

County approves pair of zoning changes

(KNZA)--The Doniphan County Commission has approved a pair of zoning changes that will allow for the construction of homes on two properties north of Wathena.

The Commission voted this week to approve a request from Warren and Christina Sutton to rezone property located at 1059 and 1067 Treece Road from agriculture to mixed use.

The Doniphan County Regional Planning Commission voted last month following a public hearing to deny the zoning change for both locations, pending an engineering system to concerning the stability of the bluff sites and septic system.

County Zoning Administrator Julie Meng said the septic system plans have been approved by Northeast Kansas Environmental Services.

In other business, the Commission received the second draft of the 2019 county budget.

County Clerk Peggy Franken provided an overview of the proposed budget. She said it decreases the amount of tax to be collected by about \$6,000, reduces the property tax levy 3.2 mills and allows for a 50 cent an hour pay increase for all employees.

The Commission is able to lower the mill levy due to a nearly \$11 million increase in the county's assessed valuation.

The Commission took no action pending review of the budget draft.