

Accused city leader enters plea

(KNZA)--Hiawatha City Administrator Becky Berger, facing multiple traffic offenses stemming from an incident last year in Belton, Missouri, has entered into a plea agreement.

According to court documents, Berger pleaded guilty in Belton Municipal Court earlier this month to a single count of failure to stay on pavement. She was fined \$500 and ordered to pay court costs.

Berger was given a suspended sentence and placed on two-years probation on a charge of driving while intoxicated. As part of the terms her probation, she was ordered to complete a substance abuse traffic offender program within 120 days.

Berger was arrested May 11th of last year by Belton police after crashing her vehicle into a tree in a residential yard while being pursued by an officer who had attempted to stop her for allegedly driving erratically.

She had faced more than a half dozen traffic violations—including transporting an open container, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

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