County Decides Against Vacating Road

(KNZA)--After hearing opposition, the Brown County Commission has decided against vacating a portion of a county road.

Four county residents attended a hearing Monday to voice their opposition to the county's plans to vacate a section of 200th Street between Jackrabbit and Kestrel Roads.

They included several members of the Hiawatha Fire Department, who voiced concerns about emergency service access.

County resident Jerry Gifford questioned why the county is just now vacating the road, since its been closed for some time.

Commission Chairman Steve Roberts told Gifford that the Union Pacific Railroad requested the county vacate the road, which contains a railroad crossing, and offered to compensate the county.

Following the hearing, the Commission voted unanimously not to vacate the section of road.

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