County continues work on windfarm terms

(KMZA)--Nemaha County continues negotiations on a term sheet for the development of the Soldier Creek Wind Farm.

The Nemaha County Commission meet in executive session Monday with attorney James Neeld and again during a special meeting Thursday. Neeld has been retained by the county for negotiations with NextEra Energy--the developer of the proposed 300 megawatt wind farm.

County Commission Chairman Gary Scoby said the Commission hopes to have something by their next meeting, Tuesday, February 19.

On their counsel's advice, Scoby said the Commission will not act on the request for a moratorium on wind farm developments they received last week from a local citizens group until negotiations are finished and public input meetings are held.

Registered nurse Lori Menold, of Sabetha, presented documents supporting the moratorium that she said were signed by three Nemaha Valley Community Hospital physicians along with a study that found adverse health affects from living near commercial wind turbines.

In addition, Galen Ackerman, of Sabetha, presented Commissioners with a revised copy of a bill that has been introduced in the Kansas House that would regulate wind developments in the state.

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