

Groups request ARPA funds from county

(KNZA)--Representatives of two groups meet with the Brown County Commission Monday to request American Rescue Plan Act funds for projects in their communities.

Meeting with the commission were Tim Lentz with the Horton Industrial Development Corporation, along with Troy Kolb and Ryan Meininger with the Hiawatha Baseball and Softball Club.

Lentz requested \$150,000 to complete the ball field improvement project currently underway in Horton. He said his group has raised more than \$200,000 for project and needs additional funding to finish the project.

Kolb and Meininger requested funding for the Hiawatha Championship Sports Complex project planned at Noble Park. They requested \$175,000 to complete phase one of the project, which is the construction of an indoor practice facility. In addition, they requested \$250,000 to provide matching funds for a grant they plan to seek for phase two, which is the construction of a new softball field.

Kolb said the group has raised close to \$190,000 for phase one of the project. He said dirt work is scheduled to get underway this week for the indoor practice facility, with construction of the building to be completed by March 1 of next year. A ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled Sunday evening at 5:00.

The trio touted the economic benefits of the projects and benefit to youth in the communities.

Commissioners took the funding requests under advisement.

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