported that the first tax distribution would be distributed January 20th, however according to K.S.A. 12-1678, an advance distribution may be made. Cheryl will check with the auditors in this regard. The balance in the ledger from 1989 is \$4739.38.

The board APPROVED a prepaid warrant #3686 paid on the Farmers Bank & Trust in the amount of \$4739.38 to the hospital.

-briefly discussed issues regarding funds, doctors and the upcoming election.  
- Administrator Hasselbusch reported that past due ambulance accounts will be pursued. The hospital is accepting responsibility to mail the bills and has offered to pursue the accounts with a collection agency if asked.

AMBULANCE: Claude Kisling reported that the EMT classes started this month and will be held two nights a week until June. This involves 150 class hours. Claude will pay for those in the county taking the class, however those persons out of county will be asked to pay.

COURT: The clerk of the District Court requested file cabinets in the amount of \$2439.17. The board asked that this request be signed by Judge Willoughby before taking action.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Signed approval with KDOT to construct the Weishapl bridge. Verol Bergling asked if the county needs a rental building as he has a building located north of Atwood for rent. No action.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Chairman

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

John Mickey  
John Mickey, member

January 15, 1990

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session January 15, 1990 with all members present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Unger at 10:00 a.m. Janet Stice, Deputy County Clerk took minutes in the absence of Meredith.

The minutes of the January 8, 1990 re-organization meeting was approved with the correction that Verol Bergling was sent a letter regarding the renting of his metal building to the county, which is not needed at this time.

**APPRAISER:** Terry Ballard met with the commissioners to update them on the progress being made with opening of the informal hearing process. Terry reported that there were over 300 protests on file with two days left in the protest time. However, Terry feels that 80% of these protests can be handled in the appraisers office without going any further.

-Cindy Dixson will be needed to do map checks on all ag land which will take 3-4 weeks. Forms were sent out to irrigators to fill out if there is an error on well depth, etc. They are waiting on slides from the ASCS office to finish the work.

-25% physical updates on real estate will not be required now until 1991.

-Terry and Audrey attended the State Appeal hearings held in Oakley. Two from Rawlins County were heard. State Bank of Atwood (Nellies) and Dennis Worley's. The results will not be known for three months.

-after discussing parcel splits with Terry and looking over the guidelines set out by the state as to what necessitates a legal split, the commissioners tabled the discussion until County Clerk, Meredith Hrnchir is back for the 31st meeting.

The commissioners will work with the County Clerk and splits for personal reasons will have to be taken before the board for approval.

**AMBULANCE:** Cluade Kisling presented his guidelines that he thinks is necessary for the hiring of a full time ambulance director. An ad will be placed in the county paper advertising the position. Salary is negotiable. Applicant that is hired will be required to become a certified training officer. The position to begin July 1, 1990.

-Claude gave copies of a contract with the hospital dated in 1984, that stated the hospital will pay the EMT wages for transporting an in-patient by ambulance to another facility. At this time, that has never been followed through. Claude suggested that the new ambulance director be given a room for desk, files, etc. in the county hospital owned building occupied by Dr. Dill and the Oberlin dentist at this time. He felt it would be fair compensation for back EMT wages not paid by the hospital and absorbed by the county. Claude explained that there is an empty room in the building that would work for the ambulance needs.

**NOXIOUS WEED:** Ron Vrbas met with the commissioners on the needs of a new or different pickup. He feels this pickup should last one more year, but wanted the board to be aware of the coming need. The commissioners want the auditors notified that the cash carry over from 1989 should be obligated to a purchase of a different pickup. Ron's salary will be raised \$25 a month to \$900 monthly.

**SHERIFF:** Jack Maris notified the commissioners that the used highway patrol car will be ready to pickup in around two weeks. He asked the possibility of a pre-paid check if before then end of the month. Jack stated that you can't have the car if you don't pay at the time. A pre-paid check will be issued if needed.

**SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY:** The commissioners approved sending \$200 out of the fund to the N.W. Kansas Silvered-haired Legislature in addition to the \$1000 to the Area Agency on Aging. The rest of the appropriation will be prorated to the three county senior citizen centers. Herndon and McDonald will be notified so they do not send the funds themselves.

**DENNIS LUEDKE/CAFETERIA PLAN:** Dennis Luedke, Atwood and John Olson, Manhattan met with the employees in the court room regarding the formation of a cafeteria plan. After explaining the benefits in tax savings, the dates of February 13th and 14th were set to meet with each individual employee. Anyone not interested will still have to sign a waiver. It was moved by Henry Cahoj and seconded by John Mickey that the plan go into effect March 1, 1990. Unanimous.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** Commissioners and Pete discussed the price of gravel; decided to leave it at 30¢ a yard.

-Pete was directed to look into pricing a used water tank, possibly fiberglass so it won't rust out. Also, look into purchasing a tree saw or snipper to remove overhanging branches along county roads.

- it was brought to Pete's attention that there are employees sleeping on the job. This could affect future raises for these individuals.

- the mower tractor is being repaired and Joe and Pete are looking for a different truck tractor. Pete reported on the graveling being done on 314 east of Herndon.

Minutes of January 15, 1990 continued.

HEALTH INSURANCE: the \$200 deductible will be reinstated for the commissioners health insurance. Moved by Henry Cahoj, seconded by John Mickey. Passed. Employees deductible reimbursement ended January 1, 1990. Any employee not receiving their 89-90 deductible that was incurred before January 1st may still turn in their claim sheet for reimbursement.

- all office heads need to be notified that their inventory sheets need to be turned in before the January 31st meeting.
- the commissioners will meet January 26, 1990 to canvas votes from the Special election. they will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioners room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

We, the undersigned board of county commissioners of Rawlins County, Kansas do hereby approve the following bonds given by the State Bank of Atwood, Atwood KS. to secure county funds deposited with the State Bank of Atwood.

\$200,000.00 Federal National Mortgage Association  
 Receipt #017874 Dated 2-10-88  
 Maturity date 2-10-09  
 Rate 8.65000%.

\$200,000.00 Federal National Mortgage Association  
 Receipt #018383 Dated 8/5/86  
 Maturity date 2/12/96.  
 Rate 8.15000%.

Charles E. Unger  
 Charles E. Unger, Chairman

Henry E. Cahoj  
 Henry E. Cahoj, Member

John Mickey  
 John Mickey, Member

Janet Stice, Deputy  
 Janet Stice, Deputy Clerk

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January 31, 1990

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session January 31, 1990. Present were Commissioners Cahoj and Unger. Commissioner Mickey was attending a hearing & appeals process school in Manhattan.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charles E. Unger, Chairman. The minutes of January 15, 1990 were approved, as distributed. Warrants were allowed for the month of January; the total amount being \$290,442.16.

BEER LICENSE was approved for The Columbian Club in Atwood Township.

KIM MUFF for the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION reported the total cost of the gas line to North Atwood to be \$84,325.00. KN Energy will pay 25% of \$21,081.00. The economic development commission is asking the county to pay \$63,244.00. As there are no grants available for the 75%, they are asking for a portion and will contact the businesses to fund the balance. The board indicated that they would be willing to fund only the 17% of their share and suggested taking the matter to the city council.

HOSPITAL: Administrator, Mark Hasselbusch was also in attendance to discuss the re-application of the grant from N.W. Kansas Planning & Development Commission. Mr. Hasselbusch recently attended a grant workshop and noted that the grant was denied last year because of the roof repair on the hospital. Consequently, because of the points awarded to handicapped assessibility, the elevator would stand a better chance of approval. The total cost for the elevator replacement is \$35,000 with the foundation considering putting in 25% of the cost. This will be discussed further at a foundation board meeting in the near future. Chairman Unger moved that the county sponsor the grant application for the hospital elevator. Seconded by Commissioner Cahoj.

-Mr. Hasselbusch discussed the possibility of the taxing entities within the county of pooling maintenance personnel. No action.

- discussed the 1984 ambulance billing contract with the hospital; also the director will need a room for records and supplies. The possibility of sharing a room with the psychologist was suggested as the psychologist is in Atwood only one day a week.

NO-FUND WARRANT: Motion by Commissioner Cahoj to approve the sale of the no-fund warrant approved by the voters on January 23rd. The warrants were sold at 6.9% interest to the First Securities Company of Kansas, Inc. from Wichita. Motion by Chairman Unger, to approve the Resolution NO. 90-1 regarding the no-fund warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Cahoj.

CORONER: It was noted that the District Coroner needs to appoint a county coroner to replace Dr. Dill who is practicing medicine in Nebraska.

AUTOPSY: discussed with the county attorney the matter of cost for autopsy. The coroner is entitled to only \$35.00 per body. Scott Beims suggested the funeral home directors attend a meeting in order to agree on mileage charges for transporting bodies for autopsy and other pertinent questions.

Babies less than one year of age are required to have an autopsy, to be paid by the State. K.S.A. 22a-238.

The county clerk will contact the directors to meet in February, also notify the district coroner and schedule a meeting with the newly appointed coroner.

SALARY: Lana Reuber requested consideration for a salary increase. Denied. Salary for Cynthia Dixson will remain at \$3.50 per hour.

SIDEWALK: Commissioner Cahoj noted that the city damaged the sidewalk and some of the grass while removing snow. He asked who is responsible for the repairs. The county attorney will notify the city of the damage and ask them to refrain from snow removal as the county crew will take care of this.

APPRAISER: Terry Ballard reported 595 protest filed in Rawlins County. they have scheduled protest hearings and are working on 1990 valuations.  
- Cynthia Dixson is working on irrigated land maps and will be needed another 2 weeks.  
- discussed tax exemption request of Brother Andrew Jerome White (Jerry White). Terry will view this and report at the next meeting.  
- asked the county attorney about the legalities of combining parcels in Beardsley and in Blakeman.

PART-TIME HELP: Terry noted that the appraisers office, as well as other offices will need to be thinking about hiring extra help at peak times as the state is requiring more information.

At this time, Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk requested part time help two days a week; possibly a floater to work between the appraiser and clerks offices. Refused.

Minutes of January 31, 1990--Continued

CANCER INSURANCE: It was noted that a number of employees are dropping the cancer insurance recently purchased from Capitol American. The county has not been billed at this time. The employees report that the payroll deduction was more than anticipated.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Jack Finley presented information on oil heaters. This was tabled at this time.

Approved insulating the overhead doors with styrofoam, with the exception of the door on the north side which needs replaced. Jack Finley will have a price on a replacement at the next meeting. Also suggested installing industrial ceiling fans at the three bay areas.

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Chairman

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, Member

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

John Mickey  
John Mickey, Member

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February 19, 1990

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session February 19, 1990 with all members of the board present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charles E. Unger, Chairman. The minutes of January 31, 1990 were approved, as distributed.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2 was signed which designates A T & T as its primary inter-exchange carrier for public telephones located on county property.

NACO: declined membership in NACO. The dues for 1990 would be \$265.00.

SOLID WASTE: discussed increasing the annual fee. The clerks office will need to send letters to each property owner affected by the increased fee, according to the resolution adopted the 21st day of June, 1982. No action at this time.

CUSTODIAN: Lana Reuber was present to request a salary increase. She presently earns \$280 per month and is agreeable to \$300 per month. Motion by Commissioner Mickey, seconded by Commissioner Unger to approve \$300. All agreed.

CAFETERIA PLAN: Dennis Luedke reported approximately 20% of the employees have enrolled in the plan.

AMBULANCE: Claude Kisling reported he has received \$2,142.10 from delinquent accounts from prior years. He has also received a number of telephone calls which had his wife in tears. Approved a meal at the Country club for Mr. & Mrs. Kisling.

The following accounts approved written off because of court ordered transfers: Don Finley \$255.00; Ruth Matisek \$345.00; Francis Janousek \$345.00; Alvina Smith \$239.80; and Dan Smith \$229.00.

AMBULANCE DIRECTOR: Applications were received from four individuals. The county clerk will set up appointments for interviews on February 28th. The board agreed that the director should be located in Atwood.

SHERIFF: Jack Maris reported his vehicle has 120,000 miles and will need to be replaced. The undersheriff's vehicle was recently replaced with a used 1987 highway patrol vehicle with 90,000 miles at a cost of \$2900.00. Additional cost of \$236.39 for room and meals and \$60.00 cost for an additional person to drive the vehicle from Topeka were also incurred. Jack requested a 4x4, however the board felt that a 4x4 is not necessary and asked that he check into another used highway patrol vehicle in the fall.

PARKING: Sheriff Maris suggested that as a courtesy to the public, county employees refrain from parking on the north side of the courthouse building. The board agreed and asked Jack to inform the employees.

HEALTH: Shirley reported that the cost report has been completed. The county will receive a small amount from medicare again this year. Shirley also reported that the possibility exist of losing state matching funds for the Basic Service Grant as a result of the reduced mill levy for the health fund. She will be attending a meeting this week and will keep the board informed.

-it was noted that Pati Heble has been working in the health department for six months and although she did receive .15¢ per hour increase in January, making her pay \$4.15 per hour, it has come to her attention that Pati receives \$4.50 per hour when working on the second floor.

MOVED by Commissioner Mickey, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj to approve \$4.50 per hour for Pati Heble.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR HOSPITAL ELEVATOR GRANT was held at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering an application to the Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Funds. The grant application is in the amount of \$35,000 for the purchase of an elevator to be installed in the hospital. In attendance were Kim Muff, Mark Hasselbusch, Scott Beims, Meredith Hrnchir, Commissioners Unger, Cahoj and Mickey. There were no objections to the application of the grant.

MENTAL HEALTH: The board accepted with regret the resignation of Doyle Beamgard from the Mental Health board.

-The county attorney suggested several counties join to hire a counselor.

AUTOPSY CHARGES: at the request of the board, Gordon Brantley was in attendance to discuss mileage rates and fees paid by the county in regard to charges authorized for coroner cases. Ron Williams was unable to attend but was available by telephone. Commissioner Unger moved to set the mileage rate at .65¢ a mile, both ways, when transporting bodies for autopsy purposes. The county will pay \$10.00 when the funeral directors are called to the airport and \$50.00 to the funeral home for use of a room when performing autopsies authorized in a county coroner case. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mickey, all agreed.

Minutes of February 19, 1990 -Continued

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Kim Muff presented a breakdown by footage on the gas line north of Atwood. The county would be liable for 20% or \$15,000 as their share, if approved. This will be presented to the Atwood City council meeting this evening. Kim will report the result at the next meeting to be held February 28th. No Action.

ATWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE would like to conduct a panel discussion with the commissioners pertaining to taxes, mill levies, possibly some time in April.

APPRAISER: the board asked Audrey Dixson if they had a total of adjusted valuations from the protested hearings. Mrs. Dixson reported this is not available at this time, however she can have estimates available at the next meeting.

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF N.W. KANSAS: signed the annual agreement for services for the mentally retarded residents of the county.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Dorothy Bohme requested gravel on her school bus route; specifically the hills north by Arlo Edwards on #439. If the entire route is graveled, it would be designated as a storm route.

-Motion by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Commissioner Mickey to replace one overhead door at the Atwood county shop and to install three 56" ceiling fans. The door will be purchased from Finley Construction at a cost of \$1895 installed and the fans from Dunkers at a cost of \$120, plus three five speed wall switches at \$33.00 each. Daniels Roofing and Insulation of Oakley will insulate the door.

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

John Mickey  
John Mickey, member

February 28, 1990

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session February 28, 1990 with all members of the board present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charles E. Unger, Chairman. The minutes of February 19, 1990 were approved, as distributed.

**SOLID WASTE:** signed an Agreement between the City of Atwood and Rawlins County reaffirming the existing oral agreement of April of 1988 concerning the solid waste landfill and the burn site. This agreement consolidates the county landfill and the city burnsite. The county will operate the site and the City of Atwood shall reimburse the county the sum of \$2500 per year. The above agreement was approved by motion of Commissioner Mickey, seconded by Commissioner Cahoj. The board noted that \$2500 has been received by the City of Atwood for the year 1989; Charles Peckham acknowledged that the year 1988 and 1990 are due to be paid by the City of Atwood after receiving a copy of the minutes.

**OUTDISTRICT TUITION:** Commissioner Cahoj reported that the name of Leo Micek, who is not a Rawlins County resident is included on the Colby Junior College out-district tuition billing. Scott Beims asked the county clerk to check college credits of Lyle Mellick and Elizabeth Pochop, who were also included on the billing.

**HOSPITAL:** Mark Hasselbusch, administrator reported that the hospital board has declined assuming the management of the ambulance service. However, they are agreeable to providing space in Page Street clinic for the county ambulance director. -regarding using the area west of the hospital for elderly housing, the hospital board needs further information.  
-regarding ambulance service billings, Mr. Hasselbusch has no information available at this time but will report as soon as possible.  
-discussed no-fund warrants issued the hospital. They are presently earning interest and the board has not spent any of the funds at this time.  
-discussed the impact of Dr. Keli Chestnut's resignation in May.  
-discussed the "rumor" Chairman Unger heard regarding area hospitals joining services. Mr. Hasselbusch affirmed this by noting that the hospitals located in Benkelman, St. Francis and Atwood have discussed sharing services and personnel as they all have similar problems and alternatives need to be addressed in order to keep the hospitals open.  
- the hospital will reimburse the county \$978.28 for legal fees for the no-fund warrant.

**FAX:** Scott Beims noted that the Register of Deeds approached the law firm regarding sharing the cost of purchasing a new Fax machine. The approximate cost of a new Fax is \$1400. His firm would be willing to contribute \$250 on the condition that his firm have access to the office at any time. The banks have been contacted for cost sharing also.

**APPRAISER:** Terry Ballard discussed the re-appraisal hearings in process. The major valuation adjustments are primarily corrections on agriculture, notably grain bins. -another problem concerns #1 soil grouping valued the same as table top. This includes terraced land, which needs to be reclassified.

As a result of adjustments, the tax dollars affected could total \$80,000. This would affect all taxing districts in the county. The valuations will be reduced substantially in the 1990 tax year as a result of the above and as a result of reclassification of irrigated land.  
-commissioner Cahoj asked about adjusting the Masonic Temple and The Columbian Club. Mr. Ballard reported that they cannot reduce it at this time but suggested that the legislature will address this issue by valuing fraternal organizations at 30% rather than at 12%.

**ATTORNEY:** Scott Beims explained the voucher from the hospital for prisoner care. This was a DUI with a past history of heart problems who had to be treated.

**AMBULANCE:** approved Claude Kisling keeping his pager when a director has been hired.

**AMBULANCE DIRECTOR:** Two applicants were interviewed, these being David Brown of Atwood and Garry Tuller of Oberlin. Jane Miller and Steve Cathcart withdrew their applications. David Brown requested a salary of \$15,000 a year. He is willing to work toward qualifying as a training officer, but would charge the county for the class. He agreed to assume the billing, to do minor repair work on the ambulance and pagers. Garry Tuller requested a salary of \$16,500 a year. He was a certified EMT in Nebraska, however it expired because of living in Kansas. He would get recertified in Kansas and is willing to be a training officer. He agreed to assume the billings and noted that his past experience, he did average 85% collections.

**MOTION BY** Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Commissioner Mickey to hire David Brown as Rawlins County Ambulance Director. This position will begin June 1st, with a probationary period from June 1st to December 31st. The county attorney will draw up a contractual agreement to be signed at the next meeting.

minutes of February 28, 1990 continued.

AIRPORT: Commissioner Mickey has been unable to contact Earle Niermeier regarding leasing the airport ground.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Pete reported the culvert by Morgan's should be finished this week.  
-discussed fences placed on county right of way.  
-determined a road located between sections 3 & 4 in range 3, township 35 to be an open road. This is on land owned by Gordon Crowdis and is located by a gravel pit leased by the county.

The board adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Henry E. Cahoj  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

John Mickey  
John Mickey, member

March 19, 1990

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session March 19, 1990 with all members of the board present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charles E. Unger, Chairman. The minutes of February 28, 1990 were approved, as distributed.

FIRE MARSHALL inspected the courthouse on March 7th. According to the report submitted to the sheriff on the jail inspection and to the county clerk on the courthouse, the following deficiencies were noted.

Jail area: two emergency lights with battery backup; one to be installed in the main hallway and one in the jail hallway. Cost is \$110.00 for two lights. Also to provide a fire extinguisher made for computers to be located by the dispatcher.

courthouse: provide fire rated door with closure for the boiler room. provide proper electrical wiring accordance with NEC in the break room. provide fire protection 5/8" rated sheetrock for the copier room and the break room. provide "exit" signs and remount fire extinguisher in the boiler room. The board requested the above be corrected.

SHERIFF: Jack Maris requested a typewriter for his department. Motion by John Mickey, seconded by Henry Cahoj, all approved the purchase.

FAX MACHINE: Carolyn Marshall presented information on the purchase of a Fax machine. A xerox is preferred because they will include confirmation, dates and time on the material. The State Bank of Atwood and the law firm of Lewis, Lewis & Beims will each contribute \$200.00 toward the purchase. Motion by Henry Cahoj, seconded by John Mickey to purchase a Xerox 7011 Fax machine at a total cost of \$1295. All agreed. The county's portion of the cost will be \$895.00.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING: Ellene Davis, Joanne Booth and Gladys Bruhn presented an update on the nutrition meal site located at the senior citizen center. This site was opened November of 1989 and serves at least 40 to 50 persons each day for Atwood. In addition, they serve Decatur County. Originally the legislature passed the new program which funds the nutrition sites, including ongoing funds for future years. However the appropriations committee has recommended reducing the nutrition funding. If this should occur, the meal site will have to be closed when state funding is discontinued. The cost is around \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year. They noted that one problem is the formula used for allocations.

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST KANSAS: Jim Blume and Paula McElwee reported that Atwood City is again applying for a Community Development Block grant for the expansion and renovation of Prairie Developmental Center which is located in Atwood. The total cost of the project is \$315,935. Developmental Services proposed to match 25% of the grant, or \$80,000. They felt that the greatest weakness in the proposal submitted last year was the match money. This year's match is double that of last year. In order to provide the additional match moneys, they are asking for a commitment of extending the request for the mill levy on the building to 8 years rather than 4 years, or \$80,000 plus interest. Motion by Henry Cahoj, seconded by John Mickey, all agreed to extend the mill levy.

TREASURER/JIM MORTON: Cheryl Wederski reported that Jim Morton mailed his tax payment on December 29th. However the treasurer did not receive the payment and delinquent personal taxes were sent to the sheriff's office. Upon receiving the notice from the sheriff, Mr. Morton discovered that the payment had not arrived. The law requires the treasurer to collect interest on the delinquent taxes unless an abatement is ordered by the board. Motion by Henry Cahoj, seconded by John Mickey to abate the interest incurred.

TAX SALE: Cheryl Wederski reported that there is presently \$16,532.16 in uncollected taxes on the roll from 1985 and prior years. After September of 1990, they can add 1986 uncollected taxes in order to have a tax sale. The last tax sale was held in 1980. The board agreed to proceed with the preliminaries in September for a tax sale in Rawlins County. The sale would then be held in 1991.

COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FOR HOSPITAL ELEVATOR: the second public hearing was held at 2:00 p.m. with Darla Ellis and Mark Hasselbusch in attendance. The hospital has pledged \$15,000 for matching funds, the total grant being in the amount of \$37,250.00. Resolutions were signed in order to proceed with the grant application.

AMBULANCE: the county will assume responsibility for the administration of the county ambulance accounts, effective April 1, 1990. Mark Hasselbusch was notified by letter of this intent. Claude Kisling will pick up the books and records sometime in April. He will also check with Joe Kanak as to a room at the hospital for this purpose. Motion by John Mickey, second by Charles Unger, all agreed to purchase from David Brown two file cabinets for \$175.00 and a typewriter for \$175.00 to be used by the ambulance director.

AMBULANCE DIRECTOR CONTRACT was signed with David Brown to serve as Rawlins County Ambulance director from June 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990. The county has agreed to pay Brown \$1250 per month. Brown shall perform this contract as an independent contractor. Further agreements as set forth in the contract are on file in the county clerks office.

Minutes of March 19, 1990 -- Continued.

HOSPITAL: Dale White, Cheyenne County Hospital Director was in attendance to inform the board that the Wesley Foundation has grants available to fund a feasibility study for the possibility of forming a regional health center, similar to Halstead, by combining Rawlins, Cheyenne and Dundy County Nebraska health care. The board did not wish to make a commitment without the input of the hospital board. They agreed to set up a joint meeting with the hospital board, possibly to be held March 28th at the courthouse.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARINGS: Terry Ballard was in attendance.

Elmer Solko met with the board at 11:00 a.m. to review soil types on the following parcels: 131-12 0 00 00 002 0000 (NW 12-3-31); 246 24 0 00 00 004 00 0 (SE 24-4-31); and 136 24 0 00 00 002 00 0 (W $\frac{1}{2}$  24-3-31). No change in value, however the board recommends that Mr. Solko appeal to the State Board of Tax Appeals.

Richard Solko reviewed soil types at 1:00 p.m. on the following parcels: 246 23 0 00 00 001 00 0 (NE 23-4-31); 127-35 0 00 00 003 00 0 (S $\frac{1}{2}$  35-2-31). No change in value, however the board recommends Mr. Solko appeal to the State Board of Tax Appeals. The value on his house was mentioned, however Terry Ballard reported the value of 4,000 to be fair.

Bessie C. Peterson met with the board at 2:30 p.m. to review increased valuation on the following parcels: 207 36 0 00 00 003 0000 (SE 26-4-35) no change in value; and 284 20 0 00 00 003 00 0 (SE 20-5-34) No change in value.

Lavern Chvatal to protest the value on the house located in Atwood City 153 08 0 153 08 0 30 01 021 00 0. The board recommends no change in value. 109 32 0 00 01 010 00 0 Metal building located north of Atwood. The board recommends no change in value.

BEARDSLEY & BLAKEMAN: discussed briefly with the county attorney the description necessary in order to proceed with combining parcels in these areas.

AIRPORT LEASE: signed lease with David Horinek to lease approximately 170.5 acres of farmland situated in NE 32-2-33 and on the west portion of the SE 29-2-33. The lease is from and after the 1st day of March, 1990 to and including the 28th day of February, 1993. The terms include rent in the sum of \$4,279.00 to be paid on or before the 1st day of March of 1990, 1991, and 1992. The lease is on file in the county clerks office.

MINIMUM WAGE increases to \$3.80 per hour, effective April 1, 1990.

STATE EMPLOYEES subsistence and mileage rates have changed. Effective March 1, 1990, mileage rates have increased to 24¢ per mile. This includes travel reimbursement for jurors. Effective July 1, 1990, quarter-day meal allowances will increase for in-state \$4.50 from \$4.00 and out-of-state raised to \$5.00 from \$4.50.

LANDFILLS: The board agreed to inform Senators and Representatives of their concerns with the new federal regulations concerning landfills. The new construction standards would be financially impossible for the people in this area to bear. In addition, there would not be enough volume generated in this area to justify operating a landfill under a nationwide blanket construction standard.

ROAD & BRIDGE: KN Energy, Inc. submitted a petition to install a 2" pipeline across the county road between NW & SW 21-3-36. The new crossing is located approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile south of McDonald. This was approved.

-Pete will check areas needing gravel, as requested by Otis Dewey. The gravel pit located at Reno Fikan can be utilized for this area.

BEARDSLEY COOP, represented by 16 area constituents, with R.J. Sabatka as spokesman requested paving on road #407 from the existing paving into the railroad tracks. This is approximately one mile of paving. This road is used not only for the business, but is a mail route and services two school districts. They have over 600 trucks going out with grain each year, not counting the area farming trucks. Pete noted that the State will have a construction project in the area which will be utilizing recycled hot oil mix.

MOTION By Henry Cahoj, seconded by Charles Unger, all agreed to check into the cost and to check with the state to see if the contractor would be agreeable to oil this mile of road.

-Frank Pochop requested that the road east and south of his place be widened, graveled and the bank knocked down to prevent snow from closing the road. Pete will meet with Frank on March 20th at 10:00 a.m. to view this area.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Release of Security: We, the undersigned Board of County Commissioners do hereby approve the release of the following bond given by the Farmers Bank & Trust to secure funds deposited with the Farmers Bank & Trust.

\$300,000.00 Federal Home Loan Banks - Series W-1990 - Receipt #262913- dated 10/6/88. Rate 8.50000 - Maturity Date 7/25/90.

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

Henry J. Cahoj  
Henry J. Cahoj, member

John Mickey  
John Mickey, member

March 30, 1990

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session March 30, 1990 with all members of the board present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charles E. Unger, Chairman. The minutes of March 19, 1990 were approved, as distributed. Warrants were allowed for the month of March in the amount of \$120,107.97.

**SOLID WASTE:** the board discussed with Darrel Weber the request by a Nebraska resident to dispose of waste at the landfill. The board looked at two options; charging a fee or refusing access to non-residents. Rawlins County residents are assessed an annual fee which is included on the real estate tax statements. This fee supports the landfill. **AGREED** not to accept waste except that which is generated from Rawlins County residents.

- the county will gravel at the landfill site.

**AMBULANCE:** Scott Beims reported that Joe Kanak III has notified him that a room will be provided at the hospital for ambulance records, etc.

**HOSPITAL:** the hospital board and the commissioners will meet in joint session at the courthouse April 4th to discuss a regional medical facility. This meeting is called at the request of Dale White, Cheyenne County hospital administrator and was reported at the March 19th meeting.

**NOXIOUS WEED:** Signed the annual noxious weed contract with the Kansas Department of transportation to treat noxious weeds on the state right-of-way.

**APPRAISER:** Terry Ballard informed the board that property valuation department compliance audit group were recently in Colby. They conducted an audit for nearly a week, using county time, computer paper, etc. As a result, they reported ratio on higher priced homes which were not correct. Thomas County asked for copies of the audit report but were refused. Terry suggested that when they arrive in Rawlins County, we request copies of all reports generated.

- according to PVD, the last day to send 1990 change of value notices is April 15th. At this time, it appears the deadline will not be met in Rawlins County.
- the maintenance contract with Ballard ends June 30, 1990. The board briefly discussed options; renewing contract, hiring additional help. No Action.
- March 30th will be the last day Cynthia Dixson will be mapping irrigated ground.
- a number of landowners have not returned the questionnaire regarding irrigated land. A notice will be printed in the Citizen Patriot.

Little KAC will be held in Colby April 11th.

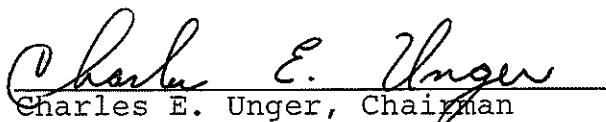
**CLEANING:** the chairman reported receiving complaints about several areas at the courthouse and requested that Lana be informed by letter. These areas include the restrooms on the first floor, the carpet on the first floor, stairs, and the register of deeds and appraisers offices.

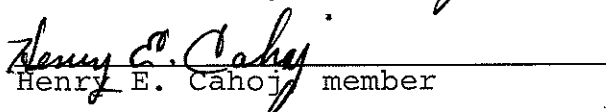
As a result of protested taxes, the treasurer reported she will be notifying taxing districts of a predicted loss of revenue. The possible total loss of valuation, county-wide, is 1,600,000 with the dollar amount being \$89,187. This amount is only the protested taxes, not the result of appeals or corrections by the appraisers office. The treasurer will inform the board following abatements and added taxes as to the adjusted amounts.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:** signed gravel contracts with Jeff Hill and Everett Curry.

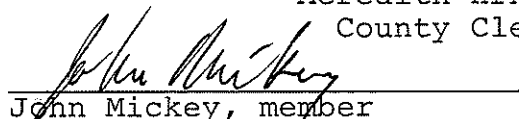
- added to the work list: the Cheyenne County and Rawlins County line, one mile from Highway 36 to Archers. From Doug Brown's west 5 miles to Williams natural gas station.
- Scott Beims noted that a number of school bus routes need gravel as some roads have been worked in spots and have not been regravelled.
- approved gravel at the solid waste site.
- Reno Fikan has refused the county access to his gravel pit.
- Van's Body shop at Colby will repair the 1988 Dodge pickup.
- Pete reported that the State did not award a contract for oiling roads. This will be re-bid at a later date.
- The STATE BOARD OF WATER RESOURCES notified Pete that they require a permit when installing a culvert or bridge at a creek site. Pete will need to submit information to the state in this regard.
- received several calls from truckers at the Beardsley Coop elevator regarding slick roads following the moisture received this week.

**NOMINATED CLAUDE KISLING** as Rawlins County volunteer who deserves Special recognition at a n awards ceremony to be hosted by Governor Mike Hayden.

  
Charles E. Unger, Chairman

  
Henry E. Cahoy, member

  
Meredith Hrnchir  
County Clerk

  
John Mickey, member

April 4, 1990

A special meeting was held with the hospital board and the Cheyenne County Hospital Administrator, Dale White for the purpose of discussing rural health care.

The meeting was held in the courtroom and was called to order by Chairman Charles E. Unger at 7:45 p.m.

Present were Commissioner Unger, hospital board members Joe Kanak III, Kenneth Micek, Phil studer, Ron Bell, Mike Sramek, Jeanette Vrbas, Kevin Finley and Don Grafel. Also in attendance were Scott Beims, Attorney; County Clerk Meredith Hrnchir, hospital secretary Sandra Studer and Ted Harbin, Citizen Patriot reporter and Dr. Dill. Twenty five to thirty county citizens were in attendance.

Mr. White proposed that the Kansas Counties of Cheyenne and Rawlins, along with Dundy County Nebraska join forces in order to conduct a feasibility study, through a Wesley Foundation Grant, on rural health care and/or building a regional medical facility. This would require resolutions from the county commissioners of the three entities.

The majority of questions centered on the cost of the study and who would own the study when completed. Another concern voiced was whether the federal government would deem it necessary for the three entities fo comply with the recommendations included in the study in order to receive medicare, etc. It was also questioned whether a private group could purchase the study and build a facility.

Following further discussion, approximately six of the citizens present indicated they were in favor of conducting the feasibility study.

The joint board took no action at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Charles E. Unger  
Charles E. Unger, Chairman

Meredith Hrnchir  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

April 16, 1990

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session April 16, 1990 with all members of the board present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charles E. Unger, chairman. The minutes of March 30, 1990 were approved, as distributed. The minutes of April 4, 1990 were approved, as distributed.

HOSPITAL: discussed the feasibility study, as presented by Dale White at a joint meeting with the hospital board held April 4th. The board agreed to table the study because of lack of interest.


AIRPORT: the board received a letter from Charles Peckham, Atwood City Attorney regarding the lease of the airport farmland. Luke Prochazka intends to place a portion of the land he could still plant into a set-aside program which would pay him for the entire 40 acres. However, the lease with Luke expired February 30, 1990. The airport farmland has been leased to David Horinek, effective March 1, 1990. According to an opinion issued by County Attorney, Scott Beims, Luke Prochazka cannot collect payments for any acres when the land is not available on which to plant. The county attorney also mentioned one further item, that being the airport is a city-county airport and the attorneys for both of these entities discuss problems together before proceeding to issue legal opinions. In addition, Beims noted that in the past legal work has been handled by the county attorney since this work is included in his salary while it would cost the city extra money for the same.

SHERIFF: accepted the bid of \$350 submitted by Beamgards for the used patrol vehicle.


JUVENILE DETENTION: addressed a letter to Senator Frahm voicing the board's support of House Bill 3041 and requesting that money be appropriated to be placed in a juvenile detention fund.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Commissioner Cahoj noted that when the men cannot gravel, they should be working on fences or other constructive work.

- J.R. Ginther of Achilles township requested one mile of road graveled from his place to the Achilles cemetery and from the intersection by Lynn Wright's place north to the curve. He drives a school bus and this area has been designated a storm route.
- a letter signed by a number of constituents in the third commissioner district was reviewed. A map designating the areas needing rocked in the northern part of the district was included.
- Ray Higley reported the three miles of road south of Dixson's needs gravel. This is a bus and mail route.
- Pete will check with Floyd Craig regarding a gravel contract.

  
Charles E. Unger, Chairman

  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

  
John Mickey, member

  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

April 30, 1990

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session April 30, 1990 with all members of the board present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charles E. Unger, Chairman. The minutes of April 16, 1990 were approved, as distributed.

Ken Zwegardt, assistant county attorney approved vouchers in the absence of Scott Beims.

SHERIFF: Jack Maris reported the HELICOPTER passed inspection by the FAA after replacing the military vertical fin with a vertical fin the Salina Technical School had at the site.

- Motion by John Mickey, seconded by Henry Cahoj to purchase the vertical fin at a cost of \$1450.00. All approved.

- discussed purchasing a radio for the aircraft; cost vary from \$550 plus installation to \$850, plus installation. No action at this time.

- regarding insurance; through the Kansas Tort Claims Act, the State will carry \$500,000 liability for each occurrence. No action at this time concerning additional coverage.

- regarding pilots; Gary Worthy is uncertain about his plans to remain in Atwood, however he is willing to train a pilot for \$10.00 an hour. Charles Poore has expressed an interest in the training.

- Jack reported Worthy, Poore and Bill Finley will pick up the helicopter in the near future. It will be stored in Worthy's hanger.

- The second helicopter will be kept at Salina to be used for parts; the school will provide labor free of charge.

The county is required to keep the aircraft for a period of five years. The helicopters will be used by the sheriff's office. They will be responsible for the aircraft and all expense vouchers will be first approved by the sheriff.

WESTERN KANSAS POLICY DEVELOPMENT: The board received additional information from the western Kansas policy development board regarding membership. They require a membership fee of \$72.00 a year. The board feels that many of their services are a duplication of N.W. Kansas Planning & Development and the Kansas League of Municipalities which they expressed in a letter dated December of 1989 to the president, Edward H. Hammond. At that time the board agreed not to participate. However, the board agreed to pay the \$72.00 membership dues providing the mayor of Atwood City would attend and also appoint additional delegates. The county clerk will notify the mayor and the board will take action at the May 21st meeting.

MENTAL HEALTH: Wayne Lofton and Kermit George submitted the annual report asking for continued support from Rawlins County. The board expressed concern about the benefits derived from the .33 mill levy.

Scott Beims joined the meeting at this time and also expressed his concerns. He noted that the in-patient care cost provided at Hadley Hospital is so prohibitive that the county is forced to refer patients to Larned. Of particular concern is the care for juveniles and indigents in this area. Because of some patient needs, we need rapid turn arounds and emergency type patient cases, Rawlins County is not getting anything. Court-ordered referrals patients are sometimes forced to wait several weeks for treatment.

Kermit George replied that there were a total of 3003 patients treated in 1989 for direct services. The value of services received was \$25,272; \$11,200 was paid by the patients or insurance and the county mill levy provided \$9845. The difference is \$4,226, which the center "wrote off". The center also provides a counselor in Atwood each Tuesday.

- Also noted that a board member to replace Doyle Beamgard has not been appointed. Presently Wynemah Cox and Jan Poore are on the board, neither of which is active.

ROAD & BRIDGE: a large number of constituents from the Beardsley area were in attendance to hear comments regarding oiling the road to the elevator. APPROVED \$78,000 expenditure from the road improvement fund for a 3" mat on 1.1 mile from the railroad right of way. Motion by Henry Cahoj, seconded by John Mickey, all agreed. Commissioner Cahoj asked for a show of hands for the purchase of two more gravel trucks. The group was unwilling to respond to this.

Discussed the availability of gravel; Gene Domsch has possible limestone. Pete will check this.

At this time, Gordon Hawkins commented that the landowner needs a copy of the gravel tickets when they are paid for the gravel.

- Laddie Kacirek reported that Gene & Gladys Mosier are unable to get past Laddie's place when the roads are muddy. He asked for one mile of road north of his place to be graveled and 3/4 of this shouldered.

- Vincent Pochop expressed thanks for the work completed in his area.

- They are still waiting for information from Denver to purchase a used truck-tractor.

- the fans at the county shop were installed by Tim Wolters.

- Nick Kane has resigned. Marc Prochazka will be hired again this summer, if available.

- Pete reported that commercial license are required by federal law for all truck drivers, beginning January of 1992.

-APPROVED the request by Harvey Wright to vacate two miles of road as follows: between sections 6-4-31 and 1-4-32. Between section 31-3-31 and 36-3-32. The legal will be published and action will be taken on May 21st at 10:00 a.m.. The motion was made by John Mickey, seconded by Henry Cahoj, all approved.

*Charles E. Unger* Charles E. Unger, Chairman    *Henry E. Cahoj* Henry E. Cahoj, member    *John Mickey* John Mickey, member    *Meredith Hrnchir* Meredith Hrnchir County Clerk

May 21, 1990

Rawlins County Commissioners met in regular session May 21, 1990 with all members of the board present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charles E. Unger, Chairman. The minutes of April 30, 1990 were approved, as distributed.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARINGS:**

Raymond Wahrman on severed mineral interest. No action.

Roger Philpott on oil; no action.

**SHERIFF:** Jack Maris reported on the status of the county helicopter, which is located at the airport. Federal stipulations require that the county use the aircraft for a period of five years and that a pilot be available. Gary Worthy is a certified pilot and is presently training Charles Poore in order to have two pilots available.

Commissioner Cahoj moved, John Mickey seconded the request by Sheriff Maris to purchase a radio and strobe light for the helicopter. All agreed.

It was moved by Commissioner Cahoj, seconded by Charles Unger to set up a temporary charge for use of the helicopter for emergency or law enforcement purposes by other counties. The board agreed to charge \$50 per hour, plus expenses. The sheriff will be responsible for the helicopter.

**TREASURER:** Cheryl Wederski reported that the total to-date, of valuation affected by the protested taxes is 638,355, county-wide.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** approved associate membership for the assistant county attorney.

- Scott Beims brought to the attention of the board a need to contact the Kansas Association of Counties concerning lis pendens. This concerns individual board members whereby a lien could be attached to their property when action is pending on a lawsuit.

**ROAD & BRIDGE:**

A hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. to vacate the following county roads;

A. between section 6, township 4, range 31 and section 1, township 4, range 32.

B. between section 31, township 3, range 31 and section 36, township 3, range 32.

As there were no objections, the above roads are declared vacated.

- Mike Wederski has been hired for summer help.

- the following persons were present to request gravel from highway 36 to Tony Timson's; through Blakeman to Harold Focke's and the hill to Bill Steele's. Jeanette Vrbas, Ila Timson, Bill & Mary Steele, Jean Focke & Gerald Steele. It was noted that two gravel pits are located in the area and this is not a large area needing gravel. Elaine Vrbas was not able to be present, but did phone.

- Doug Wolters and Verjean Carlson, representing an area in Driftwood Township were also present to request gravel.

- They reported a possible gravel pit located 1 mile north of Carlson's into Nebraska.

- Roland & Kay Query were present from Rocewood Township. Roland noted that his taxes have doubled and he would like an all-weather road; one mile.

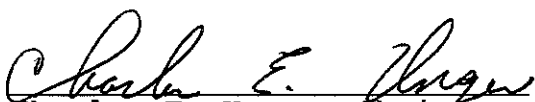
He also noted that some roads have been bladed to deep and suggested spraying for weeds. Pete responded that the county sprays 2-4-D and banvil.

- Joe Havel has a trail road by Jr. Gilbert's which needs widened in order to get his combine to the field. Pete will check this.


- Commissioner Cahoj suggested that Pete should train the maintainer operators and hire an assistant to help Pete in the other areas of work.

The board will convene at 9:00 a.m. on May 31st.

The board adjourned at 12:35.

  
Charles E. Unger, Chairman

  
Meredith Hrnchir, County Clerk

  
Henry E. Cahoj, member

  
John Mickey, member