

BIDCO Update



"Promoting Economic Growth and Development"

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When the chamber office moved to its new location we had to move all the old BIDCO files as well. This effort helped reinforce the need to transition BIDCO from paper files to electronic.

The board decided on a two phase plan.

Phase 1: Everything from this point forward will be electronic and will be stored on two separate electronic file systems. The two drives will be stored in separate locations and updated at least monthly or when major changes are made.

Phase 2: Key old paper files will be scanned into electronic format.

Phase 2 will be the hard part as we try to decide what needs to be scanned. The number of documents will determine how long the process will take.

At this time we do not have any strong leads for follow up and I'm anticipating this may hold true for the next two months. We'll continue to prepare for the next opportunity that comes our direction.

Dan Lovgren

PSI

Photo Omission

The October issue was supposed to include some photos from the flooding but they were omitted by accident. Page two of this issue includes some photos from PSI.

Sorry for the delay.



FEATURED BUSINESS

Wright County Motors

This press release was issued late in November to announce the sale of McLaughlin Brothers to Wright County Motors. Please help us welcome Doug and his team to Belmond. Photos on page 2.

CAR DEALERSHIP SOLD

Wright County Motors purchased McLaughlin Brothers

Belmond, Iowa - As Steve McLaughlin began to consider retirement he had a nagging concern: what impact would it have on the community if he were unable to sell the dealership? Not wanting to become over anxious, he set aside his thoughts and moved on with business. That is when Wright County Motors owner Doug Roelofsen walked into the dealership to talk with Steve about his interest in the business should Steve ever want to sell!

November 1, 2008 was the effective date of the sale of McLaughlin Brothers Chevrolet to Wright County Motors. Steve and Doug have been acquainted for more than 20 years with Doug having been a salesman for Steve to start Doug's career in the car sales industry. Steve says he can think of no one else he would rather sell the business to and Doug gives Steve credit for being his mentor.

It is Doug's plan to add his Ford/Mercury and Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep franchises to the Belmond Dealership at some point in the future. Just as with the previous owners, Wright County Motors will provide a full service dealership with sales and service. Be watching for an announcement on the official Grand Opening of Wright County Motors in Belmond. You are invited to stop in to congratulate Doug and his staff on the expansion of his business to Belmond!

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