

Hiawatha Police getting new radar units

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha Police Department will be getting new radar units.

At the request of Police Chief John Defore, the Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening on a 4-1 vote accepted a bid from Lenexa-based Kustom Signals for four in-car mounted radar units and four handheld portable units at a total cost of \$12,232. Mayor Bill Collins cast the lone dissenting vote.

Bids were received from two companies.

Defore said parts are no longer available for the current units, which will be donated to the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department who have the same units.

The Commission also gave Defore approval to advertise for a new full-time police officer. He said current officer Brandon Fee is leaving for another job.

On the recommendation of Defore, the Commission also approved the cancellation of this year's local "National Night Out" event. It is normally takes place in August, but was postponed to October due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Defore said there are conflicts with the October date.

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