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## Commissioner proposes large-item disposal center

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Currently Cleburne County has two cleanup days each year for residents to dispose of large household items, but if county Commissioner Laura Cobb's resolution is approved at the next meeting, a convenience center to handle those items will be open for residents three days a week.

During the Monday night work session Cobb proposed using the \$1 fee collected by the trash pickup contractor from each customer make the convenience center possible. It would be located at the county road department building, according to her proposal.

Cobb is concerned that residents who miss one of the two annual cleanup days might resort to randomly disposing of their trash almost anywhere in the largely rural county.

"What I'm concerned about is that, some of these people are going out and dumping it out in our county, I'm tired of our county being a dump site, I want our county to be a clean county," Cobb said.

The convenience center would not be for typical household garbage but larger items like mattresses, tires and furniture, according to Cleburne County engineer Lee Estes. The next semiannual county cleanup day is on October 14.

Taking up another matter, Commissioner Emmett Owen discussed the possibility of county commissioners attending classes that other county officials attend so that commissioners can better understand the workings of those offices and can feel those officials' "pain and suffering."

Owen said this idea would be applied to any office under the county's budget that goes to educational meetings, such as the revenue department and the sheriff's office.

Owen also said that currently there are two empty pods in the Cleburne County jail that could house federal inmates as a way to boost revenue for the sheriff's department. According to Owen, the jail in adjoining Clay County houses federal inmates.

Owen also wants a policy for county employees in the administration building to give notice of overnight trips so people know that they are gone.

## Hospital Board welcomes new members

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The Cleburne County Hospital Board welcomed two new members during its Thursday night meeting. With the addition of Missy Cofield and Dr. Christi Shelton the board now has eight members.

Shelton, a longtime Cleburne County resident, looks forward to matching her professional background with the needs of the board.

"I'm excited, I've lived in Cleburne County for 48 years, I'm excited to give back to the community. My background is health care, I'm the dean of the school of health professions and wellness at JSU which includes nursing and respiratory therapy and so I felt like this would be a board that would align with my area of expertise," Shelton said.

Lifelong Heflin resident Cofield said she has been in the health care field since 1994 and has the community's best interest at heart.

"I am excited about being a part of this board to help continue to meet the health care needs of all of the community. It's my way of giving back to the people I love the most and the place I call home," Cofield said.

During staff reports, Cleburne County Nursing Home Administrator Tony Culberson said "everything is going good." He said the nursing home has 94 employees and 79 residents.

During the meeting Culberson held up a binder containing 696 pages describing new procedures for training surveyors before those people can evaluate a nursing home in light of new Medicare changes. He then held up another stack of the Medicare regulations. Culberson said his staff is on task to digest the new regulations and put them in place in the operation of the facility.

Culberson said the new Alzheimer's unit should open in four to five weeks.

The board decided to hold a work session to discuss the EMS and nursing home budgets on October 12 and 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Sherry Brown said she wants to create another committee besides the existing committees the board has to just deal with finances.

Board member Dan Hopkins said he has heard lots of feedback in the community requesting some kind of emergency care facility in the county. Currently there are no emergency care centers in Cleburne County. Hopkins said that other counties around Cleburne have emergency care centers, such as Randolph County's Tanner Primary Care and RMC's Rural Health and Urgent Care Center. Hopkins hopes the county gets a 24-hour emergency care facility.



Bill Wilson

## Carrying the game ball

Rider Bearden, 6 and Maddox Willingham, 4, carry the game ball that was delivered by a helicopter. Both boys are in remission from having Leukemia.



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