

Bids required for jail HVAC replacement

(KNZA)--Brown County will have to seek bids for the replacement of the HVAC system at the county jail.

That's what County Attorney Kevin Hill told the Brown County Commission Monday as they discussed a contract with Energy Solutions Professionals.

The Commission had voted last month to accept a proposal from the Overland Park firm to replace the current 11 rooftop units with new units for a cost of nearly \$299,000.

Although the current units are 11 years old, there has been some major issues with excess humidity and air purification due to the type of units that were installed.

Following an executive session, courthouse custodian Ben Walker presented the Commission with his two week notice.

The Commission discussed whether to hire a full-time or part-time custodian. Commissioner Rich Lehmkuhl discussed hiring out some of the services done by the custodians as opposed to hiring for a full-time position.

The Commission voted to advertise for an assistant janitor for at least two weeks or until the position is filled.

In other business, Noxious Weed Director George Bruning discussed with the Commission a trailer fire at the county landfill last week. Bruning said the fire was caused by a lithium battery. The trailer was a total loss.

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