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Trustees vote on budgets, tax rate

The Rice school district board of trustees convened in a numerically punctuated special meeting last Monday, during which they voted on three controversial adoptions: the proposed budget for 1982-83 fiscal year, the final amended budget for 1981-82, and a tax rate for 1982-83 year.

District business manager Elizabeth King went over budget entries and any questionable items carefully, while board members studied the budgets and fielded questions. The proposed and adopted budget for this year shows total expenditures for all functions at \$4,857,337 and revenues to be \$4,817,486. Added to the previous year's of \$998,782, leaving a projected balance for 1982-83 of \$958,931.

This projected budget, including the adopted tax revenue 7 percent increase, is expected to leave the district \$52,576 short.

Business manager King explained to trustees that appraiser Bill Youens had somewhat altered the net appraised values to \$342,174,304, at 65 cents per \$100 and a collection rate of 96 percent. The previous budget was balanced at a net appraised value figure of \$350,600,000, which accounts for the shortage.

The tax roll is not due to be certified until September 10, and assessor Youens' reason for altering the total appraised values was the inclusion of a 40 percent discount homestead exemption, which eliminates \$8,567,700 from the values.

This year's budget also includes lunchroom expenditures (over \$200,000), activity funds (\$56,000), local personnel raises (\$175,299), and state mandated raises (\$223,666), which were not included in previous budgets. King said: "If all these were taken out, our budget would not differ much from last year." Trustees voted unanimously to adopt the budget.

Last year's balanced budget included projected expenditures of \$4,224,157, and projected revenues of \$4,212,957. The final amended version, adopted at the meeting, showed expenditures at \$3,921,324 and revenues of \$4,199,107. The surplus in revenue was explained due to higher interest rates on deposits and unusually early tax collection.

Trustee Steve Balas expressed concern over an error of \$180,000 in last year's expenditure sum, which went unnoticed for a period of time. His contention was that the money should have been put to good use rather than eliminated.

Last year's tax rate was 70 cents per \$100 assessed value, with 61 cents going to maintenance and operation and nine cents for bonded indebtedness. This year's rate of 65 cents is divided into 58 cents for maintenance and operation and seven cents for bonded indebtedness, although assessed values have increased considerably.

Last year's final amended budget was approved unanimously, but Steve King said "that may be in reference to a door we put in the weightroom in 1980-81, which cost about \$3,500."

Trustees expressed a need to concentrate some of this year's expenditures in construction and maintenance planned for the district, including fixing the high school's roof.

Commissioners discuss 1983 budget

A work session on the proposed 1983 budget, and a presentation of a supply and cost list to court from June B. Mahalite of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corps, concerning supplies needed before an impending inspection, were among items on the agenda of Colorado County Commissioners' Court last Monday.

Commissioners looked into how much money would be needed for road upkeep in the county, and seemed interested in raising the amount available due to inflation. Raises for county employees were also discussed, including a 5 percent increase for satisfactory job performance (based on evaluations from immediate supervisors) and another 5 percent, contractually agreed, cost-of-living increase.

Court did not discuss specific figures, but must file a preliminary budget by September 2nd. A budget hearing on adoption is scheduled for September 13, although if court proposes to increase the amount of revenue by more than three percent, a public hearing will have to be scheduled before that date.

June Mahalite told the court that Eagle Lake needs certain supplies "to come up to standard before (state) inspection." Columbus and Weimar were already inspected, and will not need to be again for two years. But Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps must come up to standard with new legislation and certification procedures that require additional supplies. "At the next inspection," Mahalite said, "Columbus and Weimar will both have to fulfill the EMS equipment list as well."

Audience was also granted to Bob Day of Columbus Day Transfer Service, as well as other representatives from area ambulance corps. The discussion concerned return trip payments, which have been withheld because a concrete policy for such payments has never been established.

The issue revolves a round transportation to and from treatment centers. Usually only one-way reimbursement is allowed, but volunteers argued that if a patient is not able to return on his or her own, and/or if the attending doctor asks ambulance personnel to transport the patient back, the ambulance corps should be paid for the return trip. The court agreed and a motion was carried.

Judge Lester Craneck said: "This is an area which must be looked into at depth. Guidelines need to be established." It was agreed to hold a special meeting with representatives from all of the ambulance corps.

Audience was also granted to doctor Nims Sisley concerning the State Health Nurse Office. She presented an update on the state clinic in Columbus, located on the second floor of Columbus City Hall. An increase in patients of 26 percent from last year was cited, including 642 new patients. Sisley also presented a 15-20 percent increase for next year, and added services such as a family planning clinic and pre-natal services.

Her contention was that the space now available at City Hall is "inadequate," and said the court should look into available office spaces in Columbus.

Dr. Robert Pope addressed the court concerning rabies control, saying that the first rabies control law, set up by the Texas Department of Health two years ago had been strengthened in 1981. "The State health department is urged to go to all of the counties and explain the new laws and provisions," he said.

He explained the need to have a health officer cover rabies cases. In Colorado County, the sheriff is appointed health officer. Pope also discussed quarantine facilities, saying Weimar has good facilities. Columbus can use the city dog pound or local veterinarians' facilities, and Eagle Lake was deciding whether to build a new dog pound for quarantine.

In other matters, court decided:

- County should help with increased costs for stationary incurred by the County Depository. It was motioned to adjust the extra cost with the bank.
- To allow the sheriff's office to advertise the sale of three county vehicles, to be opened for bids on September 13.
- To allow sheriff's department to purchase two law enforcement radios from the estate of Roland Kluweck, at a cost of \$650 for the pair.

City revitalization talk planned

'Main Street' program involves no tax dollars

A public meeting is scheduled next Wednesday, and a private governmental meeting the next day to learn about a program called "Main Street" which involves economic and architectural revitalization of downtown areas.

The first meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 1 in the city Municipal building was planned as a result of a speaker sought for the second meeting.

Each three months, the three city governments in the county plus the county government, gather informally to discuss items of mutual interest. Paula Peters, community relations manager for the Main Street Center staff of the Texas Historical Commission, will speak.

Peters will present a program of introduction and explanation about Main Street. "The traditional role of Main Street as the principal center of economic activity has been greatly reduced," reads a project description from the Main Street Center.

The program is not like urban renewal programs of recent decades, where problems were attacked by throwing tax dollars at them, the description explains, nor does it involve "startling new approaches," Peters says.

Rather, it offers guidelines for organization, technical assistance that local businesses and building owners usually cannot afford or will not commit funds for, and a three-year program designed to help the small business district owners help themselves.

The central idea in the program is the rejuvenation of historic commercial buildings in the central business district to provide the necessary image for the downtown area. It also serves as the unifying factor to encourage local property owners and merchants to invest in downtown.

Critical to the concept, reads another project description, is the commitment to a full-time project manager (or local committee) and the development of progressive marketing and management tools.

Peters also will include in her presentation descriptions of the small towns in Texas where the program is working.

Sheridan to hold benefit

The Sheridan Emergency Aid has announced advance ticket sales for the upcoming ambulance benefit barbecue to be held Saturday, September 11, 1982 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center.

A chicken and sausage dinner with all the trimmings will be sold for \$2.75 for children and \$3.75 for adults. Door prizes will be given away after the dinner.

Tickets may be purchased from any of the following SEA members: Traylor Walker at the Sheridan Lumber Company, Vicki Ashley, Loretta McCoud, Delene Holub, Johnny or Rocky Jahn, or Albert or Earlene Botard.

Proceeds from the barbecue, as well as any donations, will be used toward purchase of an ambulance for the Sheridan community. All support will be greatly appreciated.

82-83 Raider Cheerleaders

Leading the cheers for the 1982-83 Rice High School Raiders football season will be these six young ladies. They are: bottom from left; Leslie Harrison, Bertie Garcia, Rachelle Hunt, and Karen Rucka; standing from left; Becky Bengel (head cheerleader), and Lisa Parker.

They were awarded a spirit stick for each day, eight superior ribbons and three excellent ribbons for their outstanding performances at the Universal Cheerleader Association Camp at Southwest Texas State University August 2-5.

Fire ant bait to be distributed

Colorado County Judge Lester Craneck announced that 1,830 pounds of Andro fire ant bait will be available per precinct in the county. The fire ant bait will be distributed at the precinct warehouses in Eagle Lake, Rock Island, Frelsburg and Weimar beginning at 7:30 a.m. Monday, August 30th. There will be a limit of no more than five pounds per landowner with a cost of \$1.00 per pound.

Precinct 4 County Commissioner Bill Stiles noted that his precinct will be accepting checks only, no cash. The checks should be made payable to Colorado County.

The fire ant bait will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Telephone rate hike opposed by council

Eagle Lake city council voted unanimously to join the Texas Municipal League in an attempt to block a \$417.5 million rate increase sought by Southwestern Bell in a meeting Tuesday.

Southwestern Bell has filed with the Public Utilities Commission for an increase of \$417.5 million per year (a 13.4 percent increase). The utility received a \$243.7 million increase last October.

Local exchange rates would be increased by \$303.3 million per year, with \$90.1 million of this charged to local business and \$213.2 to residential customers.

A steering committee has been formed by the Municipal League to coordinate all of the cities' efforts to protest the increase sought, in and out of court.

Tax roll received

In his "manager's report," Robert Klockman said he had received a preliminary tax roll from the county appraisers. He cited an estimated \$48,511,000 in taxable property that after adjustments of minus 1 percent, should be no less than \$48,028,000. He also said included in the tax roll were about 85 gravel trucks, which at an expected 50 percent collection rate could generate up to \$4,250,000.

"A gravel truck can be easily moved," said Klockman.

About the tax roll. See Council, Page 2, Col 6

Lions substitute car for carnival

There may be a new car in your future, if the Eagle Lake Lions Club has anything to say about it.

Due to scheduling problems with the Community Center here, where the Lions usually hold their Fall carnival, that major fund raising event for the club is being postponed until next year.

Instead, the club plans to give away a brand new 1982 Ford "Black Magic" Capri.

South Texas' newest, and hopefully one of the biggest festivals, will have its inaugural "Run Labor Day weekend."

The festival will begin Friday evening, September 3, with a big fireworks display following the Nixon-Gonzales football game.

A parade through downtown Nixon will start off the busy Saturday schedule.

Nixon is located at the intersection of Highways U.S. 87 and Texas 80, 50 miles east of San Antonio. For more information call Chuck Bloom, 512-582-1328.

Primary school mothers meet

A meeting for mothers of students at the Eagle Lake Primary School is scheduled for next Tuesday to make a list of three school functions, according to Major Benge, principal.

The "Room Mothers" meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the student's home room, and conducted by Major Benge.

The Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day school parties will be planned.

Fire department heeds five calls

The Volunteer Fire Department of Eagle Lake reported five fires last week.

On August 17, a grass and railroad tie fire was reported near to Southern Pacific railway at 1:10 p.m. Two other grass fires next to S.P. tracks were reported, one at 2:50 p.m. last Friday and another at 3:20 p.m. last Sunday.

A building owned by James Hampton, occupied by Brenda Frazer, on Pendergrass Lane in Wharton County, was reported on fire last Friday at 11 p.m. The blaze resulted in a total loss of the building and its contents.

Another fire of unknown origin was reported at 5 p.m. last Sunday in Colorado County. The fire gutted a car.

Poultry industry announces Nixon Festival

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