County approves zoning change (KNZA)--The Doniphan County Commission has approved a zoning change to allow for a new business.

The Commission Monday approved a request by Gabe Owens, doing business as Gator Garage, to rezone property located at 508 Last Chance Road from A-1 Agriculture to Mixed Use to allow for the operation of a mechanic shop and small car lot on the property.

The Doniphan County Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning change.

Discussion was held in regard to replacing the courthouse generator, which was purchased in 1996, with a larger model that will pull the power load for the entire courthouse. County Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng told the Commission that the District Court and County Attorney's Office are not hooked to the current generator due to size limitations. The Commission suggested Meng obtain cost proposals for replacement of the generator.

And Commissioners voted to hire Colton Johnson and Travis Owen full-time for the Second District road shop at a pay rate of \$10 an hour plus benefits. The two will be given 60-days to obtain a CDL license, at which time their pay will increase to \$10.50 an hour.

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