

County considers permit for new cell tower

(KNZA)--The Doniphan County Commission has tabled action on a conditional use permit for the construction of a new telecommunications tower in the Denton area.

The permit is being sought to allow for the construction of a new 340-foot tower at 630 Castleton Road. It would be utilized by A T & T and replace an existing 320-foot tower located a ½ mile southeast along 130th Road.

According to the unofficial meeting minutes, County Zoning Administrator Julie Meng informed commissioners Monday that the Doniphan County Planning Commission approved the application for the new tower at their August 12 meeting.

Jackson Gnaedinger with Collective Solutions, of St. Louis, said the existing tower is structurally at capacity. He said the new tower would improve cellular coverage while allowing for future growth, technologies, services and additional wireless carriers.

An attorney representing SBA Towers, the company that owns the current tower, voiced opposition to approval of the conditional use permit. Christopher Sevedge said under the county's current zoning ordinances, a study comparison of all potential sites had not been met for approval. He also presented a structural analysis report indicating the current tower is sufficient.

The Commission tabled action until their September 14 meeting to allow time to review the request.

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