

Pawnee County residents comment on Sheriff's Dept. salaries

(KLZA)-- A number of people met with the Pawnee County Commissioners during their December 12 meeting in support of the Pawnee County Sheriff's Office.

The two department deputies have told the Board that without additional pay, they will resign after the first of the year.

During the public comment period, Scott Brown, Johnson Winemiller, Karen Stanley, Vicky Weirs and Tonya Brown spoke supporting the Sheriff's Office and asking questions in regards to the county budget and road equipment.

Pawnee City Mayor Charlie Hatfield met with the Commissioners to discuss his correspondence to the Commissioners regarding how the Commissioners were going to move forward regarding the Sheriff's office requests.

Chris Rohrbaugh met with the Board raising concerns about crime and offering support for more funding for the Sheriff's office.

Sheriff Braden Lang met with Commissioners. The Board and Sheriff Lang will work together to reach an agreement regarding the requests from the deputies for changes to salary and policies.

A 50 minute executive session was held to discuss staffing with the Sheriff.

Sheriff Lang also discussed the Canine Fund noting that he would be contacting donors that have not responded if they want a refund or the Sheriff's Office to keep their donations.

Seeking refunds for K-9 donations have been The City of Pawnee City \$3,658; Community Insurance, \$366. Dens Country Meats, \$732; the State Bank of Table Rock \$366 and Barb Freeman.

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