

Commissioners Deny Application for Under Crossing of County Road and Occupying County Road Right

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The Nemaha County Commissioners Wednesday, Jan. 25, denied an application from Brandon Snodgrass. Snodgrass had applied for under crossing of a county road or occupying a county road right of way.

The denial was made because the property owner trenched across the road without permission. The work was done before the application was made. The property owner did not call the Diggers' Hotline.

Resolutions Approved

A resolution was approved to subdivide a tract of land for Ladislav F. Bendar, etal. The tract is in Washington Precinct at the south edge of Johnson.

Another resolution approved authorized County Treasurer Patricia Holtzman to invest county expense funds to the best of her ability. The earned interest of \$21,743.82 was a significant decrease from the previous year.

Reappointments, Fuel Bids

Three reappointments for 2012 were approved. Tom Catlett was reappointed surveyor. Renee Critser was reappointed emergency management director. Loris Baumhover was reappointed veterans service officer.

The February fuel bids from Lueders Petroleum were accepted. The bids were: \$3.643 for No. 1 Diesel; \$3.443 for No. 2 Diesel and \$3.075 for regular unleaded. The other bid received, from Farmers Coop, were: \$3.606 for No. 1 Diesel; \$3.546 for No. 2 Diesel and \$3.169 for regular unleaded.

Road Entrance Approved, Other Action

An application for a road entrance for Bill Vickers on a county road was approved. The approval was contingent on the property owner paying for the cost of the tube. It is southwest of Peru.

The commissioners approved a letter of support for Project Response. Project Response representatives are seeking funding to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The commissioners have supported funding previously. County officials have had a good relationship with Project Response representatives. The commissioners said that Project Response representatives provide a unique and needed service.

Project Response provides free, confidential and long-term services to residents of Nemaha, Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson counties. The needs are related to such issues as: domestic violence, sexual assault, incest and child abuse.

Also approved was an agreement to implement a four-county juvenile service plan. The agreement involves officials of Nemaha, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson counties. It also involves Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters Inc.

Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters Inc. is a community-based mentoring program. Adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6-18, across Southeast Nebraska, are matched. The program develops positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of youth. Bigs and Littles meet one-on-one weekly. They share interests and activities.

Other Business

Representatives of Kirkham Michael consulting engineers met with the commissioners. Roger Helgoth, president and Chad Marsh, vice president in charge of survey-field services group, requested that the firm be considered for future projects.

Kirkham Michael representatives have done work in Richardson County and other counties. The representatives work on road projects, bridge projects, bridge inspections and site development.

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The representatives do survey and engineering work. They want to expand their service area. The commissioners discussed attending a county agriculture emergency planning workshop, Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the 4-H Building in Auburn.

The county one-and six-year road plan will be discussed with the road foremen. The plan will be approved Wednesday, Feb. 22. It will be submitted to state officials.

It was reported that Nemaha County officials complied with Homeland Security grant monitoring visits.