

Group seeking to have annexation vote declared invalid

(KMZA)--A group of Seneca area residents is seeking to have a Nemaha County Commission vote last year on an annexation proposal declared as invalid and void.

Laurie Schmelzle and several others came before the Commission Monday about the county's November 4, 2019 approval of a proposal from the City of Seneca to annex several small tracts of city-owned rural property. It included the airport, Maxwell Springs buffer area and city's newest water wells.

Commissioners determined that the annexation would not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area.

Schmelzle contends the city's action's were done in secret for the purpose of harming the industries that want to locate in that area.

County Attorney Brad Lippert will review the group's request and get back with the Commission next week on the issue.

In other business, Commissioners voted to 2-1 to rescind the Commission's December 4 approval of a proposal from Corey Gorman to provide custodial services at the Nemaha County Courthouse. Commissioner Gary Scoby cast the lone dissenting vote.

The Commission also moved to immediately terminate the contact with Gorman for the washing of windows at the courthouse, with Scoby voting no.

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