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## Board Approves District Facility Assessments

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At July's school board meeting, discussions about the future of Crane Youngworth sparked inquiries from board members about the conditions of the entire district's current facilities.

As a result of Monday night's meeting, the board has approved for an evaluation of those facilities to begin.

The board has allowed administration to seek Request for Proposals from architecture firms to assess Yankton High School/Summit Activities Center, including Williams Track and the surrounding areas (1995), Yankton Middle School (1956) and Beadle Elementary (1950). The study will also include Crane-Youngworth Field (1926).

Despite the study conducted in November by the engineering firm Geo Tek for Crane Youngworth, administration believes that including the field in the overall comprehensive facilities study is a good idea.

"There is nothing wrong with a fresh set of eyes," said Building and Grounds Supervisor Chuck Turner. "Maybe they (the selected firm) will have better recommendations for the long-term."

As you can see, the early stages of the project are just beginning. It has been over a year since the Crane Youngworth project was brought to the board, and many decisions still need to be made before any kind of construction can take place.

The last time a similar scope like this was done on the entire facilities was in 2006 by the DLR design firm out of Omaha. Those assessments led to several additions throughout the district including: the Stewart Elementary \$2.4 million project, the Lincoln Elementary \$975,000 renovation and

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## Yankton Mall To Get Facelift

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The Yankton Mall will look a lot different in the coming years.

Monday night, the Yankton City Commission gave approval for a special assessment With Dial Properties Management, LLC and Yankton-Omaha Partnership that is meant to attract new tenants, keep

old ones, make aesthetic improvements and generally improve the mall — at no risk to the city itself.

City Manager Amy Nelson said a push for retail and a desire to improve the structure drove the decision for a special assessment.

"One of the things we've been charged to do is to fo-

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ROB NIELSEN/P&D

Dial Properties Management, LLC CEO Terry Clauff gives a presentation of proposed upgrades for the Yankton Mall during Monday's meeting of the Yankton County Commission.

## County Commission Bypasses Bypass

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The issue of creating a bypass to help with the traffic flow on Broadway was one of the topics discussed at Monday's Yankton County Commission meeting.

The issue of noisy trucks driving through Fourth Street was a prominent point in creating the bypass. A few locals expressed the upsides of having a bypass created, with one bringing a petition signed by 750 plus people interested in the idea.

"I've heard too many people talk about the noise on Fourth Street," Utica resident Ruth Ann Dickman said. "I've walked down that street and it just shook."

Frank Kloucek of Scotland pointed out the \$12 million that was recently spent on Yankton's archery center, calling it "a waste in tax dollars," and used Springfield's investment on a bridge as an example as to how a bypass would benefit the community.

"It would save wear and tear on the roads and would help with the traffic," Kloucek said.

While it was agreed upon that a bypass wasn't necessarily a bad idea, there were two main problems: not discouraging travelers from passing through Yankton

and funding.

"It's not magic money out there. We would have to watch that tax dollar as much as we watch the county's tax dollars," said commission member Donna Freng. "We were just encouraging motorcyclists to come through here."

Commission member Debra Bondenstedt also mentioned the shortage of concrete tractors in the county to complete the job in a timely manner.

"I'm having a hard time pushing for spending \$20 million when we need to fix bridges and roads in our county," Freng added. "My issue is, we may be able to eliminate some traffic, plus, we've got a million visitors out at the lake. I really don't want them to bypass Yankton."

In other business Monday, the commission:

• Discussed water run-off along the homes beside Clark



COURTESY PHOTO

Workers tackle clean-up at the Glenridge Golf Course near Irene in the aftermath of Sunday's storm with hail and winds clocked at 70 miles per hour (mph).

## Thunder Strom Takes Heavy Toll On Surrounding Area

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IRENE—A group of golfers expected to play in a tournament Monday at Glenridge Golf Course near Irene.

Instead, they and other volunteers helped clean up after Sunday's winds of 70 miles per hour (mph) walloped the 9-hole course in northern Yankton County.

Glenridge manager Brett Nielsen welcomed the golfers who still showed up to lend a hand even though their tournament was put on hold.

"They're a great group of guys," he said. "They're awesome."

Sunday's storm rolled across southeast South Dakota and northeast Nebraska. The system brought 1.62 inches of rain to Yankton in a 24-hour period along with one-inch hail northwest of Mayfield, according to the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Sioux Falls.

Mayfield and Irene were among the hardest hit areas, and the Glenridge course took a major hit during the storm, Nielsen said.

Based on the damage, he doesn't doubt the accuracy of the 70 mph wind readings.

"I would guess (the winds) would have to be at least that much to do that kind of damage," he said. "We had some people talking about up to 90 or

100 mph, but I don't know about that."

Fortunately, no one suffered injuries at the golf course during the storm, he said.

"We had a few people who were still here (at the clubhouse)," he said. "They just took cover in the cooler and waited for (the storm) to go by."

Unfortunately, some of the facilities didn't fare as well, Nielsen said.

"We had trees down, and a maintenance shed got blown out," he said. "The roof on the clubhouse is in pretty rough shape on one side. Something will have to be done."

The clubhouse remains functional

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## Westbrook Estates Well Under Way

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After years of slow growth of affordable housing in Yankton, the Westbrook Estates project is quickly beginning to take shape to address the city's housing needs.

During Monday's Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) quarterly investors meeting, YAPG officials provided updates on the project's progress.

Dan Specht, head of YAPG's housing taskforce said a lot of work has taken place so far on the project.

"If you drive out there, you'll see

a lot of dirt-work and it's hard to see what's really happening, but all the underground stuff — the water, the sewer, the storm sewer — is going in now," Specht said. "Rains like we had this weekend are great, but not good for moving dirt. We anticipate that'll be done by the end of the month and you'll start to see curb, gutter, streets and that sort of stuff going in Sept."

Specht said that building Westbrook has been a real learning process so far.

"We're finding right now that builders and contractors are busy," he said. "Talked with Kelly Nielson and he is having a difficult time getting bids

from local contractors because they're busy."

He added that an inability to hire local contractors has led to some speculation that they haven't attempted to seek them out.

"We were talking to a supplier last week," he said. "(They asked), 'How come YAPG's not using local contractors to build these homes?' Couldn't find any. There's some bad information out there that we're trying to correct."

Specht said they're hoping to start getting lots up for sale soon.

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Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG) housing taskforce head Dan Specht gives a presentation on the progress of the Westbrook Estates project during YAPG's quarterly investors meeting Monday.

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