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Substate Champs

Basketball season continues for the Lebo Wolves and Burlington Wildcats, as they captured substate championships Saturday, March 7.
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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

Employees to get 2.5 percent wage increase

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — City of Burlington employees will receive a 2.5 percent wage and salary adjustment, also known as a cost of living allowance, effective April 11. The Burlington City Council approved the across-the-board increase when it met Wednesday, March 4.

Governing body present for the first regular meeting in March were Mayor Stan Luke and council members Lewis Lenard, Thomas Tschantz, Sharon Hall, Jerilyn Curtiss, Dallas Scothorn and J.J. Jasper.

The 2.5 percent figure is based on the Consumer Price Index for the month of January, which was actually taken in February. The CPI was taken one month after Coffey County determined its CPI to be 2.3 percent. However, last year the city's CPI was lower than what the county used. In order to make up for that difference, Jasper made a motion to set the cost of living allowance at 2.8 percent; however, the motion died for lack of a second.

The council unanimously passed the motion for the 2.5 percent adjustment, which will result in the city paying approximately \$55,000 in additional payroll for the year.

Related to the action, the council approved Resolution 2020-01, providing for and fixing salaries and compensations of officers and employees of the City of Burlington, pursuant to the

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KDOT awards Lebo grant

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has awarded \$8.6 million for the 18 projects selected for inclusion in its Transportation Alternatives (TA) program for Federal Fiscal Year 2021.

The City of Lebo, one of the 18 recipients, will receive up to \$950,480 for its Downtown Streetscape and pedestrian access and safety improvements.

"Kansans value safety in all modes of transportation, which is why it is an important element of the new FORWARD transportation program," said Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz. "I'm pleased that these projects focus on improving safety for pedestrians and children walking to school."

KDOT received 32 applications from eligible project sponsors requesting over \$22 million in federal funds. The applications for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 projects were received during an open application period from September through October 2019. The next call for projects is expected to be released

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The Burlington USD 244 administrative offices could be remodeled to meet the needs of a community-based daycare program, if the district is successful in receiving an early childhood block grant. The fate of the district's grant application will be known July 1.

USD 244 exploring old city hall for administrative offices

Mark Petterson
Managing Editor

BURLINGTON — Burlington USD 244 is seriously looking at moving its administrative office to the old Burlington City Hall building at Third and Neosho streets. The plan is to use the school district's current administrative offices for a community-based daycare facility.

At its regular meeting Wednesday, March 4, the Burlington City Council unanimously authorized Mayor Stan Luke to lead negotiations between the city and USD 244. The city's intent is to donate the 301 Neosho building and adjoining building to USD 244 for administrative offices.

The Burlington USD 244 Board of Education met Monday night. The board unanimously voted to allow Superintendent Craig Marshall to enter into discussion with the City of Burlington to accept the gift of the old city hall building to USD 244.

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The Burlington City Council has offered to donate the former Burlington City Hall building to Burlington USD 244 for use as administrative offices.

COFFEY COUNTY COMMISSION

Contract OK'd for compensation study

Mark Petterson
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BURLINGTON — Coffey County Commissioners on Monday unanimously approved a contract with McGrath Human Resources Group to complete a compensation study, job description update and HR audit for Coffey County. The contract, for \$43,970, includes all consulting time and expenses. County Counselor Wade Bowie II will be the point of contact for Coffey County.

A full commission was present: Chairman Cody Haddock, Tom Huginin, Bob Saueressig, Don Meats and Fred Rowley. Others present were County Clerk Angie Kirchner, County Counselor Bowie and Administrative Assistant Donna Berland. Observing the meeting were County Treasurer Karen Maley, WCNOC representative Matt Dekat and Illa Weeks.

Emergency Management Director Russel Stukey gave an update on his activities this past month, including new radios and COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Last week, Stukey said Coffey

County Fire District No. 1 sent two grass rigs and a tanker to help with a large grass fire in the Hamilton area of Greenwood County.

Commissioners granted Stukey's request to enter into a five-minute executive session to discuss disciplinary action under the nonelected personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA).

County Engineer

Coffey County Engineer Wayne Blackburn presented his weekly update, which included showing an example of an aerial map of the county landfill taken by a drone. Blackburn is required annually to show changes in elevation at the landfill, which the drone can do when combined with specific software. The compaction rate of the cell must also be recorded, which is another application that can be done by the drone.

The Coffey County Landfill accepted the following waste during February: solid waste - 383.97 tons, construction debris - 125.93 tons, special waste - 13.54 tons, metal - 1.41 tons,

tree limbs - 0.39 tons, appliances - 4 items, car tires - 75.

Commissioners awarded two bids, based on Blackburn's recommendation:

* Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions for the 2020 Liquid Asphalt -- \$1.90 per gallon for RS-1M (approximately 337,500 gallons), \$1.82 per gallon for RS-1H (approximately 6,000 gallons), \$2.25 per gallon for A.E.P. (approximately 13,900 gallons), \$1.81 per gallon for CQS-1F (approximately 75,050 gallons), and \$88 per hour for demurrage after three hours. Blackburn said liquid asphalt prices decreased slightly since last year.

* Knight Trucking, LLC, Lebo, for bulk de-icing salt, ASTM Grade 1 road salt, and to purchase at \$55 per ton for 1,500 tons for a total cost of \$82,500. Three bids were solicited but Knight was the only bid. Blackburn said Knight has about 500 tons remaining on an existing contract at \$51 per ton.

Commissioners also approved Blackburn's request to solicit sealed

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Presumptive-positive COVID-19 case identified in Kansas

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has confirmed its first presumptive-positive case of COVID-19 in Kansas. The possible case was identified Saturday with testing sent to KDHE's Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL), which is approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to perform COVID-19 testing, found presumptive-positive results. These results will be verified by the CDC lab but will be treated as positive unless determined otherwise.

"Kansas has been prepared for positive cases of novel coronavirus and will continue to work alongside local and federal public health partners in addressing the potential spread of the virus," Governor Laura Kelly said. "It is our main priority to keep Kansans healthy and safe. We want Kansans educated on all aspects related to COVID-19."

The case is located in John-

son County and the patient is in home isolation, following the guidance of the CDC. KDHE continues to work with the local health department and CDC to identify and contact people who may have come into contact with the individual while they were infectious, and will monitor them for fever and respiratory symptoms. The patient is a female under the age of 50 years old. No other information will be provided about the patient.

"We continue to monitor the situation closely. In the meantime, the general public can help. Please practice proper public health hygiene," Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary of KDHE, said. "Wash your hands and stay home if you're sick."

On March 4, Governor Kelly announced the administration's robust, comprehensive preparedness plan in the event of a positive test result.

Under Governor Kelly's direction, KDHE and KDEM are: * in constant communication

with local hospitals and health departments, coordinating with local, state and federal public health partners; * preparing for emergency management situations on a regular basis, with staff who have decades of experience in developing responses and preventative measures for any situation;

* continuing to work with federal, state and local partners to maintain awareness of national and international COVID-19 trends and strategies.

The 2019 novel coronavirus infections initially were diagnosed in Wuhan City, China and have been reported in 60 locations internationally, including the United States. There are a number of unknowns with the virus, including how long people are considered contagious. KDHE, along with their community partners, continues to investigate this illness. Treatment for

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Protect yourself from Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Coffey Health System offers these five ways to protect yourself and others from Coronavirus (COVID-19):

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. A good rule of thumb is to mentally sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice while scrubbing all surfaces of your hands. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
2. Clean your mobile phone, doorknobs, and other frequently touched items with household cleaning spray or wipes. When washing your hands in public facilities, limit contact with surfaces by using a paper towel to protect your hands as you turn off water and open the door to leave the restroom.
3. Stay home if you have a fever and cough. Kids with these symptoms should stay home from school. Staying home also means avoiding contact with others in the household as much as possible.
4. If you have a fever and cough and you have traveled internationally — or been exposed to someone who has done so — please call your doctor's office or the hospital emergency room BEFORE you arrive. Notify the receptionist immediately upon arrival.
5. Rest assured knowing that the professionals at Coffey Health System and the Coffey County Health Department are working in daily collaboration with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are prepared should a potential case arise in the community.