

City Accepts County's Offer to Suspend Dispatch Fee

(KNZA)--The city of Hiawatha has accepted an offer from the Brown County Commission to no longer charge the city for providing dispatch services provided the city utilizes the savings for law enforcement expenses.

The Hiawatha City Commission voted to accept the offer Monday evening after an executive session.

That came in response to a letter sent by the County Commission earlier in the day.

In the letter, the Commission said they felt it was only fair that the cost savings the city will realize be designated for expenses incurred by the Hiawatha Police Department since it would reduce the amount of funding provided to the Brown County Sheriff's Department.

Hiawatha has been paying about \$49,500 annually to the county for providing dispatch services.

The County Commission had also offered in July to provide dispatch services at no cost for the city of Horton. However, the Horton City Commission voted in August to decline the offer.

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