

Discussion continues on software for Richardson County law enforcement

(KLZA)-- Richardson County Commissioners took no action concerning implementation of the C.R.I.M.E.S Record Management System during their meeting Tuesday.

Sheriff Don Pounds was unable to meet with the Board and no one else from the Sheriff's Office appeared at the meeting.

Sheriff Pounds submitted a letter addressed to the Commissioners in which he stated he would not allow the Jail Management software or the C.R.I.M.E.S records management software to be located on a server at a separate location from the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.

Pounds stated his concerns about liability for himself and the County if proper steps are not taken to prevent the possibility of a security issue and damage.

During a public meeting in Humboldt last week, Sheriff Pounds was highly critical of the Board approving putting the C.R.I.M.E.S system on a server at the Falls City Police Department, claiming he felt the Falls City Police Department is trying to take over the Sheriff's Department.

City Administrator Gary Jorn attended Tuesday's Commissioners meeting and explained the City's position. Jorn said the City would allow the program to be put on their server at no cost, but noted it is fine with the City if the county does not use the server. Since the City has a relatively new server, Jorn said there would be no cost if it is used, but down the line when the server has to be replaced, the City would expect the County to help cover a portion of the cost of a new server.

Commissioner John Caverzagie made the motion, that was approved to put the system on the City server. While not responding to Pounds allegation, Caverzagie, the former Falls City Chief of Police explained he got involved with the matter due to the County Attorney's Office wanting information on probation.

Caverzagie explained he feels having the system on the City server could actually be beneficial in an emergency, since all County 9-1-1 calls are routed to the Falls City Police Department. He said by sharing the program, it would save an extra phone call from the Police Department to the Sheriff's Office in an emergency situation meaning less response time.

Caverzagie also said he feels purchase of additional parts of the C.R.I.M.E.S

system is a good idea. The program would include some bookkeeping, property and evidence along with others he felt would be good to have.

In April, Commissioners approved the expenditure of more than \$18-thousand to purchase the C.R.I.M.E.S software and allow the Falls City Police Department and Richardson County Attorney's office access to the system.

The Board took no action Tuesday concerning proposed pay increases for Deputy Sheriff's.

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