

Computer equipment stolen at landfill break-in

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Phillips County Commissioners reported at their July 31 meeting the Phillips County landfill office was broken into Tuesday night, July 28.

Offenders cut the lock on the main gate and used a rock to break the office window. Commissioners noted the office was turned upside down and devastated. Sheriff Rob Urbach investigated the break-in.

Stolen goods amounted to \$1,200 worth of equipment including computers, adding machines and a television/VCR combo. There was also evidence a rock was used to try to break into the safe.

Commissioners reported the county will buy new computers to replace the stolen equipment.

On a good note, during the month of July, the state conducted an inspection of the county landfill, and most areas looked good according to the commissioners.

Also in the month of July, Commissioners reported on the 2008 audit of the county conducted by Farmer and Co. The audit gave a good opinion of county finances and reported the fund balance is in good shape. The company noted there is good cooperation within the county, and no recommendations were made for changes.

Commissioners were happy to report the Phillips County Fair went well this year. In looking forward to the completion of the Event Center and next year's Fair, Commissioner Bud Bieseemeier said, "We hope next year will go a little smoother with the addition of a building."

Other business

In other business during the month of July, county commissioners:

—approved the county clerk to have mail-in ballots if there is an election this year.

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—noted Lori Lundgren was hired as a Case Worker I to help with Social Services.

—renewed the liquor license for Blisties.

—approved roadway occupancy agreement with Highline for County Road 14.

—filed a couple gas permits.

—sent a letter of support to Holyoke City Council for their phase 1 proposal of the Johnson St. walking/bike path.

—noted new members on the 911 board include Bruce Mahnke of the Haxtun Fire Dept. and Susan Deslauriers of the Holyoke ambulance. Mahnke will serve a 4-year term while Deslauriers will serve three years because she is replacing Dana Davis.

—noted the county is back up to three vehicles after purchasing two vehicles at auction to replace two others. They purchased a 2006 Ford Taurus for \$6,700 and a 2003 Dodge Caravan for \$3,900.