

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

New school change orders now amount to \$888,317

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The school board approved seven change orders Monday night for the current high school construction project, bringing the total amount of change orders approved to \$888,317 for the two-year project.

Monday night's approved change orders totaled \$26,528 and included additional work for a new drainage pipe near the middle school, electrical changes and the relocation of sound equipment in the auditorium.

During a construction update, Bob Nesbit of Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates said the completion of the new high school building is two weeks behind schedule and several issues need to be addressed before it can pass final inspection and be turned over to the district.

Those issues include inspection of life safety systems in certain areas, inspection of the roof to determine whether a handrail should be installed and ensuring the kitchen equipment in the home economics room is handiapped accessible.

Nesbit also said the board will not know how much of the

Board member Dennis Gochoel Jr., who has a background in the construction industry, said despite "hiccups" in the process, he is confident the school will open on time.

\$888,317 in change orders will be repaid to the district until after all work is completed.

He said the demolition of the old high school building is on schedule, pending favorable weather, which allows for an overlap of time to complete the project on schedule.

Board member Dennis Gochoel Jr., who has a background

regarding the on-site demolition. He said there have been trespassers near the demolition site who have taken things from the old high school building. Galicki said there are liability issues because the area is very dangerous and trespassing could result in serious injury.

He suggested to Nesbit that the site contractor increase the signage at the site in order to deter trespassers and onlookers.

Business Manager Grant Paley said cameras will be installed near the demolition site in order to better detect trespassers in the area.

"Some parts of the building are

hanging by a thread," said Buildings and Grounds Manager Mark Kraynak.

Galicki said the police have been notified and will patrol the area regularly until work is completed.

The board approved in a 7-1 vote to reinstate the expense of paying for high school students' Advanced Placement tests. While the \$12,000 line item was removed from the budget earlier this year due to financial constraints, board member Karen Kyle said it only makes sense to

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KINGSTON TOWNSHIP

Vote on amusement ordinance is tabled

Church pastor, Hillside director express concerns about effects of proposal.

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The board of supervisors voted to table its proposed public exhibitions and amusements ordinance Wednesday due to concerns raised by event organizers during a public hearing on the matter.

Chairman James Reino Jr. said the ordinance was initially written in 1977 when the township was mostly farmland, and the document and others have been part of a series of updates to the township code.

John Gibbons, a pastor at Back Mountain Harvest Assembly in Trucksville, addressed several concerns about the proposed ordinance because of the annual large-scale fireworks display the church sponsors every Fourth of July.

He said the ordinance would have "unintentional consequences," and the existing ordinance shouldn't be overhauled because of difficulties with certain events.

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While Reino said the ordinance is being updated to accommodate the many events that have transpired in the township within the last 34 years, he said in past years there have been parking and property destruction issues in conjunction with the fireworks display.

Gibbons expressed concerns about the need for parking attendants, security and lighting inspections as requirements of the ordinance. Gibbons also said there were many undefined terms in the document, which he felt was confusing.

"This is not the fireworks ordinance," he said.

There were discussions among Gibbons and the board about definitions of public versus private events

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Rev. John Gibbons
Pastor at Back Mountain Harvest Assembly

and how many attendees constitute a public gathering.

The proposed document states any event over 350 people in a place for at least two consecutive hours designates a public gathering. It also features a requirement for a security guard for every 200 people in attendance at an event, and permitting fees dependent upon the number of attendees.

Chet Mozloom, executive director of The Lands at Hillside Farms in Trucksville, also raised several questions about the proposed ordinance, including whether there is flexibility depending on the type of event.

"Our events are usually mothers and children," he said. "We don't have a beer tent. We don't have (the musical group) Anthrax playing."

Supervisor Frank Natitus expressed his opposition to the proposed law and suggested township officials have a discussion with Mozloom and Gibbons to clarify the issues in question.

In other news, the board...

- Voted to switch its advanced life support provider from Trans-Med Inc., of Fort Worth, to the Dallas Fire and Ambulance per the request of the Trucksville Fire and Ambulance Association.
- Reinstated the ambulance association made the recommendation to keep emergency services local and non-profit.
- Authorized the allocation of no more than \$15,000 from the general fund towards the Sunrise Estates pipeline project.
- Authorized taking legal action on matters involving the Sleepy Hollow development and the Reinert drainage pipe.

NORTHMORELAND TOWNSHIP

Residents have no say about gas station

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About 85 residents in Northmoreland Township, Wyoming County, attended an informational session July 7 hosted by representatives from Williams Field Services, LLC about a planned natural gas metering station and pipeline to be built in the area.

Mike Dickinson, manager of operations and technical operations for Williams, told residents at the Northmoreland Township Fire Hall on Demunds Road he hopes the proposed site off Schoolhouse Road will be temporary until negotiations in nearby Dallas Township are finalized.

Helen Humphreys, communications specialist for Williams, said the metering station project is an "interim" plan for the company's 33 1/2-mile Springville Gathering Line, which will run from Susquehanna County to tap into the Transco interstate pipeline, located near the Dallas School District campus.

Dickinson said work should begin by early August for the pipeline to be operable by October.

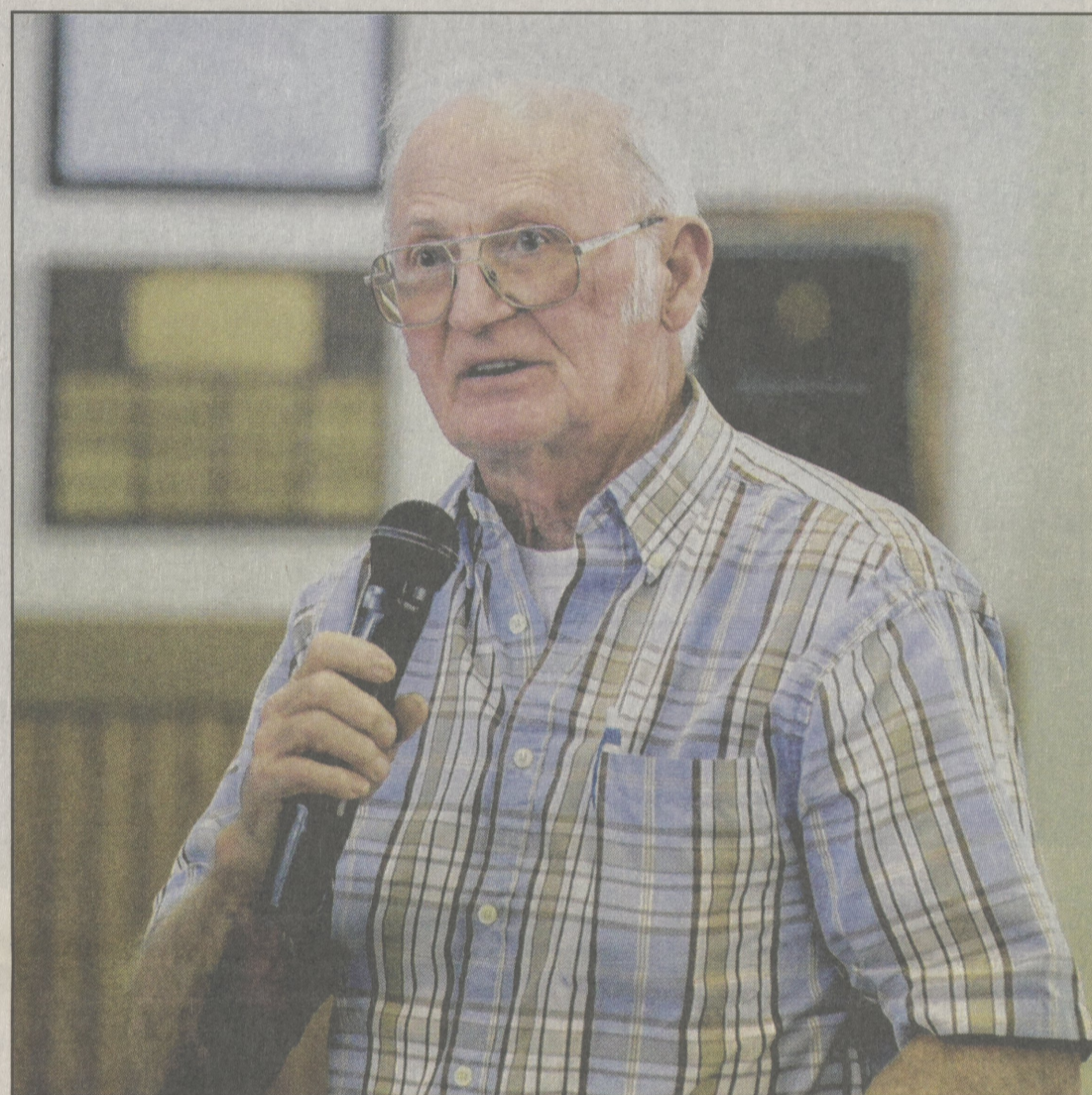
Township supervisors organized the special meeting in order to give residents a chance to ask questions the supervisors couldn't answer during regular meetings.

Supervisor Bill Wagner said the township of Northmoreland has never had a zoning ordinance, which places restrictions on what can be built where, and the township's land development is controlled by the county. Therefore, he said, there is not much supervisors or residents can do or say that would have influence over this project.

"The best way we're looking at it, as a supervisor, is to make sure it's done right and safe for the people," he said. "We want to make sure all the regulations fit."

He said projects like this bring zoning back on the table for the board's consideration, but Wagner said zoning wouldn't solve the township's problems.

"It will slow them up, but



Northmoreland Township resident Jimmy Sickler asks a question of Williams Field Services representatives concerning gas pipeline thickness at a question and answer session at the Northmoreland Volunteer Fire Company.

"If there (are) a lot of people in that area, you have a heavier pipe. So for us dumb farmers you just put any old thing there."

Jimmy Sickler
Northmoreland Township resident

we can't stop them," he said.

Despite the township's lack of zoning, Wagner said Williams representatives have been "super" to work with and he believes there will be information sessions in the future if residents request them.

The company received preliminary approval last month from the Wyoming County Planning Commission to build a metering station on 5 1/2 acres of land off Schoolhouse Road. Humphreys said the company hopes to receive

final approval later this month.

The metering station plans include a metering facility, a flow control facility, in-line inspection receiver and launcher, two 3,000-gallon underground tanks filled with the flammable odorant mercaptan, a 10-foot flare, a 100-foot communications tower and various valves and tanks.

Dickinson added there is a possibility for a third 3,000-gallon tank for mercaptan, depending on the future needs

of the site.

During the meeting, residents expressed their concerns about the projects' safety and asked why the facilities need to be built in their town.

One resident who didn't wish to reveal her name said she felt residents in Dallas Township were "very wise to fight" against the project and the fact that the project is on track for Northmoreland Township is the residents'

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Summer reading program begins

Summer readers at the Back Mountain Memorial Library are reminded of these upcoming special programs. All ages are invited but are asked to call to register.

"Around the World" sponsored by the JCC Day Camp from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 22 in the Children's Room. Receive a passport and get it stamped at all the booths you visit as you travel around the world!

"One Humanity, Many Faces" with Dr. Alexander Dawoody from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27 in the Children's Room.

Learn about the music, food, language, history, holidays and folklore of the Arabic, Turkish, Kurdish, Persian, Spanish and Chinese cultures.

"Travel to India with Dr. Shamshad Ahmed and Nehal Dandamundi" from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9 in the Children's Room. Listen to Chuk Buk Chuk Buk A Jolly Train, a tale about a train that goes around in a jolly mood and picks up children from all countries and brings them over to Disney. In addition, experience the culture of India through pictures and stories!

The following new books have been added to the shelves at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, for the month of July 2011:

EXPRESS
"Smokin' Seventeen" by Janet Evanovich, "Now You See Her" by James Patterson, "The Dog Who Came in from the Cold" by Alexander McCall Smith, "Escape" by Barbara Delinsky, "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen, "Lord of Misrule" by Jaimy Gordon, "The Silent Girl" by Tess Gerritsen

FICTION
"Smokin' Seventeen" by Janet Evanovich, "Now You See Her" by James Patterson, "The Dog Who Came in from the Cold" by Alexander McCall Smith, "Escape" by Barbara De-

linsky, "Outrage" by Robert Tannenbaum, "The Silent Girl" by Tess Gerritsen, "Betrayal of Trust" by Judith A. Jance, "A Time for Patriots" by Dale Brown, "2030: The Real story of What Happens to America" by Albert Brooks, "The Devil She Knows" by Bill Leffelm, "Graveminder" by Melissa Marr, "The Year We Left Home" by Jean Thompson, "Thunder of Heaven" by Tim F. LaHaye, "Those in Peril" by Wilbur A. Smith, "Vaclav and Lena" by Haley Tanner, "Turn of Mind" by Alice LaPlante

NONFICTION
"On China" by Henry Kissinger, "The Complete Guide to Room Additions", "Reckless Endangerment" by Gretchen Morgenson, "Berlin 1961" by

Frederick Kempe, "The Next Convergence" by Michael Spence, "Dog Sense" by John Bradshaw, "The Internet Book of Life" by Irene E. McDermott, "Great Food, All Day Long" by Maya Angelou, "The Believing Brain" by Michael Shermer, "Surviving After Cancer" by Anne Katz

BIOGRAPHY
"The Reading Promise" Alice Ozma, "Basketball Junkie" by Chris Herren and Bill Reynolds, "The Long Journey Home" by Margaret Robison, "The Notes" by Ronald Reagan, "The Captain: The Journey of Derek Jeter" by Ian O'Connor, "Lady Blue Eyes" by Barbara Sinatra

SCIENCE FICTION
"Divergent" by Veronica Roth, "Embassytown" by China

Mieville, "Dragon's Time" by Todd McCaffrey

LARGE PRINT FICTION
"Summer Rental" by Mary Kay Andrews, "Georgie on His Mind" by Jennifer Shirk, "A Case of Puppy Love" by Lois Schwartz

BOOKS ON CD
"10th Anniversary" by James Patterson, "Bel-Air Dead" by Stuart Woods, "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks, "Bosypants" by Tina Fey, "If You Ask Me" by Betty White, "One Summer" by David Baldacci, "Carte Blanche" by Jeffery Deaver, "The Greater Journey" by David McCullough, "Dreams of Joy" by Lisa See, "The Kingdom" by Clive Cussler