

Contractor Works Back Into 9-1-1 Board's Favor

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — The contractor installing South Dakota's new 9-1-1 emergency dispatch system has performed better since a July payment was temporarily withheld, members of the state board overseeing the project said Thursday.

The company updated software for the Pennington County public service answering point in August, shortly after the South Dakota 9-1-1 Coordination Board sent a letter expressing dissatisfaction and refusing to make its \$259,067 payment for July services.

Board members said the company, NextGen

Communications Inc. and its corporate parent, TeleCommunication Systems Inc. of Annapolis, Md., quickly responded. The updated software is being installed as each community is brought onto the new system.

TCS has since been fully paid for July, August and September, according to state 9-1-1 coordinator Shawnie Rechtenbaugh.

She said installation of the new technology is progressing. Rapid City, Sioux Falls Metro, Brookings, Winner and Mitchell are complete and Pierre is scheduled for conversion Oct. 21.

The board's vice chairman, Perkins County Sheriff Kelly Serr, said the company is meeting expectations.

"Personally I've seen a change and a dif-

ference. They want to be good partners," Serr said.

Ted Ruffedt Jr. of Rapid City, the board's chairman, said the relationship in Pennington County improved during the past two months.

"I've been pleased with TCS's response to the August letter and I think they've worked hard to get back on track," Ruffedt said.

Serr noted that public service answering points are diverse and each problem that's been solved is helpful to the next ones.

The conversion at Mitchell went "reasonably well," board member Marlene Haines said. She is communications director for the Mitchell Department of Public Safety.

"We are still working through some issues,"

she said.

Haines praised Ruffedt and Rechtenbaugh for their help. "Very glad we weren't the first. It just gets better the more we move along," Haines said.

Brown County's turn comes in early November and Huron would follow in mid-November, according to Rechtenbaugh.

December is open because of the weather and the holidays, she said, with Canton scheduled for January. Altogether 28 public service answering points — PSAPs in 9-1-1 lingo — will be done.

The schedule has been fluid, Rechtenbaugh said. She noted the plan given to the board for the meeting Thursday was version No. 33.

US Rep. Kristi Noem Outraises Democratic Challenger By \$197K

BY JAMES NORD
Associated Press

PIERRE — A Democratic state representative raised about \$63,400 during the campaign finance period in which she launched her bid to unseat Republican U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem, who has more than \$1.3 million in the bank.

Federal finance reports provided by the two campaigns this week show Noem raised more than \$260,000 in the latest fundraising quarter, nearly \$200,000 more than challenger Paula Hawks raised. This is the first deadline since Hawks, a second-term state representative from Hartford, announced her bid for the seat in August. So far she's

the only Democrat running, and she has about \$45,600 on hand.

The quarter ran from July through September. Hawks campaign manager Zach Nistler said the campaign is pleased and will build on the numbers. He said Noem is spending time raising money for the next election rather than getting work done for state residents.

"We always knew that Kristi Noem would outspend us and that she would outraise us, but we have learned from past races that you don't need millions upon millions of dollars to run a successful race here in South Dakota if your message is resonating with the folks of South Dakota," Nistler said.

Noem campaign consult-

ant Justin Brasell said that Noem hears a lot of frustration with Washington from people in South Dakota. He said Noem has support from South Dakotans who believe she's part of the solution.

"Congresswoman Noem has always been a great fundraiser," Brasell said. "She continues to successfully raise funds, she's taking nothing for granted in this election and we'll be ready for another competitive race."

Hawks needs to raise enough money to show she can sustain a bid against Noem, said Jon Schaff, a political science professor at Northern State University. He said that Hawks' fundraising will have to improve, especially against what will be a "pretty formidable Noem operation."

Property Tax, School Funding Ideas Slowly Taking Shape

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska lawmakers are creating a rough list of suggestions for lowering property taxes while covering education expenses, but they disagreed Thursday over how to pay for the tax reductions and schools.

The Legislature's Revenue and Education committees floated ideas during a work session that stretched for nearly eight hours, as they prepared for a Nov. 12 public hearing at the Capitol.

The joint committee meetings are for generating ideas for bills when the Legislature convenes in January.

"There's an awful lot of work to be done, a lot of good ideas, and not a lot of

time," said Sen. Mike Gloor of Grand Island, a co-chairman of the working group.

The biggest unanswered question is how lawmakers will pay for any measure that lowers property taxes. Some of the ideas included shifting where existing money is spent, phasing out sales tax exemptions and raising "sin taxes" on products such as alcohol and tobacco.

Sen. Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids said she hadn't expected a clear consensus, and cautioned that lawmakers won't produce a "silver bullet" solution for next year's 60-day session.

"I think the public hearing will be helpful," said Sullivan, the group's co-chairwoman. "I think (the public) will have some things to react to — but it will also show them

that this is a very difficult problem."

Nebraska's school aid formula distributes money by calculating a school's needs and subtracting what it can generate through local property taxes and a few other sources. The difference between a district's needs and its local resources determines how much state aid it receives.

The state's public schools rely heavily on property taxes, but rising agricultural land values have forced farmers and ranchers to pay an increasing share of the cost even when their incomes decline. At the same time, urban senators with fast-growing districts want to protect state aid for their schools.

OBITUARIES

Elmer Lowe

Elmer A. Lowe, 88, of Volin, SD passed away Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton, SD.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, 2015 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene, SD with burial to follow in Meldal Cemetery, rural Irene, SD.

Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Friday, at the Calvary Lutheran Church.

Elmer was born November 21, 1926 in rural Volin, SD to Lloyd and Annette (Hanson) Lowe. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Trondhjem Lutheran Church, rural Volin. He attended McFarland rural school and graduated from Irene High School in 1944. He served in the U.S. Army in 1945 and 1946.

He married Eunice Eide, June 14, 1951 at Meldal Lutheran Church. They resided all of their married life on the family farm Northwest of Volin. Besides being a farmer, he devoted much of his time as a member of several boards, namely: Walshtown Township Clerk — 20 years, McFarland Local Farmers Union — 15 years., Yankton Production Credit Assn — 12 years, Farm Credit Services of America, Omaha, NE — 12 years, Bethesda Home, Beresford — 6 years, Sunset Manor, Irene — 6 years. He also served on church councils.

He was a member of Meldal, Trondhjem and Calvary Lutheran Churches.

He is survived by one brother, Raymond Lowe and his wife Delores of Golden, CO, sister-in-law's Deloris Rosenbaum, Elk Point, SD, Adeline Lowe, Rapid City, SD, Beverly Lowe, Yankton, SD and several nieces and nephews and special friend Dorothy Nielson.

He was preceded in death by his wife Eunice, who passed away November 21, 1999, his parents and three brothers; Bennett, Alden and Richard.

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Julene Beeman

Julene Beeman, 69, of Yankton died Oct. 15, 2015, at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls after a seven-year battle with multiple myeloma.

Julene Annette Abel was born September 16, 1946, in Breckenridge, Minnesota, to Elo and Bernice (VanTassel) Abel. She married Dennis Beeman on Nov. 16, 1968, in Osakis, Minnesota, and they had two children. She spent her life working as a registered nurse in a variety of clinics, hospitals and nursing homes. Most recently Julene was employed at Orthopedic Institute in Sioux Falls where she was privileged to be a part of their remarkable team for 18 years.

At the time of her death, Julene was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, following the Minnesota Twins, Vikings and

Ella Hieb

Funeral services were held for Ella Hieb, 104, of Scotland, South Dakota at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 at the United Church of Christ in Scotland. Burial followed in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland. Arrangements were under the care of Goglin Funeral Home of Scotland. Online condolences may be left at www.goglinfh.com.

Ella Rose Hieb was born on Friday, Jan. 13, 1911 to Christian and Eva (Winckler) Hieb in rural Tripp, South Dakota. She grew up on the family farm five miles south and five miles west of Tripp alongside her sister Otilia and three brothers: Kuni, Emil and Ruben. Ella was confirmed on June 28, 1925 in the Reformed Church in Tripp. As a young child, she helped her family on the farm. In 1947, a few years after Christian's passing on Dec. 11, 1933, Ella, her mother and two brothers moved into Scotland. Ella took care of her mother until 1979 when her mother became ill and entered the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland.



Ella Hieb

Ella loved to garden and nurtured one of the best gardens in the neighborhood. Surrounding her house and garden, an array of beautiful flowers and shrubs could always be seen. Ella spent many years in her home in Scotland enjoying her garden and canning her many delicious home-grown vegetables. She also enjoyed bird watching and kept bird feeders in her backyard year round.

Ella enjoyed crafts, especially painting. She also had a passion for collecting splendid glass items of various colors and styles, as seen in her lovely glassware display in her home.

Ella was a fabulous cook

and loved cooking a special meal for the out-of-state hunters that came each fall for pheasant hunting. The hunters would rave about the wonderful meal that awaited them at the end of a long day of hunting.

Ella was a good friend to many folks in the neighborhood. She was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed help; whether it was a young mother who needed help with her child or someone older who needed assistance with chores they no longer could do.

Through the years, Ella enjoyed the friendship of her many Winckler and Hieb cousins. She had a special fondness for her cousin Martha (Winckler) Thum and husband Oscar. Ella spent holidays with the Thum family and was included in all of the family events. Evelyn and John Haynes were wonderful neighbors to Ella. In later years and into Ella's residence at the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland, Evelyn helped Ella with various tasks. Ella relied on Evelyn for many years and was so

happy to have her help. Another dear and close friend of hers for many years was Marge Ackerman, who helped Ella in several ways.

Many folks may recall only seeing her green 1955 Plymouth car Ella driving to church on Sundays. Ella was a devoted member of the church and attended every Sunday service as long as her health allowed her to. On occasion you would see her driving her Plymouth up town, but rarely for she preferred to walk every day to the post office and grocery store.

In 2002, after suffering with back pain that did not allow her to take care of her house and beloved garden, Ella decided to move into the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland. She resided there for nearly 13 years until her passing on Sunday, October 11, 2015 having attained the age of 104 years, 8 months, and 28 days.

Cherishing the memory of Ella is her one remaining cousin, Ben (Sophie) Winckler of Tyndall; second cousin Marvin (Agnes) Thum of Scotland and their children

David Thum of Vermillion, Steven Thum of Vermillion, and Lorissa (Robert) Evans of Spearfish; second cousin Viona (Brooks) Ranney of Yankton; second cousin Marilyn (Ernest) Kratz of Yankton and their children Lisa Kratz of Cedar Falls, IA and Greg (Stacey) Kratz and family of Midvale, UT; second cousin Donna Mouser of Scottsdale, AZ and her son Randy (Lisa) Ulmer of Hartford; many other cousins in the Tripp and Tyndall area; and special friends Evelyn Haynes and Marge Ackerman.

Ella was preceded in death by her parents, siblings and sister-in-law Lila Hieb.

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Beeman

Gophers, and taking frequent trips with her husband. Julene treasured her relationships with her five grandchildren. She was a constant presence in their lives, taking them to and from activities, supporting them in their athletic and artistic pursuits, and reminding them always in both word and deed that she loved them dearly.

Julene is survived by her husband Dennis, her daughter Lisa (Mike) Parry of Arlington, SD, and her son Patrick (Beth) Beeman of Yankton; her grandchildren Josie, William, & Grace Parry of Arlington and Katherine & Sarah Beeman of Yankton; sisters Alyce Fitzgerald of Denver, CO, and Sharon (Denny) Jorve of Surprise, AZ; brothers Alan (Illa) Abel of Lowry, MN, Jerry Abel of Kent, MN, and Lorin (JoAnn) Abel of Dent, MN; sisters-in-law Marie Hageman of Point Pleasant, NJ, Peggy (Rick) Carney of Wall, NJ, and Anne (Don) Guarriello of Clark, NJ; brothers-in-law David Beeman of Roselle Park, NJ, Joseph (Joyce) Beeman of Furlong, PA, and James Bridgeman of Wall, NJ.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters-in-law Carol Abel, Veronica Bridgeman, and Arlene Beeman; brother-in-law Richard Fitzgerald; and nephews Scott Abel

and Brad Abel.

Julene wished to extend special thanks to the physicians, nurses and staff at the Avera Cancer Center and the Dougherty Hospice House, both of Sioux Falls, and to the staffs of the Yankton Medical Clinic and of Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

The family will gather with friends at Heritage Funeral Home, 4800 South Minnesota Avenue, Sioux Falls, on Monday evening, Oct. 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a short prayer service at 7:45 p.m. A funeral mass celebrating Julene's life will be held Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel at Prince of Peace Nursing Center, 4513 Prince of Peace Place, Sioux Falls. Her five grandchildren—Josie, William, Grace, Katherine and Sarah—will serve as honorary

pallbearers.

Julene's family asks that memorials be directed to the Avera McKennan Foundation, the Good Samaritan Society Foundation, or the Avera Sacred Heart Foundation. Online condolences can be left at www.heritagefsd.com.

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Alvera Weinke

Alvera Weinke, 83, of Yankton died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015, at Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Memorial services are 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with the Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Inurnment will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service on Sunday.

To send an online message to the family, visit www.wintz-rayfuneralhome.com.

Lorene M. Ausdemore, 93, of Crofton, Nebraska, died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015, at the Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton with the Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 5-8 p.m., with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m., at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

Arnold Konken

Arnold Konken, 83, of Hartington, Nebraska, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, at the Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

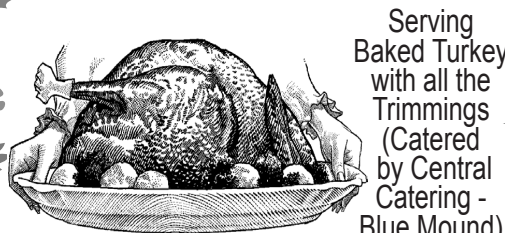
His services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

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