Rates to increase at Brown Co transfer station (KNZA)--It will cost more to dispose of trash at the Brown County transfer station.

The Brown County Commission Thursday approved a rate increase.

The rate for in-county trash will increase \$1.60 a ton to \$49, while the rate for out-of-county trash will increase a \$1.50 a ton to \$53.

The new rates will take effect June 1.

The rates are being increased to cover operational costs.

Meanwhile, the county is preparing for this summer's chip seal road projects.

Bids were opened for the purchase 500,000 gallons of road oil.

The Commission voted to accept the low bid submitted by Kansas City, Missouri-based Vance Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$2.23 a gallon. It was among three bids received.

The county paid \$1.70 a gallon for road oil last year.

Bids were also opened for assorted tubes for the three road districts. The Commission voted to accept the low bid submitted by Metal Culverts, of Maryville, Missouri, for a total of \$40,984. It was among three bids received.

In addition, the Commission opened bids for right to harvest about 60-acres of brome hay at the county landfill this year. The Commission accepted the bid submitted by Ray Vonderschmidt for \$2,255. It was among four bids received.