

City to hire firm to examine new concrete streets

**(KNZA)--Following citizen concerns, the city of Hiawatha will hire an outside firm to examine the depth of the new concrete streets in the sales tax streets project.**

**The Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening gave City Administrator Mike Nichols approval to move ahead with hiring a firm to take core samples at a cost not to exceed his spending authority of \$5,000.**

**Nichols said the plan is to start with Miami Street, with three core samples to be taken per block between 1st and 10th Streets.**

**He said he contacted four companies and obtained quotes from two firms. The lowest quote was for \$3,961 for 27 core samples, with an additional \$100 charge per core sample.**

**Core samples could also be taken from some of the other new concrete streets.**

**During the Commission's July 12 meeting, Hiawatha resident Richard Tesoriero told commissioners he had observed areas where only 6 1/4-inches of concrete was poured instead of the 8-inches required by the contract documents.**

**Commissioner Becky Shamburg said she likes the idea of bringing in an impartial company.**

**Mayor Bill Collins said the city needs to have some answers before appropriating any more funds.**

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