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Former Chamber Treasurer Pleads No Contest

(KNZA)--A former Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce treasurer accused of embezzling funds from the organization has entered into a plea agreement.

43-year-old Beth Mikita pleaded no contest Friday in Brown County District Court to charges of felony criminal use of a financial card and felony theft. In exchange for the plea, a charge of identity fraud was dismissed.

Sentencing was scheduled for June 27th.

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill says Mikita is charged with the theft of more than \$9,100 between August 2014 and April 2015 while serving as Chamber treasurer.

Hill says the theft was discovered during an extensive financial audit and then reported to police.

Mikita was arrested last November following an investigation by the Hiawatha Police Department.

She remains free on bond.

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