

Richardson Co board approves drone purchase

**(KLZA)-- Richardson County Commissioners approved the purchase of a drone for use by Richardson County Emergency Management and other county departments when they met Wednesday.**

**Based on a recommendation from Emergency Management Director Brian Kirkendall, the purchase will be made from Volitant Technologies of Dunabar, Nebraska at a cost of \$11,339. That was the low bid of three received.**

**The Board also discussed the importance of Kirkendall, who also serves as the Richardson County Noxious Weed Control Superintendent to meet the statutory requirements for the position.**

**Kirkendall will be attending a conference in Norfolk in February and a another training session in Kearney in late March.**

**Commissioners did approved a contract with Emily Sisco to serve as a deputy county attorney on a contact basis at a cost o \$1,000 per week, plus mileage.**

**A letter from Blue Valley Bahavioral Health concerning Richardson County's \$8,000 in funding to support the substance abuse program in the County was received. There have been 63 substance abuse clients served in Richardson County since July 1, 2023, which is an increase from past years.**

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