

New cellular service approved for Richardson County Sheriff's Dept.

**(KLZA)-- Richardson County Commissioners have approved the purchase of 11 cell phone units and 11 Airgain Connect Antenna-Modems at a cost of \$15,010 for the Richardson County Sheriff's Department from "FirstNet Built with AT&T."**

**After three billing cycles, the County will receive a \$9,700 credit.**

**The Sheriff's Office has been testing the system and determined that cellular service is obtained in many more areas of the County than with the current provider.**

**Commissioners also voted to receive its direct share and potentially receive additional funds from the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Fund, rather than contribute the county's direct share to the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Fund for use within Region V Behavioral Health.**

**County Attorney Doug Merz and Deputy County Attorney Samantha Scheitel reviewed with Commissioners the Nebraska Association of County Officials salary recommendations for County Officials for the 2023 – 2026 term of office.**

**Merz noted the number of court cases filed this year were more than 200 District Court cases, more than 600 criminal cases in County Court with 750 traffic cases filed in County Court and 400 child support cases. He also reminded the Board about the contract with the Public Defender capping the number of felony cases that must be handled by the Public Defender at 40.**

**After 40 cases the court appointed attorney's will be assigned to those felony cases which will be an added cost to the County.**

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