

## Midlands gets bid for Hammond Bridge

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### Commissioners waiting on contract signatures

Midlands Contracting, Inc., of Kearney is close to replacing a bridge on County Road 757, east of Lexington.

In a meeting Nov. 27, the Dawson County commissioners approved and signed a notice of award with Midlands for \$206,995 to remove Hammond Bridge.

County roads superintendent Jon Mooberry said several contractors were contacted and the county only received two bids.

The only other interest came from Simon Contractors of North Platte but their bid for \$328,407 was rejected by Miller & Associate Consulting Engineers, who is contracting the project.

Documents will be signed by Midlands and returned to the commissioners, Mooberry said.

He said he doesn't anticipate construction starting until spring.

The project consist of removing the existing bridge and replacing it with a concrete box culvert.

The road will be closed to through traffic, Mooberry said, but local traffic will have access to their properties.

In other business, Ryde Transit transportation director Charles McGraw said he expects 7,200 passengers to board the county bus next year, compared to 5,000 riders this year.

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Ryde transports people on buses throughout the county.

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