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County Considering Demolition of Old Jail

(KNZA)--The Brown County Commission is once again considering the possible demolition of the old county jail. The issue was discussed at this week's meeting.

Commissioner Keith Olsen, who has been spearheading the efforts, said he had obtained quotes from two contractors for the removal of the structure built in 1924.

His fellow Commissioners said the project would have to be put out for bid. In addition, they said there are things of value that should be sold before its torn down.

Olsen said he would write up something and run it by the county attorney so they can advertise for bids.

Commissioner Warren Ploeger said he's not in favor of demolishing the building, saying he believes it could be costly. However, Commissioner Steve Roberts says he thinks its an eyesore and needs to be removed.

Brown County voters in November 2008 approved a one-half cent countywide retailers sales tax to fund the construction of a new 41-bed facility, which was completed in the fall of 2010.

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