

County to hear zoning presentation

(KMZA)--Nemaha County Commissioners will hear a presentation on zoning at their September 9 meeting.

An attorney specializing in zoning is to meet with the Commission at 10:00 that morning in the courtroom at the Nemaha County Courthouse to discuss the pros and cons of zoning.

The county's windfarm attorney, James Neeld, requested Monday that the item be added to the agenda.

Neeld said while no decision will be made regarding zoning, the informational session will be open to the public.

He also requested that the Commission add two other items to their agenda—an extension of the six-month moratorium on commercial wind energy projects in the county and the approval of a contract with a third party engineer.

Neeld said an extension of the moratorium approved by the Commission May 13 will allow time for commissioners to decide whether or not they want to enact zoning and to pause potential projects.

Neeld said the third party engineering firm would help with the road use agreement that's part of the term sheet approved by commissioners at their July 31 meeting for the Soldier Creek Wind Farm Project.

Neeld said he is currently working on five different agreements for the county pertaining to the Soldier Creek Windfarm. Besides the road use agreement, they include the development agreement, contribution agreement, decommissioning agreement and a complaint procedure agreement.

Neeld said he received the first draft of each of the agreements last week.