

Nemaha Co awarded grant for transit/meal center facility

(KMZA)--Nemaha County has been awarded a state grant for the construction of a new public transit and senior meal facility.

County Senior Services/Public Transit Director Diane Yunghans informed the Nemaha County Commission Monday of the grant award in the amount of \$390,000 from the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The grant would pay 80 percent of half of the cost of the proposed facility. The county would be expected to match the grant with 20% of the cost for half of the building, and pay the other half of the cost.

Yunghans presented Commissioners with rough drawings for a 5,400-square-foot facility that would contain a transit waiting area, van storage, meeting rooms and transit offices along with expanded kitchen and dining area.

She told Commissioners she feels the best location for the new facility would be on county-owned property west of the courthouse, the former Seneca Grade School site.

Commissioners Monday stopped short of committing to the project. The Commission directed Yunghans to get a traffic analysis done at the proposed location, which is a requirement of the grant, and to bring back a closer estimate of the cost of the new facility before a decision is made whether or not to proceed with the project.

Commissioners also learned Monday that the county has been awarded a nearly \$446,000 grant from KDOT to update and replace all of the road signs along county roads south of U.S. 36 Highway. The grant requires no county match.

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