

### Richardson Co Sheriff Seeking to Terminate 911 Agreement

(KLZA)-- Richardson County Sheriff Don Pounds has requested the County Commission consider terminating the agreement with the City of Falls City for 911 dispatching services. Pounds says the county is capable of doing the 911 dispatching for the County.

In recent years, Richardson County has paid the City of Falls City half of the costs for dispatching services since the City handles 911 for the County. Richardson County was billed \$32,913 for dispatching for January through March of this year. Annually, the cost is more than \$130,000.

The City of Falls City is in the midst of upgrading the 911 system to Next Generation 911. Falls City is partnering with a number of area communities and counties for Public Service Answering Points to move to Next Generation 911. Included in the agreement is the cities of Lincoln, Beatrice, and Crete, along with the counties of Cass, Clay, Fillmore, Jefferson, Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Seward, Thayer and York.

Due to the very expensive equipment costs, the partnership was created.

With manpower requirements at the new Richardson County Jail and Law Enforcement Center, Pounds says the money currently spent with Falls City for dispatching, could be used by the County to offset the added personnel costs.

Three people will be on duty around the clock in the jail and Sheriffs office.

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