

City, County, Communication Encouraged

(KLZA)-- Falls City Clerk and Administrator Gary Jorn discussed a lack of communication between the City and Richardson County with the County Board of Commissioners Tuesday.

From the beginning of the new Richardson County law enforcement / jail project, there has been discussion regarding 911 dispatching. Recently, the discussion has grown to include the sleuth records management system. Sheriff Don Pounds has asked the Commissioners to terminate the agreement under which the City does 911 dispatching for Richardson County. Pounds also said when he discussed the County getting access to the City Sleuth records keeping system, he was told they could not share.

Jorn said he was surprised to hear about these conversations in the news, noting that he had called County Clerk Mary Eickhoff about the June 7th agenda and did not know 911 and Sleuth were going to be discussed or City officials would have attended.

Jorn had a different take on the discussion with the Sheriff concerning the Sleuth system. Jorn said that he doesn't think the Sheriff was ever told the City would not share the Sleuth system, they wanted to make sure all the bases are covered. Jorn said he told Sheriff Pounds there is more to it than just asking to share, research needs to be done.

Sheriff Pounds was out of town Tuesday and was unable to attend the meeting. With the new jail project progressing, decisions are going to have to be made sooner rather than later on 911 dispatching and other possible ways to share. Jorn said there needs to be better communications, and personal feelings checked at the door.

Commission Chairman David Sickel noted that an earlier 911 meeting between the City and County involved more people than what he was expecting. He agrees the City and County need to work together. Commissioners said they would visit with Pounds about the topics covered and expect to have more discussions with the City.

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