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#### **News**

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NCMC Trustees have approved a memorandum of understanding involving the college, Trenton R-9 school, and city of Trenton parks department regarding proposed improvements at Johnson ball field.



The agreement includes a description of proposed renovations and the costs—the majority of which is to be split between North Central Missouri College and the Trenton school district.

The first agreement involving the same entities was for renovations done at the Griffin ball field for a total cost that exceeded 48 thousand dollars. (\$48,436) It was explained the cost was lower than what it should have been due to an omission by a contractor in what they quoted.

The latest agreement carries a price tag of 56 thousand dollars for Johnson field—again with the amount split between the college and school district. (\$27,997 each) That cost was reduced by 11 thousand dollars from bids received by the city in late August. Since then, Park Superintendent Jason Shuler was involved with negotiations with the two companies. September 17th revised bids are 37 thousand, 503 dollars from Performance Sports Fields of Lee's Summit for laser grading of the infield and outfield with infield drainage. A bid of 18 thousand, 492 dollars is from Aaron's Lawn and Landscaping of Chillicothe for an irrigation system. The agreement notes re-seeding the outfield is to be done by the park department including cost of seed and fertilizer.

Action on accepting the two bids is pending with the Trenton Park Board.

The R-9 board of education also has to act on the memorandum of understanding.

North Central Missouri College President Neil Nuttall called the revised bid on Johnson field renovations something NCMC can support—noting having Griffin AND Johnson ball fields upgraded is good for the community. The lady pirates team would be among those using the softball fields at the Ebbe sports complex near Trenton high and middle school.

Doctor Nuttall reported plans are to sign an agreement next week with University of Missouri for a smooth transition for NCMC students to take M-U courses on-line. He discussed implementing an enrollment management plan in an effort to increase enrollment to two thousand students within three years. It's been steady around 18-hundred in recent years. And Doctor Nuttall told of a statewide initiative for community colleges' to offer prospective students what's called "credit for prior learning" such as military personnel and displaced workers looking for training opportunities.

Hired as part-time nursing clinical instructors were Nancy Guthrie and Jamie Pittman from Chillicothe. It was announced North Central's dean of allied health sciences, Janet Vanderpool, is scheduled to receive a "senior service award" during the Missouri Community College Association meeting October 30th through November 1st.

A resolution was approved to a one year renewal of a bond agreement with U-M-B Bank regarding the Ketcham Center and Selby Hall as well as the Barton campus.

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Chief of financial operations Tyson Otto reported lightning damaged equipment has been repaired or replaced. Otto said the damage across the campus amounted to 113 thousand dollars from a spring storm with the insurance company reimbursing approximately 84 thousand dollars.

Director of Development Teresa Cross told trustees the gifts in action campaign this year has received 242 thousand dollars for the knowledge and the named scholarship funds. And she reported the recent N-C-M-C Foundation golf tournament (August 30th) raised about nine thousand dollars for scholarships.