

County denies zoning changes for cell phone towers

**(KNZA)--The Doniphan County Commission has denied zoning change requests that would have allowed for the construction of two Verizon Wireless towers in the county.**

**The Commission took the action Monday following public hearings.**

**The first zoning change request was for property located at 518 North Centre Street in Troy that would have allowed for the construction of a 190-foot cell tower.**

**County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Commission with a petition in opposition to the zoning change filed on behalf of 13 adjoining property owners. Also six adjoining property owners spoke in opposition to the request.**

**Paul Greeley, Selective Site Services Representative, spoke in favor of the zoning change. He said there are no health effects caused by telecommunication towers within a distance of up 200 feet from the tower site, and there are Kansas statutory regulations on cell towers. Charles “ Ken” Huss, who owns the property where the cell tower was to be constructed, spoke in favor of the zoning change as well.**

**The second zoning change request was for property located at 1141 Tioga Road, in rural Wathena, and would have allowed for the construction of a 150-foot cell tower.**

**An adjoining property owner spoke in opposition to the zoning change.**

**Both zoning change requests were denied on 2-1 votes, with Commissioner Wayne Grable casting the dissenting vote on each. That came after motions by Grable to approve the zoning changes failed on a 1-2 vote.**

**The Doniphan County Regional Planning Commission had recommended approval of the zoning changes.**

***( Editor's note: information from unofficial commission meeting minutes)***

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