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## Contract to design roads near golf community awarded

By [Mary Clarkin](#)

Business in Reno County Commission chambers this week included:

\* Professional Engineering Consultants, Wichita, was awarded a contract worth up to \$104,321 for design services for roads near Cottonwood Hills golf community development. The developer is paying for road projects in Cottonwood Hills, but the county assumed responsibility for improvements to public roads.

PEC will design the intersection at East 4th and Buhler Road, the planned paving of a mile-long stretch of East 4th from Buhler to Victory, and the entrance to Cottonwood Hills off Buhler. The firm also will analyze the intersection of East 30th and Buhler and project any needed improvements there with the anticipated growth in traffic.

Design work should be completed in about five months, and bid-letting for the roads projects is planned for late fall. County officials hope the roads by Cottonwood Hills are improved ahead of the July 2006 U.S. Senior Open, to be played at nearby Prairie Dunes Country Club.

\* Commissioners approved an agreement with Union Pacific for the installation of crossing signals and gates near Herren Road. Federal funds will finance the upgrade. The county will install and maintain advance-warning signs.

A prior similar agreement was signed with Burlington Northern Santa Fe, which has a nearby track.

\* Maintenance/Purchasing Director Paul Swenson told commissioners that assigning only a part-time custodian to the new Public Works building in South Hutchinson is insufficient. Some areas and carpeted floors are not being cleaned daily, and Swenson expressed concern the newly remodeled building could "go

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downhill."

Commissioners will decide Monday whether to allocate a full-time custodian to the building.