

Annexation approval will not be rescinded

(KMZA)--The Nemaha County Commission's approval of an annexation proposal last year will not be rescinded.

Following an executive session Monday, County Attorney Brad Lippert announced the Board's decision on November 4th to approve a proposal from the city of Seneca to annex several small tracts of city-owned rural property would have had to been rescinded within 30 days. Therefore, Lippert said Commissioners do not intend to discuss the matter of invalidating their November 4 decision any further at this time.

A group of rural Seneca landowners had requested that the annexation proposal be declared as invalid and void. The group contended the city violated procedures and state statute with the annexation and establishment of a three-mile extraterritorial jurisdictional area.

In other business, the Commission voted to grant County Emergency Preparedness Director Russel Lierz a leave of absence for an indefinite amount of time. The Commission voted to appoint Sheriff Rich Vernon as interim Emergency Preparedness Director.

Monday's meeting marked the first meeting for new 2nd District Commissioner Jason Koch and new 3rd District Commissioner Dylan Keim, who were elected last November.

Gary Scoby was appointed as Board chairman for 2021 and Keim as co-chairman.

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