LEXINGTON—Dawson County commissioners would like to upgrade Internet connections in county offices with fiber optic installation.

The only problem is companies offering the high-speed communication option in Lexington have not responded to requests for information.

Courthouse building coordinator Brian Woldt presented commissioners with a price quote from Nebraska Link during their regular bimonthly meeting on Friday but the board wanted more.

“We have questions,” said Cozad commissioner P.J. Jacobson. “I’m disappointed we haven’t gotten any response and it makes me a little apprehensive about these companies.”

Charter Communications, which has the current Internet contract, and Century Link were both contacted about fiber optic possibilities, Woldt said, and neither have responded to questions.

Nebraska Link has provided a price quote and some information but commissioners want more.

Sheriff Gary Reiber said his office has contacted the companies as well, hoping to address increased Internet communication needs, only to receive no response either.

Representatives of all three companies will be invited to submit bid proposals and be present for questioning at the Dec. 18 county board meeting.

In other business, commissioners voted to authorize county attorney Liz Waterman to communicate with Ron Klein, a landowner who has filed a claim against the county for a fence on property he owns near Gothenburg.

Klein has claimed the county destroyed 900 feet of fence while cleaning a drainage ditch of debris over a year ago.

The county maintains that the fence encroached on county right-of-way but has agreed to reimburse Klein for the value of the fence as it stood when removed.

Klein has refused settlement and requested explanation.

Commissioners told Waterman their stance on the issue has not changed.

In other action, board members:

heard the monthly road department report from superintendent Jon Mooberry and received his recommendation to vacate a half-mile dead end road in the southeast corner of the county. A public hearing on the issue was set for 9 a.m. on Dec. 31.

The board also authorized signatures on state documents certifying Mooberry as highway superintendent.

noted receiving notice of a tobacco license application by Jay Radke, who plans to open the truck stop at the Overton interchange of Interstate 80. No action was required.