

Nemaha Co awarded grant for transit/meal center facility

**(KMZA)--Nemaha County has been awarded a state grant for the construction of a new public transit and senior meal facility.**

**County Senior Services/Public Transit Director Diane Yunghans informed the Nemaha County Commission Monday of the grant award in the amount of \$390,000 from the Kansas Department of Transportation.**

**The grant would pay 80 percent of half of the cost of the proposed facility. The county would be expected to match the grant with 20% of the cost for half of the building, and pay the other half of the cost.**

**Yunghans presented Commissioners with rough drawings for a 5,400-square-foot facility that would contain a transit waiting area, van storage, meeting rooms and transit offices along with expanded kitchen and dining area.**

**She told Commissioners she feels the best location for the new facility would be on county-owned property west of the courthouse, the former Seneca Grade School site.**

**Commissioners Monday stopped short of committing to the project. The Commission directed Yunghans to get a traffic analysis done at the proposed location, which is a requirement of the grant, and to bring back a closer estimate of the cost of the new facility before a decision is made whether or not to proceed with the project.**

**Commissioners also learned Monday that the county has been awarded a nearly \$446,000 grant from KDOT to update and replace all of the road signs along county roads south of U.S. 36 Highway. The grant requires no county match.**

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