

## Search for Dawson County surveyor still on

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The search for a new Dawson County surveyor continues.

Jake Ripp, the former surveyor, resigned on May 1.

Dawson County commissioners Butch Hogan, Bill Stewart and county clerk Karla Zlatkovsky are working with roads superintendent Jon Mooberry to find a qualified full-time applicant for the position that may become part time after the term ends in 2014.

At their meeting last Friday, commissioners learned that three applicants would be interviewed this week.

If applicants are not qualified, a surveyor from outside of Dawson County will be hired.

“I don’t think there will be a problem finding a qualified person,” Zlatkovsky said.

On another matter, Dawson County treasurer, Sharon Wood, recommended that the county use an Internet credit-card service that allows county residents to pay online for services.

“You can go on to the website and renew your driver’s license for instance,” Wood said. “This offers a way for you to do it using a card or electronic check.”

Commissioners approved the recommendation. Wood said the county can pull out of the agreement at any time.

In other business, the commissioners:

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accepted a renewal for county employee health insurance through MDU.

accepted a low bid from Platte Valley Auto for \$23,918 for a truck for the county road department.

Other bids included \$28,477 from Plum Creek Motors and two options from Pony Express Chevrolet—one for \$27,668 and another for \$27,715.

learned that bids were received for overlay on roads in the county. An armor coating overlay with shells is priced at \$359,191 and an alternate, of sand and gravel, was \$298,655. The bid will be awarded by the June 20 meeting.

heard a request from Ann Smith, a representative from the South Side Irrigation Co., for the company to form an irrigation district.

tabled two items—a request from OK Bottle Shoppe in Gothenburg for a special license to have a beer garden during the Pony Express Rodeo July 3-4 and one from Ryde Transit.

No one was present to answer questions about the requests. Concerning Ryde Transit (a bus service in the county), commissioners didn't know how a lease agreement with the company would affect a bus barn.

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