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**Pawnee County approves K-9 program for Sheriff's Dept ( KLZA)-- Pawnee County Commissioners discussed a canine project during their June 14 meeting.**

**Sheriff Braden Lang and Deputy Michael Cirrincione provided information and benefits of starting a Sheriff Department canine program.**

**It was noted that Hagner Strong K9 will donate a puppy free of charge and the county would pay \$2,500 for the training of the canine and handler.**

**Deputy Cirrincione has just over \$13,000 donated for a canine program from the community.**

**Pawnee City Council member Susan Eisenhauer informed the Board earlier in the meeting that the City Council had approved spending \$5,000 toward the Sheriff's canine program during the June 13 Council meeting if the County approves the program.**

**Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Sheriff's Office obtaining the canine, completing dual purpose training and having the County Attorney review the contract.**

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