

County hires new emergency management director

**(KNZA)--A new Brown County emergency management director has been hired.**

**The Brown County Commission Monday approved the hiring of James Stuart, of Horton, for the position at an annual salary of \$40,000.**

**The position had previously been part-time but Commissioners decided to make it full-time.**

**Stuart, who currently serves as an officer with the Horton Police Department, is expected to begin work April 15.**

**He was among three candidates interviewed last week from among nine applicants.**

**Stuart replaces Randy Linck, who resigned from the position in February, but continues to serve as undersheriff.**

**Following an executive session, the Commission approved the promotion of Manuel “Manny” Martinez to head courthouse custodian for a six month trial period. It will be re-evaluated at that time.**

**Alvin “Buzz” Siebenmorgen, who currently serves as head custodian, is retiring effective April 6.**

**Commission Chairman Keith Olsen presented a plaque to Siebenmorgen in recognition of his 21 years with the county.**

**Following interviews with four individuals for the open custodian position, the Commission voted to offer the job to Ben Walker.**