

Richardson Co Sheriff Presents E911 Dispatch Proposal

(KLZA)-- A four-page proposal is presented to the Richardson County Commission, with the document provided Tuesday by Sheriff Don Pounds, regarding a combined E911 Dispatch Center in the County.

Pounds, who says it's his responsibility to be as fiscally responsible as possible with taxpayer monies while assuring the best possible public safety, has proposed implementation of a single location dispatch center in the under construction County Law Enforcement Center, on the west edge of Falls City. Currently, the Falls City Police Department and the Sheriff's Office have their own dispatchers, and Pounds says the central location would provide both efficiency and safety. The "bunker" type structure would protect the operations from storms and moderate earthquakes.

Also among the Sheriff's proposals are having Falls City City Administrator Gary Jorn serve as E911 Administrator, while City Dispatcher Sherry Aitken would supervise the dispatchers, in addition to warrants and NCIC activities.

Among other proposals, set to be discussed later, is to see the dispatch center governed by Richardson County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedures, with the Sheriff and City Police Chief working together to run the basic functions.

A backup center would be put in place at the Emergency Management Office in the Courthouse.

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