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Rachelle Powell, Garden City Director of Aviation, talks about projects to the Garden City Commission at its regular meeting on March 9. MEGHAN FLYNN/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

City approves bid, application for airport projects

BY MEGHAN FLYNN
Garden City Telegram

The Garden City Commission approved a bid and an application for federal assistance for two Airport Improvement Projects at its regular meeting on Tuesday.

The improvement projects are for a reconstruction of the Garden City Regional Airport's parking lot and Taxiway Alpha.

Rachelle Powell, Garden City Director of Aviation, said the parking lot project uses public funding and Taxiway Alpha is federal funding with a 5% city match.

The parking lot project is funded from the remaining balance of the Airport Terminal Project funds, and the Taxiway Alpha project is funded 95% by federal funds and 5% through city funds, which are regained through Passenger Facility Charges, Powell said.

Taxiway Alpha reconstructs the

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County chooses construction firm for JDC Pod B remodel

BY MEGHAN FLYNN
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The Finney County Commission selected a construction firm and awarded a bid for the remodel of the Finney County Juvenile Detention Center Pod B at its regular meeting on Monday.

Nolan Thill, Finney County Director of Building Maintenance and Special Projects, said the remodel will convert Pod B from a shelter configuration back to secure detention housing, which will increase capacity and align the facility with current and projected operational needs.

"This project supports the county's responsibility to provide public safety services and aligns with organizational priorities to efficiently utilize county facilities and resources," he said.

Lee Construction was selected as the construction firm with a bid of \$149,400.

Thill said the architect's cost estimate for the project was \$243,775, making Lee Construction's bid approximately \$94,375 below the estimated project cost.

In October 2020, Pods A and B in the JDC were converted and began to operate

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Beth Beavers, Finney County Director of the Department of Corrections, speaks at the Finney County Commission's regular meeting on Monday. MEGHAN FLYNN/GARDEN CITY TELEGRAM

Lowry

Finney County announces Director of Public Health

Finney County is pleased to announce Katrina Lowry as the new Director of Public Health, effective May 5.

A Garden City native and Garden City High School graduate, Lowry brings a strong background in health-care, early childhood development, and community services.

She holds bachelor's degrees from Manhattan Christian College and Kansas State University, as well as a master's degree from the University of Denver.

Lowry's experience includes roles as a Child Life Specialist

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Virtual Academy accepting enrollment

The USD 457 Virtual Academy is accepting enrollment for students in grades seven through 12 and adults looking to complete their high school diploma.

Virtual schooling provides students and families with one more option for meeting students' learning needs as they complete on-line courses.

Students, families and staff work together to develop individual plans of study. This allows students in high school to explore electives in areas of interest

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SPORTS

Buffalo softball routs Dodge City on road. **A5**

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Lucha Libre brings Mexican tradition to southwest Kansas. **A8**

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