

Starting wage increased for Doniphan Co deputies

**(KNZA)--The Doniphan County Commission has voted to increase the starting salary for sheriff's deputies.**

**The Commission took the action when they met Monday.**

**Sheriff Chad Clary and Undersheriff Mark Allen presented the Commission with information on the wages paid by surrounding law enforcement agencies. It showed a starting salary ranging from \$15 an hour to \$17.50 an hour based on experience.**

**Clary said he is currently three deputies short and would like to hire two full-time deputies and one part-time.**

**In order to be competitive and hire trained experienced officers, he requested the starting pay for experienced officers be set at \$16.50 an hour plus benefits, with a different pay scale set for non-experienced officers.**

**Following an executive session, the Commission voted unanimously to set the starting wage for experienced officers who have completed the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center at \$16.50 an hour plus benefits. The Commission voted to set the pay for non-experienced officers at \$15 an hour plus benefits. Current deputies below the new starting wage will be increased based upon their experience level.**

**In other business, the Commission voted to hire Nicholas Popple to fill the 2nd District road foreman position, effective October 10.**

**He will be paid an annual salary of \$40,000 subject to a 90-day probationary period. Upon successful completion of the probation period, his salary will increase to the pay rate of the 1st and 3rd district road foremen**

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