

Brantley appointed to fill treasurer post

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The Comanche County commissioners appointed Rhonda Brantley to finish the term of retired Comanche County Treasurer Barbara Burk during Monday morning's regular weekly meeting.

Brantley was Burk's first deputy. Burk retired Wednesday due to health issues, leaving her term almost a year early. The current term will end July 6, 2015.

Brantley is also the Democratic candidate for the treasurer's office. She will face Republican Joe Wotring in November to decide who will be the next county treasurer.

Shortly after the commissioners' meeting ended, Comanche County District Judge Mark Smith administered the oath of office to Brantley, allowing her to officially assume her duties as treasurer.

"I feel honored," Brantley said after being sworn into office.

Brantley said she has deep roots in Comanche County and because of that will always use good judgment when acting as treasurer.

In other business, the commissioners approved two proclamations.

The first celebrates the 100-year anniversary of the Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service. The second declares this week to be Oklahoma Home and Community Education Week.