

Richardson County Board discusses various costs

**(KLZA)-- Richardson County Commissioners met with Doug Ostergard of First Wireless, Inc. Tuesday to review the completion of the communications tower and new radio equipment installation at the Law Enforcement Center.**

**Commissioners questioned the cost of adding lighting to the tower since it was not originally included in the agreement of total costs. Ostergard explained that in order to receive approval from the FAA for the license, the lighting had to be installed, due to its location.**

**Ostergard also explained the cost of the lights was divided between First Wireless, the contractor and the County with an additional cost to Richardson County of \$2,225.**

**Representatives of the Miller-Monroe Insurance Company presented the renewal rates for the county insurance package. The total cost will be \$259,859, which is a decrease of \$1762 from last year. The Insurance coverage will be through Employers Mutual Casualty Company.**

**The Board met with department officials to discuss salary increases for the next fiscal year. The consensus was that an increase in the salaries for county employees was needed.**

**Noxious Weed Superintendent Brian Kirkendall met with the Board, informing them the duties of the position have proven to be more time consuming due to added requirements. Kirkendall said he is considering resigning from those duties, and requested the Board consider increasing the salary for the position to compensate for the amount of time required to complete the duties to stay in compliance with state regulations.**

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