

Event Center room named

Written by Darci Tomky

Phillips County Event Center's large meeting room will be named after the Will Heginbotham Trust due to a substantial monetary donation, announced Phillips County Commissioners Monday, Nov. 23. The formal name of the large room will be announced at a later date.

Rooms in the Event Center are named after certain people or organizations which have given substantial monetary donations to the building.

Commissioners noted there are still opportunities to donate to the Event Center and to receive a spot on the Donor Wall which is still a work in progress.

Commissioner Bud Bieseemeier said the Event Center is "getting there" with many small projects still left to be done. They recently did a partial walk-through with the architect and contractor, and there is a possibility the Dragon's Wagon Preschool could move in around Christmastime.

After much research, commissioners finalized a fee schedule for the Event Center noting organizations, individuals and groups will be permitted to use the building on a first come, first serve basis. Fees are as follows:

—Heginbotham (Hall)

Capacity—600 people, 120'x80'

Rental fee \$300

Deposit \$500

Or \$40/hour

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—Biesemeier Meeting Room

Capacity—120 people, 60'x40'

Rental fee \$60

Deposit \$50

Or \$20/hour

—Ortner Family Meeting Room

Capacity—50 people, 40'x21'

Rental fee \$25

Deposit \$25

Or \$10/hour

Use of kitchenette \$10

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—Commercial Kitchen

Rental Fee (with cooking) \$50

Rental Fee (no cooking) \$25

Deposit \$50

—Use of alcohol—Must be approved by County Commissioners. Additional deposit equal to original room rental deposit.

—Combination room rentals

All three meeting rooms

and kitchen \$400

Deposit \$500

—Additional days—50 percent of the original rate for each day.

—Custodial fee for set up/teardown—\$15/hour/person.

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—County cleaning rate—\$25/hour, taken out of deposit.

Other business

In other business in the month of November, commissioners:

—reported Phillips County Fair Board is now full. New members are Corey Koberstein serving as a member at large, Ranae McCallum serving a three-year term for District 2 and Jim Helfer serving a three-year term for District 3. Commissioners expressed their appreciation to members who went off the board this year: Adam Tempel, Chris Fuesz and Sherry Mari.

—received notice Nov. 2 that county administrator Randy Schafer would be undergoing double lung transplant surgery. He is out of the office recuperating in Aurora at “The Lung Connection” for at least a month. Commissioners are able to correspond with Schafer on a daily basis via e-mail and phone.

—noted they will hold a budget hearing Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Courthouse. The budget is available for public view in the administrator’s office.

—renewed the 2009 audit contract with Ronny Farmer & Co. auditors.

—noted Phillips County Weed District is currently in the process of installing a 7x8 foot garage door on the weed district building in Haxtun in addition to some other small remodeling projects being done by county forces. Garage Door Service is doing the work on the door.

—noted a new fax machine was purchased for the administration office to replace the old

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machine which was malfunctioning.

—renewed a well permit for Black Raven Energy in Amherst in the area of Sect. 27, T9N, R43W.

—made preparations to attend the Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) winter conference Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in Colorado Springs.