

Pawnee County Deputy's demanding changes

(KLZA)-- Pawnee County Sheriff Braden Lang released an updated proposal from Chief Deputy Sheriff John Samuelson and Deputy Taylor Bredemeier on Monday that will be presented to the Pawnee County Commissioners during their meeting Tuesday.

The deputies are requesting that two additional full-time deputy positions be hired for officer safety and to eliminate unpaid coverage time and coverage gaps.

They have asked for paid or comped on-call time; proposed a \$10 thousand bonus for non-certified officers to be paid starting after a probationary period. \$12 thousand bonuses for previously certified officers that have to be reactivated and a \$15 thousand hiring bonus for certified officers hired. All of the bonuses would be paid over a three-year period.

In addition, the proposal calls for overtime after 80 hours rather than 86 hours; The average pay of Johnson, Nemaha and Richardson counties deputies annually, and adjusted yearly.

A \$2 per hour pay increase for the office manager for increased work in criminal analysis assistance; They seek an Officer Retention Bonus that matches the State of Nebraska LEAR Act for all certified officers; a health savings account / flexible spending account and research of competing counties healthcare benefits and Evidence Room revisions.

During a meeting with Commissioners earlier this month, the deputies reportedly told the Board they would need to approve changes they have proposed by January or they would end their employment.

In October, the Commissioners approved a \$2 per hour pay increase for the deputies.

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