

Richardson County Board awards culvert project bid

**(KLZA)-- Richardson County Commissioners awarded a bid for a concrete culvert project northeast of Falls City to Gus Construction of Casey, Iowa, when they met Tuesday.**

**The bid for the work was \$645,620 and was the low bid of two received. The project is on 655 Avenue between 709 and 710 Road.**

**In other business the Board approved a pay increase of approximately \$1300 for Noxious Weed Superintendent Brian Kirkendall. Earlier this month Kirkendall who serves as Director of Richardson County Emergency Management received a 12.1 percent pay increase to \$62,776. With the addition for his duties as Noxious Weed Superintendent, Kirkendall will be paid \$64,100 for 2023.**

**On a 2-1 vote with Commissioner David Sickel casting a nay vote, the Board approved the purchase of a digital fingerprint machine at a cost of approximately \$25 thousand. \$5 thousand of the total may be donated through grant funds awarded to the Falls City Public Schools by Communities for Kids.**

**Sheriff Rick Hardesty said the digital finger print machine will help create a quicker turn around for approval of finger prints for service workers in the community to include day care providers and employees in the medical field.**

**Sheriff Hardesty and Jail Supervisor Kristn Morehead updated Commissioners on the need for additional space for evidence storage and medical services for inmates.**

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