

County to send chicken farm concern letter to state

**(KNZA)--The Brown County Commission voted unanimously Monday to sign a letter that will be sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment with concerns about a proposed chicken farm northeast of Hiawatha.**

**The letter asks the state agency to thoroughly investigate how the proposed 224,000 head boiler chicken facility would affect the water supply in the area and to submit their findings to the county.**

**The letter also request that KDHE hold a local public forum to allow residents the opportunity to voice their concerns about the proposed facility.**

**A group of landowners met with the Commission at their January 25 meeting to voice their concerns about the proposed facility, which would be located in Padonia township near the intersection of Nighthawk and 270th Roads.**

**Among the concerns voiced was that the proposed facility would be located near the Brown County Rural Water District #2 well site.**

**A permit is being sought from KDHE for the facility, which would consist of eight new broiler houses and a 50 by 100 foot litter/manure shed.**

**KDHE is taking written comment on the proposed facility until February 20th.**