

Jail Auction Set For Friday

**(KNZA)--The former Brown County Jail could have a new owner Friday.**

**The facility will be auctioned off at 10:00 by Sheriff John Merchant on the 1st floor of the county courthouse.**

**The jail is to be sold to the highest bidder. There is no minimum bid. The building is appraised at around \$64,000.**

**Under criteria established by the County Commission, the Commission has the right to reject any and all bids.**

**Merchant took more than a dozen interested people on a tour of the facility Monday.**

**The Commission also spoke by phone at their meeting Monday with a California resident interested in the facility, who says he plans to have a representative at the auction to bid for him.**

**The Commission voted in June to put the building up for public auction.**

**The old jail has been vacant since 2010 when the new 41-bed jail, located directly across the street, was opened.**

**Voters in November 2008 approved a one-half cent countywide retailers sales tax to fund its construction.**

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