

Grant Sought Again for New Bern Fire Station

**(KMZA)--A state grant is being sought again for the construction of a new fire station in the Nemaha County community of Bern.**

**The Nemaha County Commission Monday approved an application on behalf of Fire District #4 for a nearly \$240,000 KAN-STEP grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce.**

**The fire district will provide a nearly \$129,000 match in the form of volunteer labor.**

**The grant application will be submitted Wednesday and grant writer Garrett Nordstorm says he expects to hear back within 30 days whether the grant application is accepted or not.**

**The first application was denied last September, with the Department of Commerce saying they deemed the proposed six-bay fire station to be in excess of the size needed to adequately serve the community.**

**Fire district officials downsized their plans to a 3-bay fire station. The building will also include a meeting/training room, storage room, bathroom and kitchen.**

**If awarded, the old quonset currently being used as a fire station will be demolished and a new building constructed on the existing lots owned by the fire district.**

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