

County to apply for historical grant for courthouse updates

Written by Darci Tomky

Heginbotham Trust has pledged \$10,000 toward a remodeling project at the Phillips County Courthouse, dependent on a grant from the Colorado Historical Fund.

At their meeting Friday, March 29, commissioners explained they are applying for a grant for around \$92,000 with a cash match from the county of \$40,000. The total project will be around \$142,000.

If awarded the grant, the county will use the funds to redo the outside of the courthouse windows and the inside storm windows as well as an update to the chimney.

Commissioners reported they have also drafted a letter of support on behalf of the City of Holyoke for a grant from the Colorado Historical Fund for updates at Heginbotham Library.

An additional letter of support was written last month to send to Senators Mark Udall and Michael Bennet indicating the balance of the grant for expanding broadband service in the state would be better served to support communities where it is more needed. Commissioners noted EAGLE-Net inappropriately proceeded with the project.

Commissioners reported the county has upgraded the security cameras at the Event Center to better serve the needs there.

Branda Coyne was recently hired as a full-time dispatcher at the communications center, replacing Dawn Worley, who recently moved. Kay Schmidt has also been hired as a part-time dispatcher.

In the month of March, the county purchased a UTV four-wheeler from Ag Power Case IH for \$9,500.

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District 1 is also set to lease a Case IH Maxxum 140 tractor for \$8,500 per year.

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