

Publication technicality delays cell tower permit

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LEXINGTON—A request to build a cell phone tower fell like a dropped call last week when Dawson County commissioners sent a special use permit back to the drawing board.

During their regular bimonthly meeting on Dec. 15, county commissioners were scheduled to have a public hearing on an application by Viaero Wireless to erect a cell phone tower north of Eddyville.

Instead, deputy county attorney Kurt McBride told commissioners the process would have to start over because proper publication of the application and public hearing had not been completed.

The property on which Viaero wishes to build the tower is within three miles of the Custer County line, McBride said.

That means publication of the special use permit process is required in both Custer and Dawson counties.

Because notice was not publicized in Custer County for the planning and zoning commission meeting or the public hearing, McBride said the process must be begin again.

In other business, commissioners approved the transfer of the liquor license for the Cozad Country Club to manager Tim Hansen, heard two months of crime report from sheriff Gary Reiber and authorized a conservation easement for the Central Platte Natural Resources District on land owned by JRS Ltd. in the northwest corner of the county.

The board also heard an introduction and explanation of services from employees of the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA).

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On Dec. 1, Dawson County joined NIRMA's statewide insurance pool for property, liability and workers' compensation coverage.