

Richardson County Board approves pay increases

**(KLZA)-- Following several months of discussions, Richardson County Commissioners Tuesday approved wage increases for the jailers, dispatchers, clerical support and building maintenance technician at the Richardson County Law Enforcement Center.**

**The pay raises will be retroactive to July 1, 2019. Dispatcher/Jailers will receive a 90 cent per hour increase to \$15.77 per hour. Office administration will receive a 90-cent per hour increase to \$16.25 per hour and office clerical staff will receive a wage of \$15.77 per hour. Two percent pay increases were approved for the building maintenance technician, kitchen staff and jail assistant administrator-corporal. Wages will be \$19.24 per hour for the building maintenance tech; \$13.53 for the kitchen staff and \$16.51 per hour for the assistant jail administrator – corporal.**

**The pay increases were determined based on a salary study with comparable counties across the state of Nebraska.**

**Commissioners also reviewed the proposed budgets for the Sheriff's Office and Jail with Sheriff Rick Hardesty and Deputy Roland Merwin. A report was also received on maintenance needs for patrol vehicles.**

**Humboldt Mayor Robert Mendenhall and Council members Larry Stauffer and Dustin White met with Commissioners regarding the proposed renewal of the Law Enforcement Contract with Humboldt which expires August 31.**

**The proposal calls for a \$5-thousand increase per year for the next 3-year period of the contract. The next year of the contract will cost the city approximately \$72,665 or just over \$6-thousand per month.**

**The Humboldt Council was expected to take action on the contract during a special City Council meeting Thursday evening.**

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