

AMBUNK

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THIS WEEK

The January 9, 2023 club meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Larry Kindt led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Carrie Tubbs

Carrie Tubbs, Comanche County Clerk, was the guest speaker. Tubbs has held the elected position since 2012. She explained how her office has four departments. They include Human Resources for the County, competitive bidding, accounts payable and bookkeeping.

Since the pandemic, Tubbs said Comanche County has received a substantial amount of federal funding. She said the CARES Act provided \$3.2 million. It was used to cover revenue loss and payroll to prevent job losses. Tubbs said the money helped the county government stay on a healthy financial path. Comanche County later received \$23 million from the American Rescue Plan. She said it took months before it was determined what the funds could be used for. Tubbs said her favorite items that are being purchased are radios for volunteer fire departments, sheriff's deputies and local law

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enforcement agencies. She said the radios are critically important in times of disaster when first responders need to communicate. In order for the radios to work effectively, a new communications tower was needed, which ARPA funding provided. The dollars will also go toward water resource projects and other infrastructure improvements. Tubbs said it's a race against time to fund the ARPA projects. She said the deadline set by the federal government is going to be tough to meet due to a delay in the initial guidelines for spending. While the rules worked for counties in other states, they did not in others that are structured differently.

Recently, Tubbs said her office has received inquiries from people in the Bishop and Flower Mound school districts regarding increases in property taxes. She said it's due to bond propositions passed by voters.

On a personal level, Tubbs expressed gratitude to the chapter for supporting her daughter, who is now 22, with an AmTryke when she was young. She said it was helpful in increasing her mobility during an important time in her life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sponsorship opportunities remain available for the Bags for Cash Charity Cornhole Tournament. Broadcast Buddy and T-Shirt sponsors are needed.
- Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, January 18 at Hilton Garden Inn.
- Dr. Jimmy recently assisted with an AmTryke presentation for the Mountain Metro chapter. Kathleen Martin hopes to hold an AmTryke social. She also plans to meet with Great Plains AMBUCS military veterans to gauge interest in receiving an AmTryke to encourage continued mobility.
- Great Plains Region conference will be May 4 - 7 in Salina, Kansas.

GUESTS

Joe Elkins
(Submitting Application)
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50/50

Mark Glenn drew the Queen of Spades. The pot is at \$235.

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Mark Glenn had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.