

**Grant Funding Sought To Update Prichard Auditorium Sound (KLZA)-- A Falls City Elementary School Teacher has been given the go-ahead to seek grant funds for new sound and lighting systems at Prichard Auditorium.**

**During Monday's Falls City Council meeting, Elementary Music Teacher Robin Ankrom said that for around 25 years her students present two programs at Prichard Auditorium. In recent years she says audience members have said they could not understand parts of the program through the P.A. system.**

**Ankrom said the current sound system is undersized, out of date and need repairs.**

**Lanham Music in St. Joseph estimated the cost for new lighting on the stage area at just over \$3,900 and the sound system has a price tag of more than \$37,000. The total is nearly \$42-thousand.**

**Ankrom suggested just applying for a sound system but Council members felt it would be better to try and accomplish both projects at once.**

**If successful in receiving a USDA Grant, a 25-percent local match, amounting to more than \$10-thousand would be required.**

**Ankrom says she feels that by upgrading to a concert quality sound system, it would be a benefit to the City.**

**In addition, the systems would require additional funds for required upgrades and incidentals.**

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