

Audit issues discussed with Richardson County Sheriff

(KLZA)-- Richardson County Sheriff Don Pounds met with Richardson County Commissioners Tuesday to discuss a number of topics.

Sheriff Pounds reported that due to some deputy vacancies in the department obtaining a drug dog will be put on the back burner at least until sometime in 2019.

He also noted Deputy Lyle McMann has graduated from a training program as a school resource officer and that Humboldt-Table Rock – Steinauer School is ready to have such a position in place. However, Sheriff Pounds noted that due to the deputy position vacancies, this will also be put on hold until sometime in 2019.

The salary and benefit package for a Richardson County deputy sheriff was also discussed. Sheriff Pounds reported that the County package is less than what the City of Falls City package pays, noting it will become difficult to retain deputies if the salaries and benefits are not increased.

Commissioners also inquired about corrective action being taken to rectify finding of the Sheriff's Office during the county audit performed by the Nebraska State Auditors office.

Among the areas of concern noted were financial balancing and accounting procedures in the Sheriff's Office; an unexplained cash long of more than \$8,800 in the operating account and just over \$3-thousand in the commissary account.

The report also noted complete and accurate bank reconciliations were not performed on a monthly basis for the entire fiscal year.

There were also questions about grant funds not remitted to the County Treasurer and concerns about the petty cash fund being long by nearly \$3,400.

Other concerns included failure to submit a distress warrant report and a recommendation written contracts be entered into with all entities housing inmates at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.

Sheriff Pounds told Commissioners that corrective actions and improvements to the records are being made.

