

Commission updated on broadband expansion project

(KNZA)--Representatives with Rainbow Communications met with the Doniphan County Commission Monday to provide an update on a broadband expansion project.

The project will connect to 200 homes along the US. 36 corridor from east of Troy to the western city limits of Wathena to fiber internet access.

According to the unofficial meeting minutes, Angie Kreider with Rainbow told Commissioners construction on the project began December 1 and is expected to last five to six weeks, subject to the weather and a three week holiday break.

Kreider said customers can expect to be online beginning June or July 2024.

Commissioners were also informed that Rainbow was not successful in their application to the Kansas Broadband Office for grant funding for the further expansion of fiber internet service north and south of the Highway 36 corridor.

Rainbow Communications General Manager and CEO Jason Smith plans to meet with representatives of the Kansas Broadband Office to get an explanation on why they were not selected.

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