

Hiawatha Police Chief Stepping Down

Hiawatha Police Chief Evans Woehlecke is stepping down from the position he's held for 12 years. Following a closed-door session at Monday's evening's Hiawatha City Commission meeting, Commissioner Steffen Shamburg announced he received a letter last week from Woehlecke saying he will not be seeking re-appointment to the position. The position of police chief and other city offices are up for re-appointment at the commission's May 7th meeting.

Woehlecke, whose wife was present with him at the meeting, said he made the decision after consultation with his family...(play audio)

Woehlecke says he plans to remain with the department as a patrol officer...(play audio)

Woehlecke has also agreed to serve as interim chief until a new police chief is appointed.

Commissioners thanked Woehlecke for his service to the community.

The commission directed City Administrator Lynne Ladner to begin the search immediately for a new police chief.