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County to allow Cottonwood Hills leeway on drawings

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Recent business in Reno County Commission chambers included:

* Cottonwood Hills, a golf course and residential community planned at 4th and Buhler Road, will be allowed to submit construction drawings in three phases over 14 years instead of supplying them at one time, as regulations require.

The Subdivision Committee and city planning staff backed the variance because of the magnitude of the project.

The entire golf course, as well as some residential lots, will be included in the first phase. No lots can be sold in areas for which construction drawings have not yet been submitted and approved.

The developer also must make the phases independent of each other, so no homes are left without utilities or roads.

* County officials had assumed Undersheriff Dennis Stofer would not be included among commissioned officers receiving an extra 2 percent raise in 2005. But Sheriff Randy Henderson pointed out that Stofer technically is a deputy appointed to handle the duties of undersheriff - and other deputies will receive the raise.

Henderson quickly assured commissioners, however, that Stofer was "perfectly happy" with his current salary of \$58,819.54 for 2005. Commissioners stuck to their original plan to grant commissioned officers - but not Henderson or Stofer - a special 2 percent raise. That will affect nearly 70 members of the 80-member department. Clerical staff won't be eligible for the pay boost. Commissioners will consider other salaries in the department when they write the 2006 budget next summer.