

Lexington to cooperate with county on GIS maps

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Collaboration to begin July 1.

LEXINGTON—Instead of duplicating expensive computer software to do Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping, Dawson County and the City of Lexington have decided to cooperate.

County surveyor Jake Ripp told county commissioners on May 15 that the collaboration between the city and the county will allow both users to generate demographic, land and other surface maps which can be stored online and made available to the public.

Once complete, the project will allow officials to organize data such as land use to more accurately assess value.

Lexington has agreed to pay the county \$3,500 per year for five years for software use and web hosting.

County clerk Karla Zlatkovsky said the project must be started from scratch and will involve not only the surveyor but also the clerk, assessor and treasurer.

The agreement is to begin July 1.

In other business, county commissioners:

- approved an addendum to the child support enforcement agreement to include the purchase of three computers.
- accepted a bid from Pony Express Chevrolet in Gothenburg for a 2009 15-passenger van to be used for jail transport at a cost of \$17,100 with trade.
- re-appointed Marv Goldsmith of Lexington to the Dawson County Visitors Committee.
- received a recommendation from Tagge Engineering of Holdrege to proceed with vacating

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three designated roads in eastern Dawson County which are not currently maintained. The request to vacate was made by adjoining land owners. The long process to vacate should end with a public hearing scheduled for June 15.

- approved an application by Brian Woldt for an Emergency Management Performance Grant of \$63,705 to cover operating expenses of his office.

- took under advisement an appeal by Paula Brittain of Cozad who was denied county medical and general assistance by Nebraska Health and Human Services in January. An HHS representative told commissioners Brittain was denied Social Security disability payments and therefore does not qualify for general assistance. An appeal by Brittain is already in the process with Social Security. Commissioners must wait for a decision in that case before they could take any action.