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Pawnee City turns down Law Enforcement Contract

The law enforcement agreement between Pawnee City and Pawnee County will apparently end at the end of July, after the Pawnee City Council approved a motion this week to turn down the County Commission's offer of a four-and-a-half percent annual increase in the contract amount over the next three years.

Commissioners had originally proposed a six-percent increase and the city offered a three-percent increase. The county then came back with a counter offer of four-and-a-half percent.

The proposed contract was for just over \$56,000 for the next fiscal year, increasing to \$59,376 in 2013-14 and \$62,939 in 2014-15.

The Sheriff's Department will still enforce traffic laws in Pawnee City, as per state law. The city council is exploring the possibility of hiring a part-time code enforcement officer to enforce other city ordinances.

The current law enforcement agreement expires at the end of July.

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