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Brown Co Provides Additional Funding to DOVES

(KNZA)--The Brown County Commission has agreed to provide additional funding to DOVES Inc., which provides help to individuals who are victims of domestic violence.

Deb Duncan, director of the Atchison-based organization, met with the Commission Monday to request additional funding for 2014. Duncan says the government has cut a lot of their grant funding and the organization is struggling.

The commission voted to provide a \$1,500 appropriation, which is to be paid at the end of July. The county in January also donated \$1,500 to the organization.

Duncan also met with the Doniphan and Nemaha County Commissions Monday to request additional funding. Nemaha County agreed to provide \$2,000 and Doniphan County, \$1,500.

DOVES provides services in Atchison, Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha counties.

According to information provide by Duncan, DOVES provided more than 15,000 service hours in the four counties during the 1st-3rd quarters of the fiscal year ending Monday.

In other business, Mark Weisner, representing the Horton VFW, met with the Commission to request that the county purchase 160 veterans grave markers to place at veterans graves in Horton area cemeteries. The commission approved the purchase of the markers at total cost of around \$7,000.

And Sheriff John Merchant introduced new road deputy Justin Keller, who began work Monday. Keller comes to the sheriff's department from the Iowa Tribal Police Department and replaces Kraig Pyle who resigned.

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