

Commission updated on wind storm damage

(KMZA)--The Nemaha County Commission on Monday received an update on the damage from last Wednesday's wind storm.

County Emergency Management Director Russel Lierz said 10 buildings were destroyed in the county, which were all facing south. He said a barn and storage building containing RV's were among the buildings destroyed.

Three semi-tractor trailers on U.S. 36 Highway were blown over. Only minor injuries were reported.

Lierz said the winds in Nemaha County were a sustained 30 to 35 miles an hour, with peak gusts of 73 miles an hour.

Power poles and transformers in the county were downed.

The City of Centralia was without electricity for 8 hours and part of Seneca was without power for that length of time also.

Lierz said the western part of the county was the most affected by the wind, with the city of Wetmore sustaining some damage also.

In addition to the damage, a tornado warning issued at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, for the Corning and Goff area due to radar-indicated rotation. However, Lierz confirmed there was no tornado, just straight-line winds.

He praised the efforts of emergency responders and the Nemaha County Sheriff's dispatch.

Lierz will be looking into receiving FEMA funds to help cover the cost of repairs following last week's storm.

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