Hiawatha City Commission hears ARPA funding request

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission, when they met Monday evening, heard a request from the Brown County Historical Society for American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Historical Society Director Lynn Allen requested funding for various projects. They include upgrades to the Memorial Auditorium elevator and repairs to the second story windows, an elevator and air conditioning at the Bruning Memorial Building, repair of the air conditioning and heating, as well as the roof, at the Hiawatha World office, along with for work at the windmill building and gravel at the Ag Museum.

Allen said they are still gathering cost estimates for the projects, and would submit the list for consideration once they are obtained.

Commissioner Dave Middendorf, chairing the meeting in the absence of Mayor Bill Collins, said the Commission decided sometime ago what to spend the ARAP funds on, but would take the group's list under consideration, if any funding is left.

The Historicial Society met with the Brown County Commission last week to also request ARPA funds.

In other business, the Commission approved the appointment of Leon Wissman to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of John Moore, who stepped down from the board. The term expires in May 2023.

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