

Richardson Co Board Discusses Budget Matters

(KLZA)-- Richardson County Commissioners discussed a number of matters that could affect the next fiscal year budget when they met June 27th.

Sheriff Don Pounds presented a salary study and the proposed fiscal year 2017-18 budget for the Sheriff's Department and Jail. The Sheriff also requested the Board consider approving a salary increase for the department.

In addition, the Sheriff reviewed with Commissioners, the 9-1-1 answering service and the dispatching agreement with the City of Falls City. No action was taken.

Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Kirkendall presented a request to appoint Tylene Windle as deputy director for Richardson County Emergency Management. The change would also include a salary increase. Commissioners will review the request.

Miller Monroe presented the insurance premium for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. An overall increase in total premium for all coverage was \$1,449, which is less than one-half of one-percent. The total premium for property, auto, general liability including marine, errors and omissions, law enforcement, umbrella and workers compensation will be \$271,933.

Ray Joy with Southeast Nebraska Communications and County IT person Joe Buckminster met with the Board to discuss a quote for the installation of a new phone system for the Courthouse which would enhance the phone system so the Law Enforcement Center and Courthouse will be able to communicate. Rewiring of the communications network within the Courthouse was also discussed.

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