

County approves vehicle purchases

**(KMZA)--The Nemaha County Commission Monday approved the purchase of four vehicles.**

**On the recommendation of Sheriff Rich Vernon, the Commission approved the purchase of two 2020 Dodge Durangos from Nemaha Valley Motors in Seneca for the sheriff's department. One will be purchased for \$24,000 with the trade-in of a 2016 Dodge Charger and the other for \$25,000 with the trade-in of a 2016 Ford Explorer.**

**Bids were received from three dealerships.**

**The Commission approved the purchase of a new pickup truck for emergency preparedness. On the recommendation of Emergency Preparedness Director Russel Lierz, the Commission approved the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Ram from Nemaha Valley Motors in the amount of \$19,250 with the trade-in of a 2011 Dodge Ram. Bids were opened December 16.**

**The Commission also approved the purchase of a pickup truck for use by the maintenance department. The county will purchase a 2011 Dodge Ram from Nemaha Valley Motors in the amount of \$9,500 with the trade-in of a 2001 Dodge Ram pickup.**

**Following an executive session, Sheriff Rich Vernon announced that Cheyenne Wilhelm, of Axtell, has been hired as relief dispatch for the county. Wilhelm began work Monday salary of \$14.41 an hour.**

**The Commission held an executive session with the county's windfarm attorney, James Neeld, by phone. No action was taken by the Commission after the executive session.**

**Commission Chairman Tim Burdick stated the road use agreement and the haul route map is still begin finalized at this time with NextEra Energy Resources for the Soldier Creek Wind Farm. Commissioner Dennis Henry stated the county is still talking to the Flint Hills Regional Council about assisting with the development of a comprehensive plan for the county.**

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