

Brown Co Planning Commission established

(KNZA)--The Brown County Commission approved a resolution Monday formally establishing a county planning commission.

The action came on a 2-1 vote, with Commissioner Bill Pollock casting the lone dissenting vote. Pollock said he was opposed to language in the resolution.

The planning commission will assist in the development of a comprehensive plan for the county.

County commissioners began discussing the need for a comprehensive plan in 2022 as a way to guide decisions on how to regulate the development of large-scale wind energy projects in the county.

Seven county residents have been appointed to staggering terms on the planning commission.

Lafe Bailey, Clif Heiniger and Bill Vonderschmidt were appointed to three-year terms; Wyatt Kerl and Shawn Loyd to two-year terms; and Rex Lockwood and Bill Sechler to one-year terms.

The planning commission is to meet by the end of May. At that time, they will select a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary to each serve a one-year term. They will also set a date and time for their regular monthly meeting. In addition, by-laws will be prepared to govern the conduct of planning commission business.

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