Although a purchase agreement was approved in January to buy the old Sixth Street Grocery Store in Lexington, the deal has not yet been completed.

At their April 15 meeting, Dawson County Commissioners were told that the plan to buy the building for county offices is still in the works.

Lexington commissioner Bill Stewart shared about a meeting he attended with members of the Community Economic Development group, which owns the building, and said that the transfer of a $98,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant previously awarded from the CED to the county is holding up the process.

Stewart said the county will pay $600,000 for the building and will maintain terms of the grant.

Lutheran Family Services and a parts supply company that services Tyson will remain in the building, he said.

Following a three-minute public hearing, commissioners voted to grant a request to vacate one-half mile of a road northeast of Sumner.

During the public hearing, Todd Ibach of Sumner spoke in favor of vacating the road which was recommended by county road superintendent Jon Mooberry.

On another matter, Jacobson asked county surveyor Jake Ripp if his office was refusing private surveys.

Jacobson said he had received several calls about Ripp not doing private surveys.

Ripp told commissioners he's no longer accepting private surveys.

When Ripp isn't busy with county survey work, county clerk Karla Zlatkovsky said he's supposed to do private surveys inside the county. Money earned from the surveys is paid to the county, she said.

Before the commissioner meeting, the commissioners met as the board of equalization to approve tax corrections by the county assessor.

In other business, the county board:

heard the March report from Gary Reiber. Calls totalled 986—355 were calls for service and 631 were for other services. There were 200 inmate bookings in the jail for the month.

authorized commissioner chair P.J. Jacobson to sign a Nebraska Public Power District culvert replacement agreement with the stipulation that NPPD has an authorized signature.

The agreement is needed so the county isn't liable when the power district uses county roads while it replaces two culverts in the Lexington area.

tabled the selling of the a county transit bus until the May 1 meeting.

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