

County approves purchase of 2 excavators

**(KNZA)--The Doniphan County Commission has approved the purchase of two used excavators for the county's road department to replace two existing machines.**

**The Commission Monday approved the purchase of a 2014 Komatsu with 2,099 hours from Berry Tractor, of Topeka, for a total price of just over \$119,000 with the trade-in of a 1993 excavator in the First District.**

**The Commission also approved the purchase of a 2012 Hyundai with 2,200 hours from Victor L. Phillips in the amount of nearly \$110,000 less an insurance payment of nearly \$45,000 for the loss of a 2000 excavator that was damaged in the Second District.**

**Prior to taking the action, Commission Chairman Thad Geiger asked Road Supervisor Bob Edie if two machines are needed or if the county could get by with one machine used between all three road districts.**

**Edie said with emergency road repair work and only being able to use the equipment during favorable weather conditions, there is a need for two excavators. In addition, Commissioner Tim Collins indicated excavators now replace the use of bulldozers on some projects.**

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