

Doniphan Co Sheriff budget depleted

(KAIR)--All Doniphan County Sheriff's Office purchases must now be pre-approved by the County Commission.

That follows Sheriff Chad Clary, during Monday's meeting of the Commission, telling the county leaders that he will pinch pennies to get through the year, as his 2023 budget is depleted, with the Sheriff informing the Commission that he has "sent a memo to everyone telling them no more purchases."

Commission Chair Wayne Grable told Clary he has been consistently over budget all year, with Clary explaining that he should have budgeted more for contractual obligations and higher overall costs.

According to the unofficial minutes of Monday's meeting, a number of Sheriff Department expenditures, from vehicle costs, hiring, and uniforms to inmate pay per view purchases and the cost of the County's K9 officer, were all examined Monday, with Clary explaining that the purchase for cable viewing-amounting to nearly \$605-is being addressed, with the blame placed on the provider for not blocking such services, despite an agreement to do so. Also discussed was compensation for housing out of county inmates, and the viability of increasing that step, an increase Clary voiced hesitation to, saying that he would run out of room for inmates that need segregated, adding that most counties are no longer contracting with other agencies for housing inmates. However, it's possible such a contract with Wyandotte County, for 5 to 10 inmates, could be secured, boosting the budget.

Once the discussion concluded, it was the consensus of the Commission that all Sheriff's Office purchases must now be pre-approved by the Commission. In the event of an emergency, a special meeting will be called to pre-approve emergent expenses. Non-emergent expenses will be presented to the County Commission by the Sheriff during a regular board meeting for pre-approval prior to purchase or expending any funds.

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