

New Horton police commissioner appointed

**(KNZA)--The Horton City Commission has filled the vacancy created by the recent resignation of police commissioner Bryan Stirton.**

**During a special meeting Thursday morning, the Commission approved the appointment of longtime former city employee Rex West to fill the remainder of Stirton's term, which expires in January 2020. The position is up for election in November of next year.**

**Stirton resigned from the position following his recent appointment as interim mayor.**

**West was among six candidates who expressed an interest in filling Stirton's term. The other five candidates were Cody Spire, Chad Reynolds, Carol Barton, Bobby Bacon and Avery Thornton.**

**Commissioners said they were pleased with the interest in the position.**

**West retired in June 2016 after 31 years with the city, the last role as city supervisor overseeing the Public Works Department.**

**He will be sworn in and take his seat on the Commission at their March 19th meeting.**

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