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Funding Sought for Repairs to Historic Jail

(KMZA)--The Nemaha County Historical Society is seeking funding for repairs to the historic former county jail and sheriff's residence in Seneca.

Representatives of the Historical Society met with the Nemaha County Commission Monday to request funding from the county for a more than \$39,000 roofing and masonry restoration project.

Darrylann Rial with the Historical Society said the building, which houses their museum, is deteriorating. She said the roofing is leaking and bricks need re-pointing.

Rial said they plan to apply for a grant for the project, but need matching funds. They requested at least \$16,000 from the county.

The project would include replacement of the shingles on the sheriff's residence and flat roof on the jail, roof guttering, exterior masonry restoration and restoration of the ceiling on the second floor of the jail.

The Commission took no action on the funding request, saying they would consider the request when they work on the 2017 budget.

The sheriff's residence and former jail, built in 1879, were added to the Kansas and National Registers of Historic Places in 2004.

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