Courthouse security addressed

(KNZA)--Courthouse security was addressed during Monday's meeting of the Doniphan County Commission.

County Emergency Management Coordinator Julie Meng, Sheriff Chad Clary and Undersheriff Mark Allen met with the Commission to discuss the matter and performing safety drills for county employees.

Meng said there would be some degree of difficulty securing the courthouse based on the number of entrances and ADA accessibility challenges.

Allen said the Sheriff's Department is certified through the ALICE program to provide active shooter response training and would perform several drills with courthouse personnel. He requested the courthouse be closed to the public during the 4-hour training session in order to perform different scenarios.

County Commission Chairman Thad Geiger voiced on behalf of the Commission their due diligence to make sure employees are afforded prior training, routine drills are executed and employees are able to work in a safe environment.

Commissioners asked Meng to work with the Sheriff's Department on setting a date and time before the end of the year for the training exercise. All courthouse personnel will be required to participate and the courthouse will be closed to the public during the training exercise.

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