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School Board Met March 11

submitted by Stacy Webster

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at

7:05 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019, by President Scott DeWeese.

Present: President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Hansen; Members, Brent Miller, Travis Thimesch, Kurt Preisser, Vicki Oldham; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests Ingrid Ricke, Carrie Vahsholtz, Michille Gwennap, Rebecca Huelskamp, Bart Ricke, Nadine Hope, Jeff Chambers, Ben Fox, Lance McGuire.

Absent: Member, Joyce Gridley.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Kurt Preisser, to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: DeWeese, Hansen, Miller, Thimesch, Preisser, Oldham. Nays: none. Motion carried 6-0.

President Scott DeWeese welcomed the guests to the meeting.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Kurt Preisser, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Reed turned the meeting over to Bart & Lance. They presented Jeff Chambers of Pawnee Heights and Ben Fox of Ashland to answer any further questions the board may have thought of after the Community Football meeting.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Kurt Preisser to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed, Bart Ricke, and Lance McGuire at 7:20 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel and specific students as related to Football under the Non-elected personnel and student data privacy exception under KOMA. Motion carried 6-0

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 7:30 p.m.

Superintendent Reed next turned

the meeting over to teachers in attendance. They gave a KESA presentation on school redesign ideas they have collaborated on and answered questions from the board on these ideas.

Mr. Reed reported on building maintenance items, vehicle repairs including the recent deer accident on Vehicle #21, upcoming board terms and current legislative updates.

No Special Education Report was given.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Kurt Preisser to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed at 8:10 p.m. until 8:25 p.m. to discuss individual personnel for the non- elected exception under KOMA. Motion carried 6-0. President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:25 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Kurt Preisser to accept the resignation of Joseph Banning at the end of the 18-19 school year. Motion carried 6-0

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch to approve

Tiffany Schnittker as office Secretary. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Brent Miller to approve the Inter-local agreement with ESSDACK. Motion carried 6-0.

Section D of the Board policy was discussed.

Superintendent Reed presented KASB recommended policy updates. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

The next regular meeting of the West Kingman County Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2019, in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th, Cunningham, Kansas.

The Board of Education Retreat will be March 27th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th, Cunningham, Kansas.

Ada & Hank Adams Attend Swine Producer Day

story & photo submitted by Marci Adams

Ada (sixth grade) and Hank (third grade) Adams, of Cunningham Schools and Cunningham 4H club, attended the Kansas Junior Swine Producer Days at K-State on March 9, 2019. There was a constant flow of information throughout the day, and they, along with their parents, learned a great deal. Ada and Hank have added pigs to their 4H projects for this year and are anxious to prepare them for the Kingman County fair in July.

During a session entitled “Selecting your Youth Project” Ada learned that you need to look at the shape of the pig’s leg & hock joint to determine if your heavy pig will be a good show

fig. Hank learned how to tell the difference between purebred and cross-bred pigs. You can tell by their colors and patterns. In our session about equipment & daily care Hank was reminded that the pigs need to have fresh water everyday and feed that isn’t stale. Ada learned some techniques on how to wash a pig to get them ready for the show. While learning more about breeds and ear notching, Hank learned that there are 4 quarters of an ear and that you notch them to help identify each individual pig. Ada learned how to read the notches created in the ears.

Meat 101 was interesting, as the presenter cut pieces of meat right in front of the audience. Ada learned that the best bacon is center cut from the belly of a pig. Hank learned that there are 4 main sections of a pig used for cuts of meat: shoulder, belly, loin & ham. For lunch, we all enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches.

One of the first afternoon sessions was about the health management for your herd. Ada learned that once you have given a shot to a pig, you

should not put that needle back into the medicine vial. Hank learned that if the needle is bent at all- don’t use it. The nutrition sessions were enlightening. Both kids learned that corn and soybean meal are the 2 main ingredients in pig food. To make it digestible, salt must also be included. There are several other ingredients as well.

The Adams kids received some pointers for showmanship in competitions: Always make eye contact with the judge and keep your pig moving forward. Never be between the pig and the judge. Don’t stick your hand in a pig fight.

Ada and Hank wrapped up their day by attending a session called Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. In this session, they learned that if a pig is sick, you should put it in a different pen so that it doesn’t share the sickness with the others. Also, there are 4 ways to give medicine: topically, intranasally, through an injection, & orally.

It was a very educational and fun day. Come see their pigs at the Kingman County & 4H fair in July.



Hank and Ada Adams

CHS Attends HOPL Music Contest



Henry Huelskamp - trombone solo



Maddi McGuire - flute solo



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CATHOLIC Masses

St. Leo
Sunday, March 10, 2019
8:30 a.m.

St. John's, Zenda
Sunday, March 10, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturday, March 9, 2019
4:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Willowdale
Saturday, March 9, 2019
5:30 p.m.

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Penalosa

Sunday Bible Class
10:00 a.m.

Worship
11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Worship
1:30 at Penalosa
Community Center

Mid-Week Bible Study
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
620-532-2684

CHRISTIAN
Cunningham

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

Bible Study
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer
Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike McGovney
620-298-3201
620-770-9507

LUTHERAN
St. John's
Nashville

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Sunday School
& Bible Class
9:45 a.m.

Trinity
Medicine Lodge
Sunday School
& Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
620-656-7431

Pastor Dennis
Fangmeyer
620-246-5220
Cell: 620-886-0911

UNITED METHODIST
Penalosa

Worship
9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Katelyn Zoglmann
620-298-2090
Office Hours:
Tuesdays:
9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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CHURCH
Zenda

101 N. Main
Sunday Worship
9 a.m.

Sunday School:
Children 8:30 a.m.
Adult 10:00 a.m.

(3rd Sunday of each
month breakfast fellow-
ship at : 8:30 a.m.)
(United Methodist
Women meet the 1st
Tues. monthly: 6:30 p.m.)
Pastor Ken Keeling

Community Bulletin Board

Friday, March 15 7:00 p.m. School Play	March 26th PCC Ag Day for Sophomores and Juniors
March 18th - 22nd Spring Break No School	March 26th 3:30 p.m. Forensics Meeting
Thursday, March 21st Forensics at Otis-Bison	Wednesday, March 27th 5:00 p.m. BOE Retreat
Saturday, March 23rd Forensics at Hoisington	Saturday, March 30th Forensics at Pratt
Monday, March 25th 4:00 p.m. JH Scholars' Bowl I at Home (south)	March 30th Regional Music at Larned
Tuesday, March 26th Spring Pictures	Monday, April 1 JH Scholars' Bowl II (West) at South Barber

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Cunningham Schools Box Tops for Education

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund (send checks to the
West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR



March 13, 1969 – A full-scale blizzard struck this area of Kansas last Friday night.

The storm began early that evening with rain, followed by sleet, and climaxed with a foot of snow, accompanied by a gusty northeast wind.

The heavy snowfall brought travel to a standstill, and many basketball fans traveling to regional tournaments in this area (Lyons, Pratt, Dodge City) were forced to remain overnight in the gymnasiums due to the snow-clogged roads. The Kingman County Sheriff closed all roads in the county that evening about 10:30 o'clock.

The state highway department began their snowplow operations about 9:30 o'clock, but the heavy drifting snow kept ahead of the plows, creating huge drifts at the Gladys Sheldon and D. J. Miller farms.

Accolades go to City Maintenance Man Don Becker for his snow removal efforts, Saturday. He cleaned the sidewalks in the business district, and spent the remainder of the day cleaning all the city streets with the grader. Without his efforts the streets would have been impassable, and many more cars would have been stuck in the snow.

Jack Meyers, refereeing in the regional tournament at Pratt, took an hour and five minutes to return to Cunningham during the height of the storm, when electrical power failure caused the stoppage of the finals game between Fairfield and Haven at half-time. The last half of the game was played Monday night at 7:30 o'clock, making this "half-time break" – three days – one of the longest on record. Haven, ahead at half-time 23-18, went on to win the game, 49-48.

The Kingman County State Lake was re-opened for fishing last Saturday after being closed for nearly three years, during which time the lake was drained, cleaned out, re-filled, and re-stocked.

March 12, 1964 – The 1963-1964 basketball season for the Cunningham Wildcats came to an end last Wednesday at Lakin,



where the boys lost their first-round game in the Class B Regional Basketball to Leoti, 66 to 57.

Gerald Schnittker paced the Cunningham scoring with 24 points; Jim Cain looped in 20, Kenny Kerschen came up with 7, Elmer Adelhardt got 4, and Bernie Albers and Danny Meyers each made a free throw.

The Cairo Co-op Equity Exchange is preparing to erect a new office building at Cairo on the site of their present office building.

The new building will be 35 by 50 feet with a full basement, complete with air conditioning. It will be entirely fire-proof, constructed of cinder blocks with a reinforced concrete roof. The cost is expected to be approximately \$29,000.

152 mothers and daughters attended the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet, sponsored by the Community YWCA, in Sacred Heart School Auditorium, Monday evening.

The Sacred Heart Altar Society served a delicious turkey dinner to the group.

The volunteer fire department was summoned to the Jack Crick home last Thursday morning to extinguish a grass fire that threatened the house.

March 12, 1959 – Cunningham may boost the best lighted combination football-baseball field in this section of the state following the installation of 16 additional lights and reflectors.

Rufus Leiter purchased the 16 additional 1500-watt units for the ball field, bringing the total number of lights to 88. The Cunningham Lions Club, sponsors of the lighted ball field, purchased 72 aluminized reflectors to be installed in the existing units.

Workmen for the Chalmers and Borton Construction Company expect to begin the pouring of the concrete for the erection of the eight bins of the new co-op elevator here Monday.

They expect to complete the job by April 1, barring any bad weather conditions. The con-

crete pouring will be an around-the-clock operation.

March 11, 1954 – KTVH, the television station at Hutchinson, will be on the air all day, starting Monday, March 15.

The city governing body is considering plans to enlarge the present City Building with a building large enough to house their new fire truck. The new fire wagon, powered by a Ford truck, and complete with storage tank, high pressure pump, and other essential fire-fighting equipment, is now under construction at the Cunningham Repair Shop. The length of the completed fire truck will be about twenty-five feet, necessitating a new fire station because the present station is not big enough. They anticipate erecting a building thirty-by-forty feet, and tying it to the present City Building. The new building will be used to store the new fire truck and other equipment, and will also be large enough to handle another fire truck, should the local townships decide to provide fire-fighting protection to rural areas.

March 11, 1949 – Showing Friday and Saturday at the Cunningham Theatre: Barbara Stanwyck and Burt Lancaster in "Sorry, Wrong Number. Showing Sunday and Monday: Red Skelton and Brian Donlevy in "A Southern Yankee." Show Starts at 7:30 P.M.

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YEARS AGO

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March 1944 – Publication suspended for the duration of the war.

March 10, 1939 – Skelly Oil Company is staring two new oil tests in the northwest side of the Cunningham field near the west side of Kingman County.

This field has been quit for some time in the past, with the inside wells drilled and outlying leases being allowed to wait.

Skelly has all the wells in this field and the district has been producing for the past six years. It has made a lot of oil.

Cunningham field has 36 oil wells still producing their crude oil with a daily potential of 2,126 barrels. The field produced about 14,000 barrels in the month of February.

Practically all of these oil wells also flow gas and this gas is run through a natural gasoline plant to take the gasoline out of it, this fluid being run through a pipe line to a car loading rack a mile west of Cunningham on the Santa Fe, where it goes to market by tank car.

The Cunningham Wildcatters defeated Sylvia High School in the consolation game last Saturday night, by the score of 33 to 31, in the Class B Elimination tournament at Preston.

March 9, 1934 – Clyde Darling, employed as core driller under L. I. Buck for Skelly Oil company on the lease northwest of town, suffered a painfully burned face Monday night in an explosion at the filed. The burns are not serious but his entire face is blistered.

Mr. Darling had been sent to the J. M. Ratcliff No. 3A well to get mud for mudding in at the test where he was working about 8:00 o'clock that evening. He carried a gasoline lantern and as he neared the pit, gas, which had been piped from the well several yards away, was exploded, igniting from the lantern, which however, never went out, although Mr. Darling dropped it as he ran from the scene.

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March 15, 1929 – With plans for twelve miles of road work on U. S. Highway No. 54 thru western Kingman County already completed, checked and approved by both the state and federal highway departments, indications now are that the state highway commission will soon let the contract for that important bit of state and federal aid work, and that No. 54 across Kingman County will be one of the first projects to receive consideration at the hands of the new state board when it takes charge of the state highway system on April first.

The great need of road improvement thru this section of Kansas has been very forcibly demonstrated during recent weeks, when, at times, great stretches of Highway 54 have been almost impassable, due to the fact that the entire road had not heretofore been brought to standard grade.

Across Pratt County the highway has already been brought to standard grade, and the work to be soon let in Kingman County by the state highway commission will leave but seven miles of unimproved on No. 54 across Kingman County.

Letter to the Editor: On National Ag Day and Every Day, we Celebrate #OurFarmers

By: David Schemm, State Executive Director, Kansas Farm Service Agency; and Karen Woodrich, State Conservationist, Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service.

March 2019

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America. They grow food to feed us, fiber to clothe us, and fuel to run our homes and cars. Their hard work and dedication provide economic stability across the nation – stability that supports rural economies and creates much-needed jobs in local communities. No matter who we are, where we live, or what we do, we all have a reason every day to celebrate and thank #ourfarmers.

March 14 is designated as National Ag Day. Today and every day, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kansas join fellow agencies, non-profits, private industries, and consumers

in thanking our agricultural producers for their contributions to our nation and beyond.

This year's National Ag Day theme, Agriculture: Food for Life, spotlights the hard work of American farmers and ranchers who diligently work to provide food and fiber for the United States and countries around the world. At USDA, our driving commitment is to support them as they put food on America's tables.

USDA works with millions of rural producers through a network of local service centers that serve every county. Our farmers face challenges each day, and we're proud to offer a variety of programs to help them fund their operations, manage risk, conserve natural resources, and recover from natural disasters.

On behalf of USDA, we would like to thank #ourfarmers for feeding our nation and the world. To our farmers and ranchers: We are here to support you every step of the way. Visit your local service center for one-on-one support with USDA programs and services, or learn more at farmers.gov. On National Ag Day, and every other day of the year, we celebrate you.



Meanderings

In last week's paper I'd written about the current weirdo-cat in residence, Luther Heggs. Remember? He's is so weird.

I had quite a time putting the paper together last week. Black screens where there were newspaper pages, fixed, more black screens, restart computers, calls to support people, calls to friends to fix it, all a big hassle.

I got home late last Wednesday evening after I sent the paper to the printer.... About 11:00 I straggled home. I rounded up Chloe and Clarence, gave them a treat and told them to go to bed. They wanted to hang out with me in the library room. I said, "Go to bed." They hopped on up into the bed.

"Chloe, you are not to sleep on my side of the bed." She moved.

I started inventorying kitties. No Luther Heggs. And I know he won't come if I call him, but I tried anyway. Hollered outside, called inside. I finally asked, "Dolly, where's Luther Heggs?" She chirps (she never meows, only chirps). "Do you know where Luther Heggs is?" She goes to the top of the stairs and looks down to the basement and chirps some more.

I pour out food for the felines. I went to the library to shut down the computer and wait for Luther Heggs to come out of the basement. Ten minutes later, no Luther Heggs. I get the flashlight and head out the front door. Walk to the north end of the house and shine the light onto the roof. There he is in all his weirdness; hunkered down under an overhang where the old part of the house and the newer part meet. Eyes glowing. I told him he needed to come on down and get in the house.

Now, with Luther Heggs, I am never sure if he really doesn't understand me or he just pretends ignorance. Either way, he stayed hunkered down. I rolled my eyes, assured him he was still a weirdo and went to bed. I kept the back porch light on for him.

I got up several times in the night to see if he returned home. He did. About 7:00 a.m. when I am rousing myself from the bed EARLY to get the newspapers mailed out.

He got the "it's dangerous to stay out at night there are owl-monsters and coyote-monsters, and monster-monsters that come out in the dark" lecture. When I am talking to him in that tone of voice, he runs around trying to hide behind the other cats and rubbing up against them. He is so weird.

I arrive early to get the papers mailed out and there are no papers.

I called Hutchinson, but couldn't contact anyone who knew anything, so I called the Pratt Tribune. They told me the gentleman who usually delivers them was sick and they were sending someone else over for them, and they'd get them to me as soon as they could.

They arrived between 10:30 and 11, and I got them out a.s.a.p. Which meant the folks out on the "routes" didn't get theirs until Friday, as well as some of the post office box patrons. Sorry about that, folks, I was mostly happy The Courier was even printed.

I get to work Monday, early afternoon, and listen to following phone message:

"Roberta, this is Bill Osner," Uh-oh, Roberta? From Bill? I must be in T.R.O.U.B.L.E. I can't think of the last time he called me Roberta, probably back when we were in 6th grade.

"You know the guy that don't have a very good memory?... Well I was reading the Cunningham paper and I noticed we ("we?") ran a deal on the Forensics group, I believe it was....yeah... on the FRONT page and then it just seems like that your memory gave up before you got to the 4th page and you printed it again. Just wanted to, you know, point that out to you. Thank you. Bye."

I started laughing. Bill seemed a bit touchy about my calling him on his memory in the paper a couple of weeks ago. (he IS a tad older than I am, so him memory is bound to be a bit worse than mine, right?) I know in a column not too long ago I mentioned my memory is a bit on the iffy side. I checked the paper, always best to check your sources. Sure enough. There it was the same article twice, once on page one and once on page 4. What could I say?

I called him, and I told him my memory was of the short-term type, (Short-term memory has a fairly limited capacity; it can hold about seven items for no more than 20 or 30 seconds at a time. from howstuffworks.com) and I also blamed technology. I distinctly remember deleting the story on page 4. I suppose it came back after one of the blackouts. I don't know. I guess I should have proofread better. I guess I should improve my memory. I guess maybe I should just throw the blasted computer out the door.

I do appreciate Bill bringing the error to my attention. I gave the paper a cursory glance through when it finally arrived at the door, I marked the ads, and totaled the column inches they took up (for mailing purposes) but I didn't notice the double story. Or the double picture. Maybe it's not my memory, maybe it's my observation skills.

Always reading And currently reading "I Dreamed I Married Perry Mason"

By Susan Kandel (isn't that a great title?) Roberta



I have a confession. I am proud to be a millennial.

Admittedly, there are many criticisms of my generation. Some are based in the truth--young people spend more time on their phones and don't seem to get involved in their communities.

I see these criticisms in a different light. For some it may seem like young people spend too much time on their phones, but in reality, that time is keeping millennials present in the new way of the world. Technology is ingrained as part of our careers, connects and builds our social circles, and keeps us moving at the ever-increasing pace of the world. Smartphones are a constant companion, resource and vehicle for communication. In this same way, it can be easy to look around your community and say young people don't want to be involved. I challenge that idea. Maybe young people are open to being involved but something is holding them back.

As an adult I regularly volunteer my time and serve on a variety of different boards. My time in these roles has helped me understand my generation desperately needs to get involved.

Over the past two decades, hours of training and many resources have

been spent making me into a leader, and I am a confident and outgoing person naturally. It might surprise some to learn that I have rarely sought out leadership roles.

Whether it's not wanting to seem too ambitious, or not feeling like we have the knowledge or experience to be a good representative, raising a hand for leadership positions is not something young people often feel comfortable doing. It typically takes someone asking and providing the important guidance that we don't have to be an expert when we come into the position.

Serving on boards is the best way to learn about an organization and its impact. I have learned so much about how the world works and what my community is accomplishing. Each board position has increased my knowledge, made me more comfortable sharing ideas and increased my belief that I can make an impact.

Another hurdle may be time. Millennials value their time differently and want to use it wisely on their passions. Try easing them into a position by setting term-limits or making it clear that one election doesn't equal a life sentence on a board. If a person doesn't want to keep the same job for 20 to 30 years, they may not be excited about serving on the same board for decades.

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HOPL Announces All-League Basketball Teams



CHS All-League Team Members: Taner Hansen, Lauren Murphy, Morgan Meyers, Holly DeWeese

Students of the Month



February character trait was self-control. Students being recognized are: Will Wegerer, Liam McGuire, Taylor Schultz, and Vitor Abreu

2019 Boys
Heart of the Plains All-League
Basketball Team

Blake Harnden, Attica, Senior
Mason Miller, Attica, Junior
Cooper Zehr, Burton, Senior

Adam Hall, Central Christian, Junior
Blake Allender, Norwich, Junior
Lane Detter, Pretty Prairie, Senior
Sam Fisher, Skyline, Junior
Steve Fisher, Skyline, Junior
Cole Coggins, South Barber, Senior
Ethan Hildebrand, Stafford, Junior

Honorable Mention

Ezra Goodman, Attica, Senior
Anthony Schmitt, Burrton, Senior
Taner Hansen, Cunningham, Senior
Cody Canady, Fairfield, Freshman
Cade Swonger, Skyline, Senior
Caleb Hildebrand, Stafford, Senior

2019 Girls
Heart of the Plains All-League
Basketball Team

Ashlynn Rogers, Attica, Senior
Alexis Zehr, Burrton, Junior
Joise Ibarra, Central Christian, Junior
Krysten Bartlett, Central Christian, Junior

Morgan Meyers, Cunningham, Sophomore
Jaelyn Conrad, Fairfield, Senior
Brayln Schroeder, Norwich, Senior
Morgan Schrag, Pretty Prairie, Senior
Savannah Hughbanks, South Barber, Senior
Emily Green, Stafford, Sophomore

Honorable Mention

Lindsey Kauffman, Central Christian, Junior
Holly DeWeese, Cunningham, Junior
Lauren Murphy, Cunningham, Senior
Avery Rosenhagen, Norwich, Sophomore
Jorah Harbaugh, Pretty Prairie, Freshman
Blair Hollenbeck, Pretty Prairie, Senior
Baylee Lauffer, Skyline, Freshman
Nora Gugelmeyer, South Barber, Sophomore

Opening Our
Doors

By Kim Baldwin,
McPherson County farmer

During certain parts of the year I secretly cringe when someone walks into my house. It's not that I don't like visitors; it's more about what my houseguests might see when they enter our home. In the winter and spring, odds are my floors will have some mud deposits that someone tracked in. In the summer and fall, dirt clods and seeds sprinkled around my house are a given.

"It's just part of life," I tell myself. Even then, at times it still creates a bit of uneasiness for me when someone comes to visit.

My concerns about my house have had to take a backseat though,

as we have an extended houseguest this year. My farmhouse — in all its seasonal, messy glory — has been on full display as we have opened our home to a high school foreign exchange student. She's a Sicilian from a large city who is accustomed to warm weather, ocean views and pasta. Lots of pasta.

In preparing for her exchange experience, she watched all the Hollywood teen movies to help her formulate an understanding of what life would be like for her in America. There were dance routines, musical interludes, mean girls, study groups and school dance scenarios that she studied.

She made a conscious choice to come to the United States to study and participate in the lifestyle and culture. Little did she know, the images, events and people portrayed in the movies she studied in preparation for this once-in-a-lifetime experience would be very different from her reality: life on a farm in rural, central Kansas.

Our family's goal is to carry on our business as usual while also working to give her the best possible experience this year. It's safe to say Hollywood didn't prepare her for the majority of it. Common conveniences including accessibility to a mall, a movie theater, a great pizza place and a coffee shop are all still possible, although getting there requires a bit more planning and miles on our part.

She's experienced

early drives into town to get to school, dirt road treks required to get to a classmate's house, small class sizes at our rural school where the math teacher is also the cross country and scholars bowl coach, making selections at our small town grocery store and the beauty of a community coming together for a weeknight high school basketball game.

She's had friendly conversations with folks during a community meal served family-style at a local church, checked out books from our local library, discovered butter-scotch, experienced slow Wi-Fi, which affects her Netflix viewing. She's also learning the beauty of Amazon's two-day shipping.

While the clothes shopping options are limited, especially for a teenager who usually spends portions of her weekends visiting shops trying on clothes with her friends for fun. She's beginning to realize that we have to plan our shopping adventures a little more than she would in Sicily. And, thank God almighty, it only took two trips to Wichita to secure the prom dress!

After multiple video calls with her family and Snapchat posts seeking advice, she has even purchased her own pair of cowboy boots. The girl is committed and living a life she didn't even know existed. To say she's adjusted nicely is a huge understatement. She has become part of our small, rural community, and she has fully embraced the lifestyle and all the community has to offer.

While she has learned and experienced a lot during her time with us, I know my family has gained some valuable lessons as well. And for me, allowing her to view our farmhouse in all its seasonal, messy glory is something I've been able to relax about. After all, it is just a part of life for our farm family here in rural, central Kansas.

CJH Scholars' Bowl Places Third



Congratulations to the junior high varsity team for placing 3rd at the Skyline Invitational scholars' bowl meet. Front row: Trey DeWeese, Alice Huelskamp and Taylor Schultz. Back row: Hannah Ellis, Luke McGuire, Lane Halderson



Pictured on the left: Trey DeWeese earned 2nd place as an individual scorer for the varsity Scholars' Bowl at Skyline. Ava Bock earned 3rd as an individual scorer in the JV.

Millennial

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Frequent changes in board structure will mean more fresh perspectives. When you invite a young person to the table, be prepared and excited about the ideas and questions they have. Change is inevitable, but it's not a bad thing.

Communities of all

shapes and sizes need people to get involved. We need young people to raise their hands and learn everything they can. We need established community members to seek out new people and work to make leading something that is fulfilling and meaningful. No matter how much the world changes, there will always be value in bringing a new perspective

to boards and everyone can play their part in making our communities stronger.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

A Lucky Charm?

Ellen Larson sent the leprechaun/snowman photo that appears on the masthead. She said it was taken on February 22nd.

It WAS located in the 300 block of South Ohio.

Alas, there is no pot of gold or rainbow. No wishes to be granted.

He just magically disappeared as those tricksters are wont to do.



Highlights from Heart of the Plains League Music Contest



Mr. Johnson prepares the band to play for the judges.



Kendra Morgan gets advice from the judge



Main Street Singers Ladies' Ensemble: Holly DeWeese, Alayna McGuire, Morgan Meyers, Alexa Fischer, Abby Hansen, Rebekkah McDonald



Main Street Singers Mens' Ensemble: Henry Huelskamp, Nathan Lohrke, Daylen Schnittker, Taner Hansen, Vitor Abreu, Brayden Schnittker, Michael Willson



Hunter McGuire receives help from the judge



Michael Willson waiting for the judge



Brass Choir: Abby Hansen, Nathan Lohrke, Henry Huelskamp, Taner Hansen, Erik Paris, Isabelle Wegerer, Morgan Meyers



Molly Morgan photos



The Cunningham High School Choir, under the direction of Mr. Gregory Johnson prepares to perform for the judges



Woodwind Ensemble: Holly DeWeese, Hunter McGuire, Alexa Fischer, Kendra Morgan, Lauren Murphy, Maddi Panek, Maddie McGuire



A judge helps Michael Willson with the cymbals while Tanner Hansen watches.



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County Commission Meeting March 4th, 2018

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas on March 4th, 2019. Those present: John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; John Caton, County Counselor

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Gayle Dye; Carol Voran; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Ryan Ruckle, Kingman Township and Dan Helmer, Coastal-FMC.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning Director.

Commissioner Henning called the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Commissioner Henning wanted to add discussion of the Joint Meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda with Joint Meeting discussion added.

Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Carol Voran asked about what Commissioner Steffen had suggested

on having a two-person committee for the Expo Center. Will the two-person committee have the authority to hire and fire individuals?

Ms. Voran wanted to know if communication will come to you or the city and will they get communications to Mendy so she can get things done.

Ms. Voran wanted to know why you need the group for Mendy can just come to you.

Commissioner Henning the whole idea behind this is because we have a good facility. The time of it being the City property and the County property is over. It is a community facility.

Commissioner Henning said nobody said this was cut and dried.

Ms. Dye said she has said this before that the County Commissioners need to attend the City Meetings. The City has already chosen a person and given them the authority to purchase items.

Larry Landwehr said he hopes that they can make a decision tonight at the City/County Joint Meeting.

Chairman Steffen said he understood Ms. Voran's concerns.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the February 25th, 2019 Commission Meeting and Fence Viewers viewing for approval.

MOTION: The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the minutes of the February 25th, 2019 Fence Viewers. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to open asphalt quotes.

The following quotes received:

Coastal Energy	
Vance Brothers	
Ergon Asphalt	
MC800	2.62 per gallon
	3.10 per gallon
	2.53 per gallon
CMS1	2.37 per gallon
	2.60 per gallon
	2.33 per gallon
CRS-1H	2.01 per gallon
	2.30 per gallon
	2.03 per gallon

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to accept the quote from Ergon Asphalt for MC800 2.53 per gallon, CMS1 2.33 per gallon and Coastal Energy for CRS 1H at 2.01 per gallon. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf had the Commissioners sign the Rural #2 Bridge Contracts.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that he has been testing bobcats from different companies.

Ryan Ruckle, Kingman Township was in to talk about the road agreement for the windfarm. Mr. Ruckle let the Commissioners know last time the road was not

taken care of in the way they thought it should have been after the construction was finished.

County Commissioners said they would like to know in writing what they would prefer for road material at the final construction phase.

Mr. Ruckle would like for the roads to be in good shape years after the project is done.

Mr. Arensdorf said having a good base placed in the action plan would be a good suggestion.

Mr. Ruckle let the Commissioners know that they should look at the haul route and make sure there is no straight routes that they will take and not use the wind routes because in the past they have used the straight routes and not the wind routes.

The County Commissioners reviewed and signed the report and order of fence viewing for Dena K. Brown Trust and Kenneth M. Clark and Edna M. Clark.

The County Clerk submitted to the County Commissioners a Cereal Malt Beverage License for West Side Bait & Beer for 2019.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for West Side Bait & Beer. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the window project proposal with the additional wording that

was requested by Katrina Ringler at the Kansas Historical Society. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Mattie Giefer, GCI Construction & Roofing, Inc. was in to discuss the window project and to get a signed contract so they can begin on the windows.

The County Commissioners signed the abatements and additions.

The County Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$53,944.58.

Stan Goetz was in to discuss solar farms and that he has been contacted. Mr. Goetz will have to get regulations in place for solar farms.

Mr. Goetz asked to hire Richard Schott as Emergency Manager for Kingman County with a start of next Monday the 11th of March, 2019.

The Commissioners agreed to hire Mr. Schott as the Kingman County Emergency Management Director.

Mr. Goetz submitted a spreadsheet that was done by Tiffany from the Clerk's Office on employee benefits and will let them look it over and put more together for them next week.

Mr. Goetz went over the Wellness program and the results of the biometric screening.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that Gary Hardman is retiring after 43 years and our new representative with be Derrick

Scrip. Mr. Goetz reminded the Commissioners that the first BMI weigh in for 2019 will be next Monday.

Mr. Goetz submitted the minutes of the planning/zoning meeting and went over it with the Commissioners. There will be a hearing on the 25th of March, 2019 on a subdivision approval that will be West of Norwich. Also, they had a request for a cell tower.

The Commissioners discussed the wind farm and the ice problem from last week.

The County Commissioners discussed the City/County joint meeting and who they would like to appoint to the two-person committee if it is agreed upon.

MOTION: Commissioner Steffen moved to appoint Jerry Henning to the two-person committee for the Kingman Expo Center. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Steffen said we need to think about the budget for the Expo Center also.

Booking for the Expo Center would be first come first serve basis.

Chairman Steffen asked what questions should be asked of the City Commissioners.

Commissioner Foley would like to ask about the drainage.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/CITY COMMISSIONERS ON March 4th, 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center, Kingman, Kansas on March 4th, 2019. Those present:

John Steffen, Chairman; Fred Foley, Commissioner; Jerry

Henning, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Stan Hacker, City Commissioner; Mark Arensdorf, City Mayor; Merlin McFarland, City Commissioner; Charlus Bishop, City Commissioner; Adrian Harrel, City Commissioner; Cindy Conrardy, City Clerk; Greg Graffman, City Manager; Cody Smith, City Attorney

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Gayle Dye;

Carol Voran; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Deanna Gerhardt and Ellen Hacker.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director.

Chairman Steffen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mark Arensdorf, City Mayor started discussion on the North Main Project.

Chairman Steffen let the City Commissioners know that they have set a start date for March 15th, 2019 for the North Main project and asked Charles Arensdorf to say a few things about the project.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director said that he hopes that the 2019 portion of the project goes better than the 2018 portion. Mr. Arensdorf let the boards know that the work hasn't been bad but that just getting it done has been a problem.

Mr. Arensdorf let the boards know that the intersection at Copeland will need to be grinded down. Also, the valley gutters and

the edges of the brick will need to be grinded for the asphalt overlay.

Mr. Arensdorf said that if we would have had a steady schedule that the Contractor would of followed things would of went smoother.

Mark Arensdorf, City Mayor appreciated what the County has done to make North Main a better road.

Stan Hacker, City Commissioner was sorry that the County had an issue with the Contractor.

Charlus Bishop, City Commissioner said "Thank You for doing it".

Mayor Arensdorf asked if there was any further

information on the North Main project and then proceeded with item B on the agenda which was landfill & demolition.

Greg Graffman, City Manager let the County Commissioners know that they have approved three grants for demolition. Two are on A Avenue and one on Marquette Street.

Chairman Steffen let the City Commission know that the County Commissioners discussed having the County Landfill open for the demolition materials to be dumped.

Mr. Graffman would like to know if there is any information that can be

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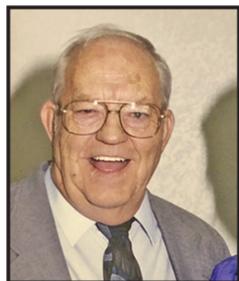
"The noblest motive is the public good."

- Virgil

Celebrations of Life

Tracy Beene

Tracy Lee Beene, 88, died Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at St. Luke's Hospice House in Kansas City, Missouri. He was born June 24, 1930 in Gate, Oklahoma to Bishop and Opal Beene. After the death of his father, while very young, his mother re-married and he was raised



by his mother and step-father, Opal and Ora DeSpain. He was the oldest of ten children. Tracy served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1954, achieving the rank of Sergeant. He was a Korean War veteran. He married Geneva Lowther on May 28th, 1954 in Ada, Oklahoma and moved to Liberal, Kansas where they raised four daughters. He was a truck driver for Groendyke Transport and Ideal Food Stores in Liberal, and eventually drove for Yellow Freight, transferring to Denver, Colorado and Kansas City, Missouri where he retired after more than twenty years with the company. He and his wife, Geneva, made their home in Lee's Summit, Missouri until his death. He is preceded in death by his mother, father, and step-father, five brothers--Charles Beene, Ora DeSpain Jr., Charles DeSpain, Ron DeSpain, Gary DeSpain, Laura DeSpain Hill, and one grand-child. He is survived by his wife, Geneva, his four daughters, Debbie Beene Lock of Greenwood, Missouri, Diane Beene Strong and her husband, Neil, of Tomball, Texas, Donna Beene Shank of Wichita, Kansas, Dorothy Beene Nichols of Holcomb, Kansas, brothers John DeSpain and his wife, RaJeanna of Goodwell, Oklahoma, Don DeSpain of Guymon, Oklahoma, and Louise DeSpain Armstrong of Cunningham, Kansas, sixteen grandchildren, twenty five great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren. Tracy was a devoted husband, father, son and brother and enjoyed country music and bowling. He was both flawed and perfect, hard and loving, and strong and vulnerable. He was a proud, honest, good man, full of life, love, smiles and orneriness. He laughed, loved and was loved, and will be so, so missed!

Eddie Vierthaler

Edward (Eddie) Wayne Vierthaler, 66, died February 23, 2019, peacefully at home surrounded by family. He was born November 16, 1952, the son of Leon and Helen Vierthaler of Zenda, Kansas.

On July 31, 1982, he married Linda Laverentz of Nashville, Kansas. Survivors include: wife, Linda of Wichita; daughter, Christina (Aaron); and grandson, Kaeden of Wichita; son, John H. Clouse (Stephanie), granddaughters, Tobi, Ryann, and Quinn of Olathe, Kansas; mother, Helen Vierthaler, Zenda; sisters, Elaine Nowak, Lawton, OK, Mary Hellman (Steve), Nashville, KS, Judy Jones (Dave) Wichita KS, Karen Stucky (Greg), Moundridge, KS. Many loving aunts and uncles and nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by daughter, Jennifer and his dad, Leon.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice Care, 2872 N. Ridge Rd, Suite 122, Wichita, KS 67205, or St. John's Catholic Church, Zenda, KS, 67159.

A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, March 30 from 2⁰⁰ p.m. at the St. John's Catholic Church Hall.

Jenna FitzSimmons named to All-State Academic Team



Jenna FitzSimmons is a sophomore at PCC majoring in animal science. She works in the PCC financial aid office and performs more than 50 hours of community and church volunteer work each semester. She will be graduating in the spring.

Kansas is one of 39 states participating in the All-State Academic Team program. The State Academic Teams were introduced in 1994 as a way to provide scholastic recognition to Phi Theta Kappa members, while promoting excellence at two-year colleges. The State Academic Teams are a division of the All-USA Community College Academic Team. The program is sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group with additional support provided by the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa. The country's finest community college students competed for recognition, spots on the national team and scholarships. The Kansas All-State Academic Team is designed to provide the same kind of recognition to our state's two year college scholars by saluting their academic achievement, leadership and service.

In recognition of these special honors each member of the Kansas All-State Academic Team will receive an honorary medallion and certificate, state-wide recognition through the media, a stipend to be used at the institution of his/her choice, and a minimum of \$1000 scholarship for those who enroll at Baker University.

Meeting

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given out for the schedule of the Landfill.

Charles Arensdorf handed out a listing of the general hours of operation, acceptable waste and what cannot be brought to the landfill. Mr. Arensdorf let the City Commissioners know that the landowner would need to dump at the landfill outside the scheduled hours they would just need to call the Public Works Office and they would have someone available. Mr. Arensdorf also let the City Commissioners know that the pricing depends on the County Commissioners.

Stan Hacker, City Commissioner asked if roofing (shingles) and building materials need to be separated before bringing to the landfill.

Mr. Arensdorf let Mr. Hacker know that it is not necessary to separate the materials anymore.

Mr. Bishop asked Mr. Arensdorf what does white items mean on his list.

Mr. Arensdorf let Mr. Bishop know that would be refrigerators or any metal as it can't be taken at the landfill.

Mr. Graffman asked the County Commissioners if there was any incentive that the County would like to give to the homeowner doing the demolition to give them a break.

Mr. Graffman let the Commissioners know that the City is in the process of condemnation of a building.

Charles Arensdorf reminded the Commissioners if you give a precedence here it may go to other areas.

Chairman Steffen let the City Commissioners know they would talk about this at their next meeting and let them know.

Chairman Steffen asked Charlie if he has had many out of County people dumping at the County landfill.

Mr. Arensdorf said that there hasn't been much actually.

Mr. Graffman let the County Commissioners know that the City has budgeted to start this program to get rid of blighted properties in Kingman.

Chairman Steffen said it is hard to judge the benefits of this program because it will help with drugs and crime also.

Chairman Steffen let the City Commissioners know that the County Commissioners discussed that they would like to offer the use of the plow lot for limb disposal so that people will have a place to dispose of their limbs.

Mayor Arensdorf that would work well except sometimes you may get a couch but not often.

The County Commissioners asked if the City would help maintain the lot if it was given for this usage.

Mayor Arensdorf said that the City Commissioners would talk about it during their next meeting and that it would be very beneficial.

Charles Arensdorf let the Boards know that you will have to decide if you want the lot to be used as just residential or commercial also. Also, you would need to get with KDHE and see if there is anything you need to burn them.

Mayor Arensdorf said that Mr. Graffman and Cody Smith, City Attorney would look into it.

Mayor Arensdorf asked if there was anymore about the landfill and demolition and no further comments were made so Mr. Arensdorf moved on to item C on the agenda which was the indoor/outdoor arena.

Mark Arensdorf, Mayor asked the County Commissioners if they had decided what they would like to do.

Chairman Steffen said that they had asked Mendy Frampton if she would be willing to run the indoor and the outdoor arenas. Ms. Frampton let them know that she would be willing to run both but would like someone to let her know what all her responsibilities would be. Also, the County Commissioners would like to see a backup for Mendy so when she has something personal she would have someone to help out.

Chairman Steffen let the City Commissioners know that having a two-person committee for Mendy to go to when she has an issue would help her.

Mr. Steffen told the City Commissioners that the County

Commissioners chose County Commissioner Jerry Henning for their representative on the two-person committee.

Mayor Arensdorf said that the City Commissioners discussed it at their last meeting and they agree that Mendy Frampton could manage both the indoor and outdoor arena. The City Commissioners also appointed Stan Hacker as their representative for the two-person committee.

Mayor Arensdorf let the County Commissioners know that they have gone out for bid on fencing for the outdoor arena but they may want to wait if we are going to do drainage repair.

Jerry Henning, County Commissioner said that we need to fix the drainage problem which will help with the presentation of the building.

Mayor Arensdorf talked about fixing the parking lot also to help with mud and tracking it into the facilities.

Fred Foley, County Commissioner said that when they had did the remodel they had wanted to put more concrete but it wasn't the Counties property.

Merlin McFarland, City Commissioner said that it is good that we are getting together to make this all work.

Mayor Arensdorf said it is very important to get this done and getting people to come to town.

Chairman Steffen said that the two-person committee main responsibility will be to help Mendy if she has an emergency and needs an answer quickly. This committee needs to go in with their eyes wide open.

Stan Hacker, City Commissioner said it is not to point fingers but to solve problems. We want to come together.

Jerry Henning, County Commissioner said we need to have a decent policy and everyone knows it and follows it.

Adrian Harrel, City Commissioner said the Committee should not back the person but the policy.

Chairman Steffen said that the Committee should back her if people are not following the policy.

Mayor Arensdorf said lets start from today and move forward.

Charlus Bishop asked what the current job title is for the Expo Center.

Chairman Steffen said Mendy is currently Expo Center Director.

Mayor Arensdorf said she should be Kingman Expo Center Executive Director because she will be taking care of both the indoor and outdoor

arenas.

Mr. Graffman let the Boards know that he would like to take the two policies currently which one would be from the City and one from the county and make one policy.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to accept the contract to make Mendy Frampton the Kingman Expo Center Executive Director. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Graffman let the boards know that documents are what they do and it can be done.

Commissioner Henning said that the big point of this is that we can't expect Mendy Frampton to do this all by herself. If there is a situation and she needs to be gone there needs to be someone to back her up. She needs to have someone that she can train to do things in her absence.

Mayor Arensdorf said he would be glad to help her.

Commissioner Henning said that we need to get someone to help at the Kingman Expo Center.

Mayor Arensdorf let the County Commissioners know that the City would put it on their agenda for the next City meeting to discuss help for the Expo Center.

Merlin McFarland said we can look at some employees that may be able to help.

Commissioner Henning discussed that people use the indoor arena in the winter because it is heated.

Mayor Arensdorf said the rent needs to be paid if you use the facility and whoever rents it.

Commissioner Henning said we have changed charging the 4H for usage but it will take effect January 1, 2020 which will give them time to budget. Also, the 4-H County Fair will not be charged to use the facility.

Commissioner Henning said if the County could do a part-time and the City could do a part-time person to help at the Expo Center and if there is still issues then get back together and figure something out.

Mayor Arensdorf said we need to go forward and make it work.

Mr. Graffman said that the City Attorney will get the County Counselor to work out the agreement.

The City and County Boards discussed meeting again in April and were in agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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