

Richardson County Board hears complaint about communications cable (KLZA)-- Richardson County Commissioners met with Jim Rush during the August 29 Board meeting to discuss his concerns of a Windstream telecommunications cable laying in the county road right-of-way on 712 Road.

Rush noted that he is required to mow the roadside and maintain the ditch along the road on his property and while doing so he has cut the wire with his mower, cutting off phone service to neighbors in the area. Rush has contacted the Public Service Commission concerning the matter.

Highway Superintendent Steve Darveau Jr. said he would make another effort to contact Windstream to get the cable buried as soon as possible as the permit for the project was approved several months ago.

Mark Gonnella also attended the meeting with concerns about the same matter on his property on 710 Trail.

Sheriff Rick Hardesty noted that Chief Deputy Sheriff Clinton Stonebarger is resigning. His last day will be September 14.

Jail Supervisor Kristen Morehead provided information to Commissioners regarding the agreement with ChartMeds Inc. that has been used for inmate health care records. After the review, the Board voted to notify the company that their agreement will be terminated.

Commissioners also approved writing a letter to the U.S. Department of the Kansas Army National Guard explaining the Richardson County Sheriff's Office is faced with the reduction of adequate staffing of deputies due to the lack of properly trained and experienced applicants, and that the absence of Sheriff's Deputy Dutcher would prove to be a hardship for Richardson County. Deputy Dutcher is scheduled for a one-year call to service with the guard.

Commissioners also continued to review the fiscal year 2023-24 budget.

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