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that trailer and then is not hauling for a week or so they will Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. bring it back to the county shop and pick it back up when they start hauling again. The county will service [the] trailer once [it is] back at [the] shop. It will be up to Sedona to hook and unhook the trailer.

Commissioner Wells stated, "I am just gonna say we will award the bid to Sedona Trucking at [\$130.00] per hour use as needed if they accept offer—I will make a motion to that, Lanna." Commissioner Carpenter seconded it and Commissioner Gould said Yes.

Commissioner Wells asked Junior if he had anything else. Commissioner Gould asked if we were going to open up a position for assistant Road Supervisor.

Junior stated Commissioners Gould and Carpenter had said that the position needed to be applied [for], even if currently working for county. Commissioner Gould reiterated that he felt that it needed to be applied for. He also stated that he would like the assistant road supervisor to learn all the paperwork and procedures included with the Road Supervisor position. Commissioner Wells stated it might be a challenge to do that with such a small crew. Commissioner Gould stated that on days they are not able to work on the roads, the road supervisor could be training the assistant. Commissioners agreed that more people needed to learn the reports. Commissioner Wells said to open the position for Assistant Road Supervisor starting March 3rd, through April 7th, and asked Junior to work with Gloria to revise the job description for the assistant and get an ad in the paper. Commissioners commended Junior on his punctuality of

9:37 Junior left the meeting.

Sheriff Casper let the Commissioners know he would be going to Topeka on Thursday March 13th (unless something changes) to join other Law Enforcement in opposition to

Cement and plumbing are finished for the new bathroom at the Sheriff's Office, Kris will contact Jeff's Plumbing to finish

[The s]pare car is in the shop, both turbos were down and will cost about \$5,000 to \$6,000 for the repairs. He wanted to get it fixed now with the federal freeze on funding and not knowing if the grant is going to come through in March. He plans to eventually give the vehicle to the Appraiser and wants to make sure it was running.

Commissioner Wells asked Lanna if we received any bids for replacing the North sidewalk. She replied, no, she had received a call from a company that wanted a bid sheet sent to them and then they put it out for contractors. She explained there was not a bid sheet, just the specs that were listed in the Newspaper. She also received a call from a gentleman, gave him the specs, but had not received a bid. Steve presented information for Sentry Model 3V8-H-B and

Sentry Model 7V8-B storm warning sirens for Marienthal. Model 3V8-H-B is DC only for \$23,950.00. Model 7V8-B is AC power with DC backup for \$28,500.00. Information for sirens was presented to Commissioners a few months ago and was tabled until Steve could get pricing.

Commissioner Gould asked which model the city had decided to go with. Steve thought the city went with Model

Commissioner Gould moved to do the siren for the Marienthal area with the AC power with the DC backup.

Steve asked if the commissioners knew where they wanted to put the siren?

Commissioner Wells stated the motion was moved and approved to purchase the storm siren Sentry Model 7V8-B Stationary warning siren AC/DC.

Steve talked to Travis about the price of the insurance to cover the equipment in the Emergency Management vehicle, it will be \$.55/\$100 of coverage. For \$10,000 of coverage at the cost of approximately \$55.00/year. Steve gave a quick estimate of equipment in the vehicle of \$14,000 but that didn't include all the equipment. Steve asked if the Commissioners wanted him to itemize all equipment in car and get a policy for \$20,000 of coverage at a cost of approximately \$100/year. Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Wells is moving to purchase a marine policy for the contents of the Emergency Management vehicle up to \$20,000 insurance through Associated Services.

Commissioner Carpenter spoke with Fire Chief Mike Nickelson, about concerns of how dry it is, with the winds with fire season coming up. Tri-Rotor [Crop Service, an aerial spraying company out of Lakin] is helping with any rangeland fires, if we have any. They said it was a donation, but Commissioner Carpenter was not sure if they are charging or not, but it is something that we should look at if we get on something. If the wind blows too hard, planes won't be able to get in the air. Commissioner Gould asked if it was ag pilots. Steve said that they are spray planes.

Commissioner Carpenter and the Fire Chief thought they getting the employee's evaluations done in a timely manner. should at least touch base with Tri-Rotor to find out if there was a cost with service or not. Tri-Rotor is part of their mutual aid call outs. Steve explained he spoke with Jerod, Kearny County Emergency Manager, who used Tri-Rotor, and he explained; if Tri-Rotor is called directly, [the County] would be on the hook for the bill. If Steve would call the County Commission chair, and say we needed to do a local disaster declaration and the chair said, "OK we have a big fire, let's do it (a verbal declaration)," then Steve calls KDEM and states he needs air support. They will call Tri-Rotor. Then they foot the bill.

Commissioner Carpenter asked how much is the bill. Steve didn't know, but said he would find out. Commissioner Gould stated if they could get a plane here for \$1000 much faster, versus making several phone calls, [it] might be worth the money. Steve explained that Kearny County Emergency Manager alleviated some of that process if he cannot get a hold of his Commission Chair, they have done an order of succession. So, say Emergency Manager can't reach Commissioner Wells, and Commissioners Gould and Carpenter are on a fire truck, the order of succession would give Emergency Manager permission to do the local disaster declaration. The Commissioners would sign it later through resolution. Kearny County EM emailed Steve a copy of their resolution for the Commissioners to look at.

Commissioner Carpenter stated we needed to find out the cost of calling Tri-Rotor directly.

Steve will find out cost and all liabilities associated with the

Commissioner Wells stated to have a resolution that resembles Kearny County's ready by next meeting,

Steve said he would have the prices by the next meeting. Sheriff Casper asked if the Commissioners ever heard of AM/ PM or Lexi pole? They help keep track and write any policies the county requires employees to read and follow. Will track who

has read the policies and who has not. The cost is estimated to be between \$1,500/\$3,200 per year. Kris is going to continue get information on these services.

Commissioners discussed joining KNRC, and agreed to table until the April 7th meeting, so they can get more information.

Commissioner Wells asked Diana if she had anything. Diana shared with the commissioners the amount of interest paid for 2024 from Security State Bank and Western State

- Security State Bank paid a total of \$142,403.32.
- Western State Bank paid a total of \$92,745.47.

Diana presented bids for CD rates she requested from Security State and Western State, to reinvest a CD that matured.

- Security State Bank Rates: 12 Months 4.40 APR 4.49 APY; 9 Months 4.45 APR 4.54 APY; 6 Months 4.50 APR 4.59 APY
- Western State Bank Rates: 12 Months 4.20%; 9 Months 4.24%; 6 Months 4.39%

Diana chose to invest with Security State Bank for 9 Months at 4.54 APY.

There will be a couple more CDs maturing in the coming weeks that she will be requesting bids again at that time.

Diana also shared with the Commissioners [that] she is the President of the Southwest Treasurers Association, and, although she didn't make the February meeting, she will be

attending meetings this summer.

Lanna presented bids received for managed IT services.

- LockIT Technologies: Monthly Charge \$2565.00, one-time on-boarding fee, \$2500.00.
- Leading Edge Technology Partners: Monthly Charge \$2650.00, no on-boarding fee.
- Imagine IT: Monthly Charge \$2372.00, one-time on-boarding fee, \$14,525.00.

After discussion, Commissioner Gould moved to go with managed services, from LockIT. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Commissioner Wells abstained, then voted Nay. Motion passed 2-1. Lanna and Heather will contact LockIT to further address

Commissioner Wells reviewed department inventories and brought to Lanna's attention that the Election trailer and the Expedition that the Appraiser uses needed added to the inventories. Commissioner Wells moved to approve the 2024 inventories, providing the missing items are added. Commission Gould seconded the motion. Commissioner Carpenter agreed.

Commissioner Gould shared with the Commissioners there is 3,000 yards of dirt in the county that is looking for a home. He felt like the landfill is always looking for dirt and could use it, but wasn't sure they were set up to take it all. Commissioner Wells suggested that it be hauled in to landfill at 10 loads, as needed. Commissioners agreed that would be best. Commissioner Wells will talk to Junior to let him know, and will also talk to the owner of the dirt to make arrangements.

With no more business, the meeting adjourned at 10:38. Next meeting will be April 7th, 2025 at 8:30am.

