

Cost-of-living raise approved for Nemaha Co employees

(KMZA)--A six percent cost-of-living raise has been approved for Nemaha County employees.

The Nemaha County Commission approved the raise during a special meeting last week.

The raise was effective February 21.

Commissioners also discussed changes they would like to make to the county's sick leave and vacation leave policies. Following discussion, the Commission voted to change the sick leave policy to state that any sick leave accrued after February 20 will not be eligible to be cashed out by the employee and state that there will now be a cap of 320 hours on the amount of sick leave an employee can accumulate.

Discussion was held concerning the payout for those employees with more than 320 hours of sick leave currently in their sick leave bank. Commissioners plan to further discuss the issue once more information is provided to them concerning the number of sick hours each employee currently has.

At their February 13 meeting, Kiley Floyd and Mike Stallbaumer with the Nemaha Valley Community Hospital met with commissioners to discuss buying property from the county needed for the hospital's remodeling and addition project. After two motions died due to the lack of a second, the commission approved a motion for the sale of property to the hospital for \$5,000, with the county paying for closing costs and title work necessary.

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