Phillips County commissioners gave a brief update on the approval process for Williwaw Goddard Wind Farms at their Feb. 28 meeting.

The Board of Adjustments has recommended conditional approval of the wind farm and transmission line. A number of conditions are included in their recommendation. Commissioners are reviewing the recommendations and hope to make a final decision at their March 9 meeting.

A supplemental budget for 2011 has been adopted by the commissioners.

A number of items and purchases have also been approved by commissioners in the month of February.

They approved the purchase of two new overhead doors—one for the new Amherst Road and Bridge building at a cost of $6,013.27 and the other for the district shop in Holyoke at a cost of $3,793.

A lease-purchase agreement was approved with First Pioneer National Bank for $150,000 to purchase a new Caterpillar 950H Loader for Road and Bridge District 3. The net cost of the machine was $180,745, and the county traded in a 1993 950 Loader for approximately $45,000. Payments will extend over five years.

The board renewed an agreement with Scholl Oil for repeater service for the Road and Bridge radios for $5,000 for the next 10 years.

The board also renewed the lease on the county farmground at the landfill for Duane Harms.

Due to proceeds from the Taste of Agriculture event, commissioners approved a $500 donation to the Haxtun Community Childcare facility.

Commissioners reported the Phillips County Sheriff's Office and maintenance contractor Garold Roberts are about to complete the installation of a camera security system at the courthouse. It's being paid for by a Court Security grant.

County residents should note the County Clerk's Office will be changing their hours open for public business to 8 a.m.-4 p.m. beginning April 1. Staff will continue to work their regular hours, but the office will close to the public at 4 p.m.

Beginning April 2 through Oct. 5, the Road and Bridge staff will change from five eight-hour days to four 10-hour days.

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