County considering comprehensive plan

(KNZA)--The Brown County Commission is considering the development of a comprehensive plan for the county.

The Commission on Monday heard presentations from representatives of two firms with experience in comprehensive planning. They included Keith Marvin with Marvin Planning Consultants, of David City Nebraska, and Vic Burks with Bartlett and West Engineers, of Overland Park.

Both discussed their planning experience, the process for the development of a comprehensive plan and what would be expected from the Commission if they were to move forward.

If the Commission decides to proceed, Marvin said the cost to the county would be between \$40,000 and \$60,000 while Burks placed the minimum cost at \$50,000.

In other business, Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill presented a settlement and release agreement with Hanover Insurance Company and Custom Agri Systems for the county generator that was damaged while being moved last year. The Commission approved signing the agreement for nearly \$33,000.

On the recommendation of Hill, the Commission voted to solicit bids beginning July 1 on properties that did not sell during the county tax sale held in December, with a minimum bid of \$10.

The Commission also voted to appoint James Ward to the Hiawatha Township clerk position. Ward will fill the unexpired term of Jordanne Shockley.

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