

Survey results presented at county meeting

(KNZA)--The results of a countywide survey distributed last fall in Brown County were presented at Monday's County Commission meeting.

Jason Morado with Olathe-based ETC Institute, which conducted the survey, went over its key findings via Zoom.

Morado said the survey was mailed to every household in the county and was available on-line. He said they had a good response, with 803 completed surveys returned, well above their 400 completed survey goal.

The survey results showed residents have a positive perception of Brown County. 72 percent rated the county as an excellent or good place to raise children and 69 percent rated the county as an excellent or good place to live.

Identified as the most important issues for the county to address over the next five years were attracting new industry, affordable housing, assuring there are quality schools, crime prevention and job opportunities.

The survey results showed 56 percent of respondents were opposed to the development of industrial wind turbines in the county, while 30 percent were supportive.

The survey results will assist in the development of a comprehensive plan for the county.

Public meetings have been set to share the results with county residents. The meetings will take place Monday, February 26 at 12 noon at the Fairview Community Center and 5:30 that evening at the Fisher Center in Hiawatha. In addition, a meeting will be held Tuesday evening, February 27 at 5:30 at the Blue Building in Horton.

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