Counties discuss proposed wind farm

(KNZA)--With a wind farm being proposed in a portion of Brown County, the County Commission this week sought advice from their Nemaha County counterparts.

The Brown County Commission held a conference call with the Nemaha County Commission to see what steps they are taking since they are already dealing with another proposed wind farm in their county.

Chicago-based Invenergy is proposing the Pony Express Wind Farm in northwestern Brown County and northeastern Nemaha County. It would consist of 200 to 300 wind turbines, generating 800 megawatts of power.

Nemaha County Commissioners advised the Brown County Commission they will need to negotiate a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement and road use maintenance agreement with the company.

The company is expected to seek a 10-year property tax exemption from the state.

Following an executive session, the Commission voted to promote county appraiser's office data collector Yvonne Murrow to the senior data collector position.

Murrow will receive a 75 cent per hour pay raise to \$16.25 an hour, effective October 8.

She will replace Curt Clark who is retiring.

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