

Richardson Co terminates 911 agreement

**(KLZA)--In an effort to balance the Richardson County budget, and save county taxpayers money, County Commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to terminate an agreement with the City of Falls City for 911 service.**

**A written notice to terminate the agreement is required 30-days in advance. The agreement was first signed in February, 2012.**

**Since 2012, the Falls City Police Department has served as the Public Service Answering Point for 911 calls in Richardson County.**

**County Clerk Mary Eickhoff estimates the county has paid the city of Falls City nearly \$860-thousand over seven years to provide the 911 service for Richardson County. The average cost to the county was in excess of \$120-thousand annually.**

**Eickhoff noted during the budget process that with a decrease in valuation, it would require cutting about three-quarters-of-a-million dollars from budget proposals submitted to keep the levy at the same level as last year.**

**The county will still owe the City for 911 dispatching for the months of July, August and September. The payments are made quarterly.**

**Sheriff Don Pounds has expressed a desire to have the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center serve as the PSAP since he was elected.**

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