

Commissioners vote to increase security

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South doors of courthouse closed to public.

LEXINGTON—Anyone accustomed to entering the Dawson County courthouse through the south doors will soon have to change their routine.

Commissioners voted Friday during their regular bimonthly meeting to increase security in the courthouse by locking the south doors to the public and making them accessible only to employees with a valid electronic entry card.

The increased security comes at the request of sheriff Gary Reiber.

Commissioners voted to accept a bid of \$3,200 by Platte Valley Glass of Lexington to secure the south doors and to make the east doors of the building handicap accessible.

They also approved two bids from Valley Vending, one for \$8,541 for an overall surveillance system and one for \$1,514 for upgrades in the security room on the second floor of the courthouse.

“This is a necessary evil that we have to deal with now,” said Cozad commissioner P.J. Jacobson.

Reiber said locking the doors and installing the surveillance system ought to take care of the courthouse’s security issues for now.

In other business, commissioners:

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split bids for gravel for the coming year in the county between Overton Sand & Gravel and Paulsen Inc.

awarded the bid for a transport van for the sheriff's department to Platte Valley Auto for a 2011 Grand Caravan at a cost of \$18,797 with trade in. Bids from Plum Creek Motors and Pony Express Chevrolet for comparable vehicles were higher.

The board tabled bids for three patrol vehicles until specifications could be considered closer by the department.

accepted a contract which outlines county surveyor Jake Ripp's duties related to global information system services. Ripp told commissioners he cooperates with the city of Lexington for their GIS services and will manage Gothenburg and Cozad services as well when they come online.

approved Dawson County Transit's application for transportation assistance. The application asks for \$59,977 in federal funds, \$28,488 in state funds with \$28,489 coming from the county's budget.

agreed that county weed superintendent Marty Craig could pursue an interlocal agreement with Gosper County to perform that county's state-mandated duties. Gosper County's weed superintendent Chris Delp has resigned.

allowed by consensus the Lexington YMCA to host running and bicycle races around Johnson Lake in September.

referred conservation easement requests by Duane Folkers of D&D Farms and Jamey and Claudine Kennicutt to the county planning commission.

voted to sign a resolution which allows landowners to widen driveways and install culverts on

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their property but eliminates the county from any obligation to cover the cost.

renewed contracts with Maloley Real Estate for the 4-M building where Health and Human Services is housed as well as the state of Nebraska as sub-lessee.