

County approves annual road plan

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Culverts, armor coating on one-year list.

LEXINGTON—Replacing seven culverts on county roads and armor coating 15.2 miles of surface make up the majority of the road projects Dawson County plans to complete in the coming year.

County commissioners reviewed and accepted the one- and six-year road plan as presented by road superintendent Jon Mooberry during their bimonthly board meeting on Friday.

If the county had an extra \$16 million or so lying around, all 24 projects on the list could get done.

Since that's not the case, the projects will be done in order of priority.

Mooberry told commissioners that completing the 12 projects on the one-year plan is optimistic, "but that's what we're going to shoot for."

There are several structural improvements planned along the 30-Mile Canal and Orchard Alfalfa Canal that impact county roadways.

All 15 rehab projects will be funded by the canal districts but Mooberry said they still must appear on the county's one-year plan.

Aside from the 30-Mile Canal improvements south of town, the only project in the Gothenburg area on the one-year plan is a culvert on Road 771 between Roads 413 and 414.

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The cost is projected at \$140,000.

Six-year plan projects in the Gothenburg area include another culvert north of town and three miles of resurfacing on Road 764 (Banner Road) from Road 408 to Road 411.

In other county business, commissioners agreed to continue moving forward with a human resources plan designed by Jay Edwards of Edwards Business Solutions.

Edwards has studied the county's policies and discussed procedures with elected officials and employees.

His evaluation included a recommendation for updating policy manuals, improving training, addressing communication issues and centralizing the employment process.

He said the next step will be introducing the system and getting county officials on board.

In other action, the board:

approved an addendum to the purchase agreement for the Community Economic Development building to extend the closing date to March 15 as well as authorizing the hiring of an architect to make minor structural changes to the facility to accommodate the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services office.

received final plans for parking lot improvements at the Dawson County Historical Museum and approved bid documents.

accepted a recommendation from the planning and zoning commission to set a public hearing for a special use permit so Dawson Public Power can construct a 100-foot tower south of Cozad

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to be used for radio communications.