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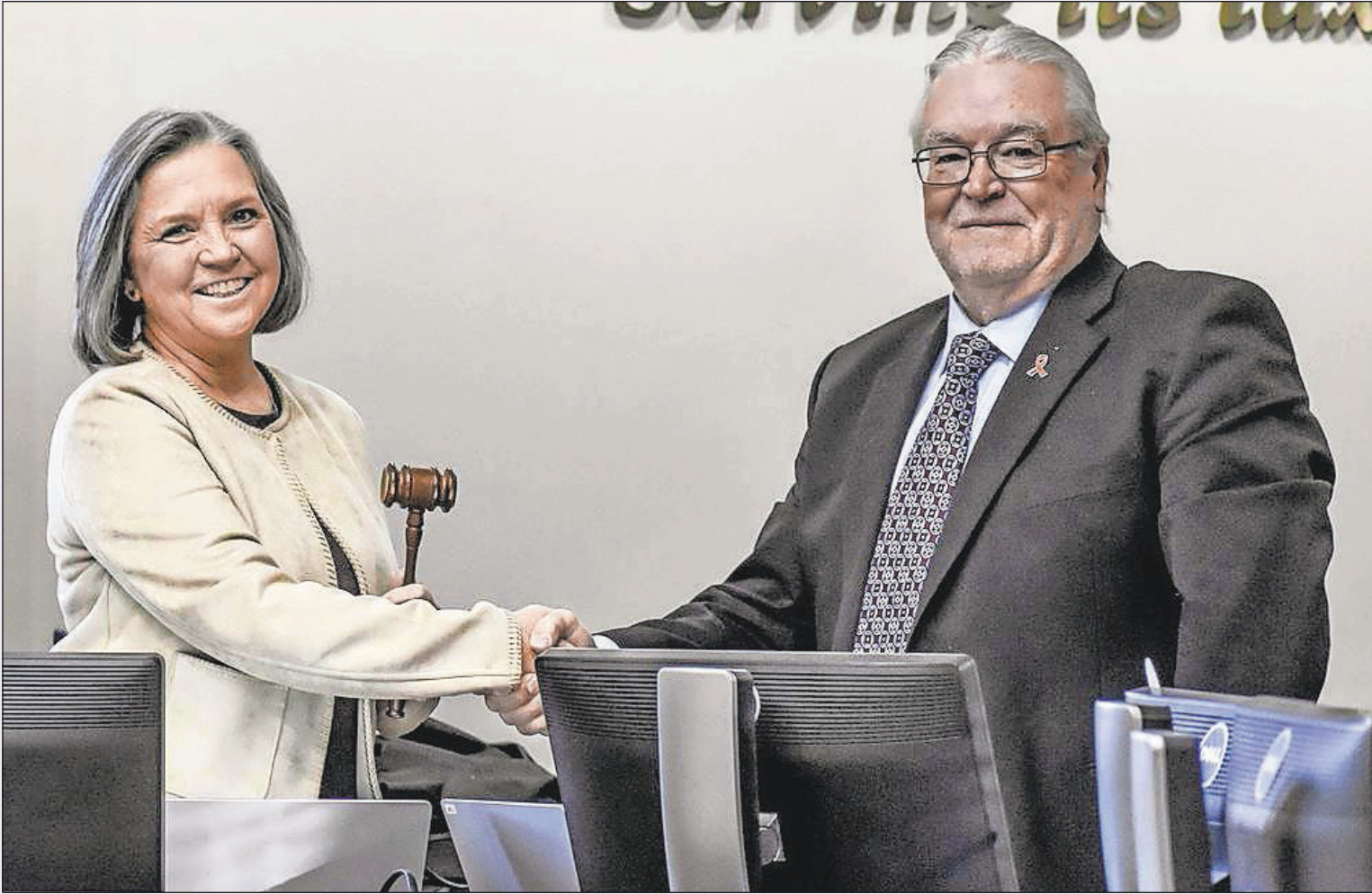
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Vicki Germann, left, was selected as Finney County's first female Commission Chair at the Finney County Commission meeting on Tuesday. Above Germann shakes the hand of Commissioner Gerry Schultz, the outgoing Commission Chair. MEGHAN FLYNN/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

County approves agreement for improvements to Old Highway 83

Germann selected as Finney County's first female Commission Chair

BY MEGHAN FLYNN
Garden City Telegram

The Finney County Commission approved an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for safety improvements to Old Highway 83 via KDOT's High Risk Rural Road Project at its regular meeting on Tuesday.

Mackenzie Phillips, Finney County Development and Administrative Coordinator, said HRRR project is administered by KDOT through the Highway Safety Improvement Program, with the intention to improve safety on rural roadways that have a demonstrated history or risk of severe crashes.

"Old Highway 83 is a winding road with many

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Warming shelters available in extreme cold weather

With temperatures forecast below zero or in single digits with wind chills for several days, a number of warming shelters are available in Finney County.

These locations operate on a space available basis and the availability of individuals to staff them to be open. Each location sets their own hours to be open.

Anyone utilizing these areas are responsible for ensuring their own travel to and from the warming shelter.

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Weather forces closures, postponement

Due to the forecast of snow and dangerously low temperatures and extreme wind-chills, several Garden City attractions will be closed and events will be postponed.

LEE RICHARDSON ZOO

Lee Richardson Zoo is closed from Friday, Jan. 23, through noon Sunday, Jan. 25. Staff will be present during this time to ensure animal care and to maintain the zoo's facilities and grounds.

FINNEY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Finney County Historical Museum in Garden City will be closed on Saturday, Jan. 24 and Sunday, Jan. 25.

Regular hours of 1-5 p.m. (exhibits) and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (offices) are planned for Friday, Jan. 23, as well as Monday, Jan. 26, and thereafter.

GCHS ROBOTICS

Garden City High School has postponed the robotics

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City sends rezoning request back to Planning Commission



Barbara Larson spoke for the denial of a rezoning request for the Lost River Addition Phase 1 at the Garden City Commission meeting on Tuesday. MEGHAN FLYNN/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

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The Garden City Commission sent a rezoning request for Lost River Addition Phase One back to the Planning Commission at its regular meeting on Tuesday.

The request was to rezone Blocks 1-4 of the Lost River Addition Phase One, aka 1503 Stonebridge Lane, from "R-1" Single Family Residential to "R-C" Condominium-Townhouse District.

Duante Thompson, Neighborhood and Development Services Planner, said the current plat of the addition has vacant lots that range in size from approximately 9,100 square feet to 21,700 square feet.

They were platted for a large, single-family residential development in 2021, which was established as part of a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District, but the current developer wants to split 12 lots in half to build townhouses, attached, single-family homes, Thompson said. The R-1 zoning district doesn't permit townhomes or lots smaller than 6,000 square feet.

"As a result, the property must be rezoned before the lot splits can be recorded, and any building permits can be issued for townhomes," he said.

The Future Land Use Map in the Garden City Comprehensive Plan

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