

County Approves 911 System Upgrade

**(KNZA)--The 911 system at the Brown County Sheriff's Department's will be upgraded to meet a state mandate.**

**On the recommendation of Sheriff John Merchant, the County Commission Monday accepted a bid from Commenco, of Kansas City, Missouri, for the upgrade to the Next Generation 911 system at a cost of about \$221,000, with the equipment being owned by the county.**

**Merchant says the state bid was for more than \$400,000, with the equipment being owned by the state.**

**He says the state is mandating the upgrade to the new system by 2019.**

**Merchant says he plans to pay for the new system over a three to five year period using funding from the 911 fee collected on phone bills.**

**Also on the recommendation of Merchant, Commissioner's approved a quote from Motorola to upgrade the dispatch consoles at the sheriff's office and Horton dispatch center at a cost of just over \$91,000. The Horton dispatch center serves as a backup for the sheriff's office.**

**Funding for the upgrade will also come from the money collected from the 911 fee.**

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