

Hiawatha City Commission Accepts Insurance Bid

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission has accepted a bid for the city's comprehensive insurance, which includes property and liability coverage.

The commission Monday evening accepted the lone bid submitted by SBS Insurance, representing EMC Insurance Companies, with a total base bid of \$89,074. City Administrator Mike Nichols says the total premium is more than \$600 less than what the city paid last year.

In other business, the commission gave Police Chief John Defore permission to seek more than 24-hundred dollars in funding through the Atchison Elks Lodge for the purchase of five sets of Stop Sticks for utilization in police pursuits and a training kit. A set would be placed in each of the department's five patrol cars.

Defore says the equipment provides a safer way to deal with fleeing suspects as well as dramatically reduce the risk to officers and the public. Defore says the Stop Sticks come with a five-year warranty, so if a set is damaged they will be replaced at no cost to the department. Defore is a certified instructor in their use and will provide the training for the department's officers at no extra expense.

The commission also gave Defore approval to purchase four hand-held 800-band radio's from Haug Communications in Seneca for a total cost of \$6,660.

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