

By ROBERT PIERCE • Leader & Times A portion of the roof at the Seward County Courthouse could be getting a new look soon. The county received a bid recently from local company White's Roofing and two out of town vendors to replace the roof in the vault area of the courthouse.

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Jerry White of White's Roofing attended the county commission at its Feb. 4 meeting to discuss some of the issues with the roof. Commissioners were also supplied with a packet of bid information from the county's maintenance department to look over as well.

Costs for the project were estimated from \$16,000 to \$24,000 based on proposals from the Feb. 4 meeting, at which the board voted unanimously to table the item.

Commissioners also gave consensus to commissioner Jim Rice to meet with White and the maintenance department to discuss other recommendations for repairing the roof. That group later met, and a representative from Cox Construction was asked to be present at tonight's commission meeting to offer his construction knowledge.

Also at tonight's meeting, Rice will report on the group's discussions and findings as well as a plan that Cox Construction has submitted. Cox will also be present to discuss plans and suggestions for the windows.

The commission likewise is looking to fill vacancies on three boards. Resumes have been submitted for the Southwest Guidance Center Board, the Seward County Five State Fair Board and the Seward County Council on Aging.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tony Herrman will talk about plans being presented for a portion of the four-lane highway project on U.S. Highway 54.

Kansas Department of Transportation District Engineer Larry Thompson attached pictures of the "preferred concept" for the expansion east of Liberal.

Thompson said in a memo to Herrman that the improvement concepts will be presented to the public in meetings Wednesday in Liberal and Thursday at Southwestern Heights.

"These sheets represent concepts, and the alignments will be refined based, in part, on input received during the meetings and during the continuing design effort," Thompson said.

Tonight's commission meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the commission chambers in the Seward County Administration Building.

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