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Hundreds of contractors attend meeting on bidding process for Foxconn work



Adam Jelen, senior vice president of Gilbane Building Co., addresses hundreds of contractors interested in the Foxconn project Thursday morning at Waukesha County Technical College.

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PEWAUKEE — Over 200 representatives from area construction companies attended an informational meeting Thursday morning at Waukesha County Technical College to learn how they can get a piece of the Foxconn pie. Gilbane Building Co., the general contractor for the Foxconn project, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and M+W Group provided attendees with details on how they can support the construction process in Mount Pleasant.

One thing was clear, and that was the promise to make Wisconsin workers the first priority when it comes to getting involved, including those from minority groups.

“... there is a Wisconsin first plan on how to drive our community forward, both from a business perspective and from the workforce perspective.”

— Adam Jelen,
senior vice president of Gilbane Building Co.

“This is a proactive, disciplined communication process on how to get involved in phase one, area one of the advanced display manufacturing facility and so this is very, very early (in the process),” said Adam Jelen, senior vice president of Gilbane Building Co.

He explained that the main point of the informational sessions across the entire state (14 in total) is to make sure contractors can prepare themselves and get registered. Early and concise communication between Wisconsin workers, the government and the companies spearheading

the Foxconn project is imperative and an ongoing collaboration, he said.

“I will tell you, you haven’t seen better cooperation than what you see right now, and what you will continue to see,” said Matt Maroney, strategic economic initiatives director with the Department of Administration.

Foxconn construction work for phase one, area one of the project is scheduled to start this year with approximately 1,000 acres of site work beginning as well as the construction of multiple buildings. Hundreds of groups of contractors are

expected to become part of the Foxconn construction project. Representatives from Gilbane Building Co. and M+W Group explained their inclusion and diversity goals for the massive undertaking. Approximately 70 percent of all hours worked on the project will be given to Wisconsinites with an emphasis on Racine County residents. Another 10 percent of the total work hours will be dedicated to workers of color, female business owners and veterans.

“Right now, whether they’re (workers) in the state or out of it, they need to understand that there is a Wisconsin first plan on how to drive our community forward, both from a business perspective and from the workforce perspective,” said Jelen.

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WAUKESHA WATER PLAN

Utility could add ‘return flow charges’ to June bills

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Special to The Freeman

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WAUKESHA — Although the project is years off on the horizon, residents served by the Waukesha Water Utility could begin paying for a specific project related to the Lake Michigan diversion as soon as this June.

Utility officials discussed the planned rate increase with members of the Waukesha Water Commission at a meeting Thursday. It will be the first of multiple rate increases in the years ahead to fund the series of improvements.

The proposal, which the committee advanced with a favorable recommendation, called for adding a 62-cent return flow volume charge for each 1,000 gallons consumed, beginning June 1.

The added line item on utility users’ bills is expected to infuse \$700,000 of rate revenue into the budget for the remaining seven months of the year. Proceeds are aimed at funding the return flow capital project, which will cost an estimated \$125.6 million.

Although construction on

the 15-mile pipeline is not expected to begin until 2020, utility officials are in the early stages of designing and permitting the return flow infrastructure.

Early this month, the utility took out \$16.6 million in anticipation notes to fund the improvements.

“The debt instrument comes in the form of a draw bond, which acts very much like an equity loan,” Joe Ciurro, administrative services manager, wrote in a memo, explaining the notes. “The city will incur and pay for return flow project expenses and then, be reimbursed by (the notes’) proceeds.”

Throughout the Thursday meeting, utility staffers said the intent is to implement rate increases in a series of gradual steps so users are not met with a sizable wallop all at once.

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State appeals court reinstates Brookfield spa shooting lawsuit

MADISON (AP) — A state appeals court reinstated a lawsuit Thursday against a website that facilitated the purchase of a gun used in a mass shooting in Brookfield five years ago, rejecting arguments that federal law absolves the website’s operators of liability.

A restraining order barred Radcliffe Haughton from possessing a firearm, but he purchased a gun through firearms trading site Armslist.com and used it to kill his wife and two of her co-workers at Azana Salon & Spa in Brookfield in 2012. He wounded four other people during the shooting before killing himself.

The court ruling sends a signal nationwide that websites that enable gun deals must take reasonable care to prevent sales to people prohibited from purchasing firearms, said Jonathan Lowy, an attorney with the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, which filed

the lawsuit.

“This is an extremely important win,” Lowy said. “This is very persuasive precedent to courts around the country.”

Armslist attorney Joshua Maggard didn’t immediately reply to an email seeking comment.

Zina Daniel Haughton had taken out a restraining order against her husband that prohibited him from possessing a firearm. But he bought a gun and ammunition anyway from a person he met through Armslist.com, according to court documents. Gun buyers and sellers can use the site to find and contact each other.

The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence brought a lawsuit in 2015 on behalf of Zina Daniel Haughton’s daughter, Yasmeen Daniel, alleging the website’s operator, Armslist LLC, is liable for the incident.

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BIG BEND

Village to consider fire department consolidation

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BIG BEND — It was just nine years ago that the village of Big Bend and the Town of Vernon chose to separate their fire departments, but after a Thursday night village Personnel and Finance Committee meeting, Big Bend may eventually not have a Fire Department at all.

Village Board/committee members Joe Kelenic, Michelle Clark and Jeff Goodman voted unanimously to seek contract proposals for fire and EMS services or to explore the possibility of eliminating the village’s fire services.

Kelenic, who brought the item to the table, said he’s investigated consolidating

departments with neighboring municipalities. He added that he’s looked at surrounding municipalities for guidance and even compared their costs with the village’s.

But Kelenic admitted that eliminating the fire department has a lot of ramifications and that more discussion would be required before making a decision. He added, however, that he would like to have research for alternative options finished by the time village officials discuss the budget in August.

“Obviously, there’s going to be some serious things to consider,” Kelenic said. “I ran this past attorney (John) Schober as well to gather these numbers and put them together before we get to August.”

Clerk Treasurer Brad



More than 20 community members, firefighters and EMS volunteers attended the meeting Thursday night as village officials discussed the future of Big Bend’s fire department.

Calder said the village might consider reaching out to County Executive Paul Farrow for more information on department con-

solidation or contracting fire personnel through the county.

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Fun Things To Do This Weekend

“The Bridges of Madison County: A New Musical,” 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Lake Country Playhouse, 221 E. Capitol Drive, Hartland. www.lakecountry-playhousewi.org

“Don’t Dress for Dinner,” 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sunset Playhouse, 800 Elm Grove Road, Elm Grove. 262-782-4430, www.sunsetplayhouse.com

Saturday Crafternoons, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Pewaukee Public Library, 210 Main St., Pewaukee. Make fish mobile. Drop-in event.

Lake Country Antiques & Garden Show, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Waukesha County Expo Center Forum, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha. Adults \$8, children (15 and under free). Tickets are valid for all three days. www.Antiquescenter-atwales.com

Coloring & Coffee, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. today, Delafield Public Library, 500 Genesee St., Delafield. De-stress and let your creativity fly at this weekly coloring club. Chat, color, and enjoy a cup of coffee at the library.

Grand reopening celebration, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, This & That The Mill, S42-W31254 Highway 83, Genesee Depot. Enter to win a gift certificate, refreshments, live music.

Spring Into Trivia, 7 p.m. Saturday, American Legion, N50-W34750 Wisconsin Ave., Okauchee. Hosted by the Oconomowoc Woman’s Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., trivia starts 7 p.m. Food and beverages available for purchase. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. All proceeds go to local charities.

WEATHER



Tomorrow:
Partly
sunny
High 55
Low 32

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
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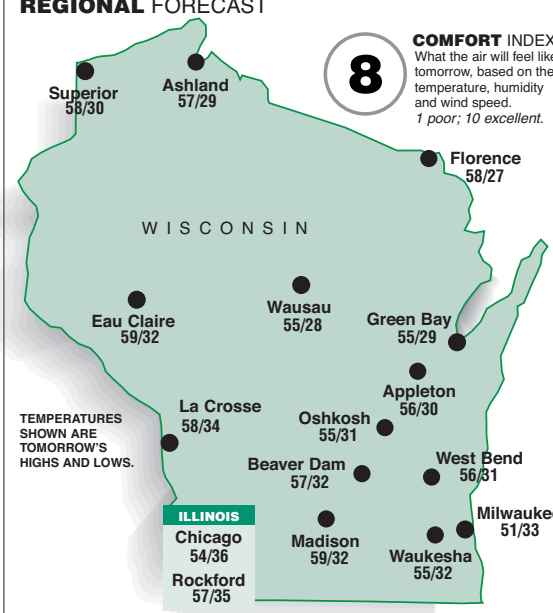
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TONIGHT

Increasing clouds
31
TOMORROW

Partly sunny
55/32
SUNDAY

Mostly sunny
55/35
MONDAY

Partly cloudy
57/38
TUESDAY

Chance of showers late
61/38

REGIONAL FORECAST



COMFORT INDEX
What the air will feel like tomorrow, based on the temperature, humidity and wind speed.
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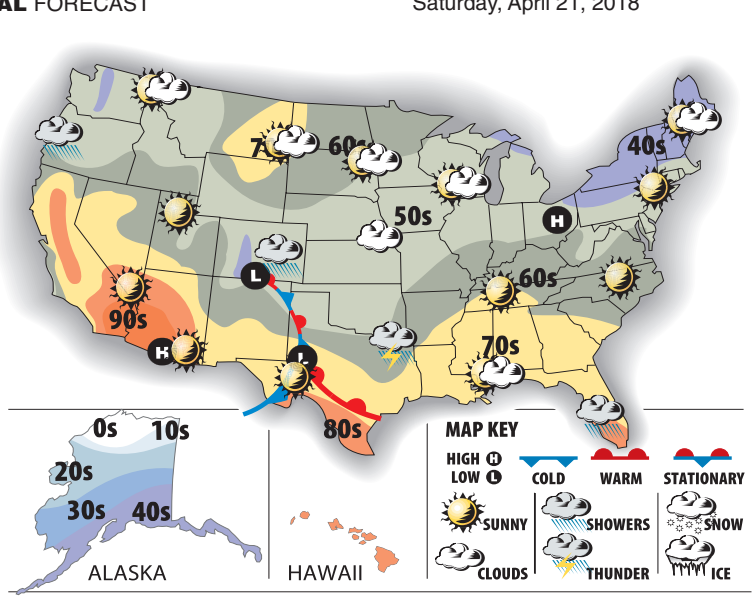
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Statistics for yesterday
High/Low, Waukesha45/27
High/Low.....50/30
Normal High / Low.....55/39
Last year's high for date.....67
Last year's low for date.....41
Precipitation, Waukesha.....0.06"
Precipitation.....0.00"
Precip. month to date.....2.92"
Precip. year to date.....8.40"
Snowfall yesterday.....0.0"
Snow season to date.....46.7"
Precipitation source: Gen. Mitchell International, Milwaukee. Precipitation is the liquid equivalent of snow, ice and rain.

WIND CHILL TOMORROW
A composite of the effects of temperature and wind on the human body.
8 a.m. 34
Noon 47
4 p.m. 54
8 p.m. 42

HEATING DEGREE
An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the day's mean temperature was below 65 degrees.
Yesterday.....25
Month to date.....573
Season to date.....6109
Normal season to date.....6318

APRIL 22 APR. 29 MAY 7 MAY 15
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Sunset today.....7:41 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow.....5:59 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow.....9:40 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow.....12:55 a.m.

NATIONAL FORECAST


Saturday, April 21, 2018

MAP KEY
HIGH ☉ LOW ☐ COLD WARM STATIONARY
☉ SUNNY ☐ CLOUDS ☁ SHOWERS ⚡ THUNDER ❄ SNOW ❄ ICE

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN
Tonight: Partly cloudy through around midnight, then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows around 30. Southeast winds up to 5 mph shifting to the southwest after midnight. Saturday: Partly sunny. Highs in the mid-50s. Southeast winds up to 5 mph.













MARINE FORECAST
Lake Michigan near shore forecast:
Tonight: South wind 5 to 10 knots easing to 5 knots late in the evening, then veering southwest after midnight veering northwest early in the morning. Saturday: North wind 5 knots veering east. Lake Michigan water temperature is 38 degrees.

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX FORECAST
The UVI forecast for Saturday is **7**

UV scale and warnings on possible skin damage: 0-2 low risk, 3-5 moderate risk, 6-7 high risk, 8-10 very high risk, 11-over extreme risk.

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TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TOMORROW

ATLANTA  High: 71 Low: 45	CHICAGO  High: 54 Low: 36	DALLAS  High: 63 Low: 50
DENVER  High: 52 Low: 35	LOS ANGELES  High: 68 Low: 56	MIAMI  High: 83 Low: 72
MINNEAPOLIS  High: 57 Low: 34	NEW YORK  High: 56 Low: 40	PHOENIX  High: 90 Low: 66
SEATTLE  High: 56 Low: 41	ST. LOUIS  High: 62 Low: 46	WASHINGTON  High: 60 Low: 42



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In Comey memos, Trump frets over Flynn, talks ‘hookers’ with Putin

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a series of startlingly candid conversations, President Donald Trump told former FBI Director James Comey that he had serious concerns about the judgment of a top adviser, asked about the possibility of jailing journalists and described a boast from Vladimir Putin about Russian prostitutes, according to Comey's notes of the talks obtained by The Associated Press on Thursday night.

The 15 pages of documents contain new details about a series of interactions with Trump that Comey allegedly found so unnerving that he chose to document them in writing. Those seven encounters in the weeks and months before Comey's May 2017 firing include a Trump Tower discussion about allegations involving Trump and prostitutes in Moscow; a White House dinner at which Comey says Trump asked him for his loyalty; and a private Oval Office discussion where the ex-FBI head says the president asked him to end an investigation into Michael Flynn, the former White House national security adviser.

The documents had been eagerly anticipated since their existence was first revealed last year, especially since Comey's interactions with Trump are a critical part of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into whether the president sought to obstruct justice. Late Thursday night, Trump tweeted that the memos "show clearly that there was NO COLLUSION and NO OBSTRUCTION."

The president also accused Comey of leaking classified information. The memos obtained by the AP were unclassified, though

some portions were blacked out as classified. Details from Comey's memos reported in news stories last year appear to come from the unclassified portions.

In explaining the memos, which have been provided to Mueller, Comey has said he "knew there might come a day when I would need a record of what had happened" to defend not only himself but the FBI as well.

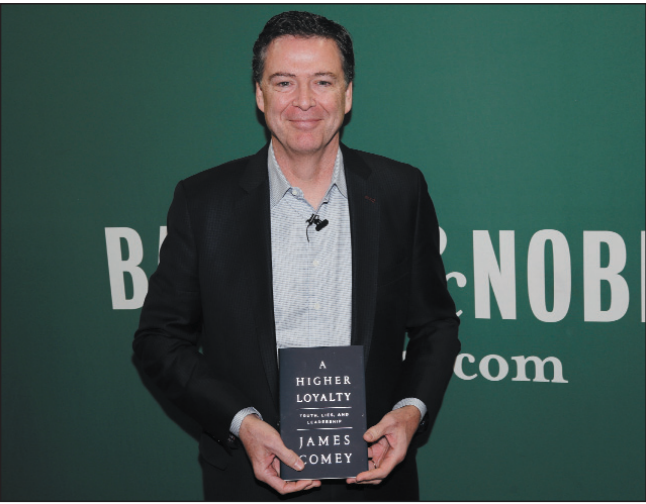
The memos cover the first three months of the Trump administration, marked by staff turnover, damaging headlines and revelations of an FBI investigation into potential ties between the Trump campaign and Russia. The documents reflect Trump's uneasiness about that investigation, though not always in ways that Comey seemed to anticipate.

In a February 2017 conversation, for instance, Trump told Comey how Putin told him, "we have some of the most beautiful hookers in the world" even as the president adamantly and repeatedly distanced himself from a salacious allegation concerning him and prostitutes in Moscow, according to one memo.

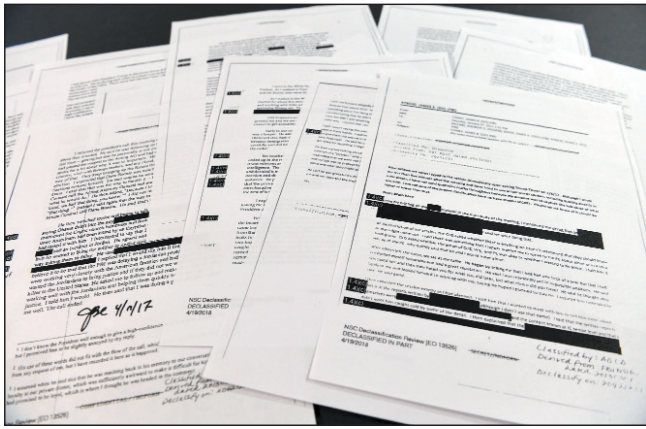
Flynn's 'serious judgment issues'

In another memo, Comey recounts how Trump at a private White House dinner pointed his fingers at his head and complained that Flynn, his embattled national security adviser, "has serious judgment issues." The president blamed Flynn for failing to alert him promptly to a congratulatory call from a world leader, causing a delay for Trump in returning a message to an official whose name is redacted in the documents.

"I did not comment at



Former FBI director James Comey poses for photographs at a Barnes & Noble bookstore before speaking Wednesday in New York.



Copies of the memos written by former FBI Director James Comey are photographed in Washington on Thursday.

any point during this topic and there was no mention or acknowledgment of any FBI interest in or contact with General Flynn," Comey wrote.

By that point, the FBI had already interviewed Flynn about his contacts with the Russian ambassador, Sergey Kislyak, and the Justice Department had already warned White House officials that they were concerned Flynn was vulnerable to blackmail.

Flynn was fired Feb. 13, 2017, after White House officials said he had misled them about his Russian contacts during the transition period by saying that he had not discussed sanctions. The following day, according to a separate memo, Comey says Trump cleared the Oval Office of other officials, encouraged him to let go of the investigation into Flynn and called him a good guy. Flynn pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and is now cooperating with Mueller's investigation.

Azana

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Daniel argued in the lawsuit that the site allowed prospective buyers to limit searches for sellers to private sellers who don't have to conduct background checks and the site prevented users from flagging content as illegal.

She also maintained that users weren't required to register their account with the website and the site was designed to enable buyers to evade waiting periods by enabling deals with private sellers.

Milwaukee County Judge Glenn Yamahiro dismissed the complaint, finding that federal law states website operators aren't liable for publishing information provided by someone else and Daniel failed to allege that Armslist created or develop illegal content on its page.

The 1st District Court of Appeals reversed Yamahiro. The appellate court found that Daniel's lawsuit doesn't treat Armslist as the publisher of information provided by someone else, but instead seeks to hold the company liable for its own conduct in designing and running the website in ways that caused injury.

"(The law) does not protect a website operator from liability that arises from its own conduct in facilitating user activity, as is the case here," the court said.

Foxconn

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The procurement (bid) process will take place in several stages following the information sessions, including more outreach and engagement and notifications on bids being sent to those registered. Gilbane Building Co. and M+W Group will make hiring recommendations to Foxconn, which will in turn make the final decisions.

Foxconn Technology Group officially became a part of the Wisconsin family last July. Chairman Terry Gou signed a deal that promises a \$10 billion investment from the company and is expected to create 22,000 jobs both directly and indirectly. The 20 million square-foot campus will be home to the creation of LCD panels for TVs, computers, the medical field and other categories.

Workers can sign up for bimonthly updates on the Foxconn bidding process and the full presentation from Thursday morning at wisconnvalley.wi.gov.

Water

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Dan Duchniak, Waukesha Water Utility general manager, also said transparency is a goal in his department.

Also discussed was a proposal to reconfigure the format of the utility's water and wastewater bills moving forward. A separate line item on the return flow charges will be added to bills once the fee is enforced.

But the transparency efforts also come with a cost. The utility is planning to contract with an outside firm, Advanced Utility Systems, at a cost of up to \$30,000 to make changes to the billing format.

"I'm hoping the project comes in below the amount," Ciurro said of the cost of changing the bills, which also had the committee's recommendation.

Utility staffers also had a broader discussion with the committee on the large-scale diversion project, including the desired route of pumping Lake Michigan water into Waukesha.

Three agencies will have to sign off on the utility's request for the diversion route, which could run from 60th Street and Howard Avenue in Milwaukee to the utility's water distribution system at Minooka Park.

Before the plan is set in stone, the Public Service Commission, state Department of Natural Resources and Army Corps of Engineers must sign off on the diversion route.

Duchniak also indicated he is compiling water and sewer utility rates in surrounding communities so residents know where Waukesha stands with rate fees compared to its neighbors.

While talk in recent years has revealed utility rates could eventually triple at the conclusion of the major project, Duchniak said the compilation he is assembling could clear up confusion.

"With as big of a project as we have going on, we still think we'll be competitive with our rates," Duchniak said.

The Water Commission's favorable recommendations for the return flow charge and billing changes will go before the Public Works Committee soon for additional review before landing at the Common Council for final action.

Big Bend

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Goodman agreed that looking into other options wouldn't hurt. He added that researching alternatives would only help village officials make an informed decision.

"We should look at every alternative we can," Goodman said. "We can at least go out there and look at it to see if there's benefits to the village."

The more than 20 community members, volunteer EMS and firefighters who packed the room Thursday night were not keen on officials even entertaining the thought of a contracted or consolidated fire department, as some told a Freeman reporter after the meeting.

Big Bend's fire department is composed of 40 volunteers who get paid \$17.50 per call, with approximately 165 calls a year, said Assistant Fire Chief and Village President James Soneberg.

But for volunteers like Diane Martinez, it's not about the money — it's about the bond between members of the community and the Fire Department, and the family-like relationship the department members have with each other, she said.

"The people in this village, they rely on us to be there for them," Martinez said. "We're a dedicated family and we look at the community as a family and that's how we treat everybody."

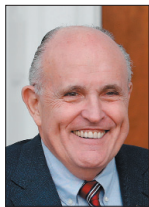
Without a fire department, Soneberg said, the community would be missing out on the events and the community outreach that the department provides to the community daily. He said while the fire department has raised thousands of dollars over the last eight years, it's really about how the committed members of the department and EMS add to the overall quality of life in the village.

"It'll be a void, it'll be a loss to the community, especially when you're dedicating the time that members of the fire department have over the years," Soneberg said. "You're going to lose that personal touch if Big Bend contracts out."

Rudy Giuliani to join Trump legal team in Russia probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani is joining the legal team defending President Donald Trump in the special counsel's Russia investigation, a Trump attorney said Thursday.

With the addition of Giuliani, Trump gains an experienced litigator and former U.S. attorney in Manhattan. Trump is looking to bring his involvement with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation to a close, and is considering whether to sit



Giuliani

for questioning by Mueller's team.

Giuliani also fills the void left by attorney John Dowd, who resigned from the legal team last month.

Trump personal attorney Jay Sekulow told The Associated Press that Giuliani will be focusing on the Mueller investigation — not the legal matters raised by the ongoing investigation

into Trump attorney Michael Cohen. That probe is being led by the U.S. attorney in Manhattan.

Cohen's office, home and hotel room were raided last week by the FBI, provoking a backlash from Trump in which he publicly weighed whether to fire Mueller or Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. He also intensified his public attacks on the Mueller investigation, calling it "an attack on our country."

Trump's legal team has been told by Mueller that the

president is a subject of the investigation, not a target, though that designation can change at any time.

"Rudy is great," Trump said. "He has been my friend for a long time and wants to get this matter quickly resolved for the good of the country."

"It is an honor to be a part of such an important legal team, and I look forward to not only working with the President but with Jay (and his) colleagues," Giuliani said in a statement.