

New Hiawatha mayor, commissioner sworn in



(Left to right) City Clerk Tish Sims swears in Bill Collins as interim mayor and David Middendorf as interim finance commissioner at Monday's City Commission meeting

**(KNZA)--A change in Hiawatha leadership as a new mayor and city commissioner are sworn in.**

**The Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening approved the appointment of longtime commissioner Bill Collins as interim mayor after accepting the resignation of Dr. Steffen Shamburg.**

**The Commission then approved the appointment of David Middendorf to fill Collins unexpired term as finance commissioner.**

**Both took their seats on the Commission after being sworn in by City Clerk Tish Sims.**

**Collins expressed his gratitude to everyone for their confidence in him and said he hopes he does a good job.**

**Middendorf, who was the only person to express an interest in filling the interim commission seat, said he was glad to be on board.**

**Both positions are up for election in November.**

**Collins is running unopposed for election as mayor. Matthew Haws and John Merchant Jr. are vying for finance commissioner.**

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