LINDA SHAW

Shaw moves up, Draper steps in

LEXINGTON—Dawson County commissioners promoted Linda Shaw from an assistant for the Court Appointed Special Advocate program to director during their regular bimonthly meeting on May 1.

Shaw has served as the resource specialist for CASA and will move into the full-time position, replacing Christina McIntire, who resigned effective June 30 to help build a CASA program in Buffalo County.

CASA board president Betty Oleson-Sargent told commissioners her board members unanimously recommended the promotion.

Kellie Draper of Gothenburg was also hired to take Shaw's previous position, working part-time.

In other action, commissioners approved a contract with Client Server Technology Group of Omaha to provide computer network services throughout the courthouse.

County clerk Karla Zlatkovsky said the company will not only network all courthouse computers but it will also provide automatic back-up services, virus control and an e-mail server that will make all courthouse e-mail consistent.

Cost for the contract is $3,075 per month.

In other business, commissioners:

learned through a roads department update that the Rockhaven Road just east of Gothenburg is nearly complete.

accepted an interlocal agreement with Gosper County to provide noxious weed superintendent duties for $33,000 over the next fiscal year. Dawson County weed superintendant Marty Craig told the board the cooperative services that began last year have worked out well for both counties.

approved a contract with CenturyLink for fiber optic Internet service when it becomes available in Lexington. The cost of $150 per month is lower, Zlatkovsky said, than the Nebraska Link service previously considered.

authorized the county attorney to refer an investigation into allegations of criminal misconduct to law enforcement. Details of the allegations, discussed during closed session, have not been released.

denied one request for property tax exemption and approved several others while sitting as the board of equalization. Zlatkovsky said the one denial, to the Cozad Child Center, was made because no one appeared before the board. The daycare has 30 days to appeal.