

**Richardson Co Commissioners Say No to Falls City Main Street Funding (KLZA)** Richardson County Commissioners have decided not to continue providing funding to the Falls City Main Street program.

During the regular meeting Tuesday, Commissioners met with Tony Brunette and Eric Barr representing Falls City Main Street. Brunette and Barr presented an update on the downtown improvement project and requested continued funding for the project from the County.

Each of the two previous years the county had contributed \$5,000 toward the program.

In deciding not to providing funding anymore, commissioners felt continued support may set a precedent if other communities in Richardson County decided to make improvements. In other business, Sheriff Randy Houser met with the Board to review bids received on September 18th for the purchase of a patrol truck. Verbal notice was received by Sheriff Houser that a bid submitted by Gene Steffy, Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge Ram of Fremont was being withdrawn. Commissioners then awarded the bid received from Armbruster Motor Company of Falls City in the amount of \$24,495 for a 2013, RAM 1500 Crew Cab, 4-wheel drive pickup equipped as specified. A request was also made for consideration to purchase another patrol car to replace a vehicle that is having some ongoing mechanical problems. No action was taken on the request. Emergency Management Director Jim Gerweck presented Board members the 2012 agreement for the Nebraska Emergency Management Program Funding Grant Funds in the amount of \$52,800. Commissioners approved the agreement, then met in executive session with Gerweck to discuss personnel. Veterans Service Office staff member Mona Godemann, Extension Educator Lindsay Chichester and Extension Office staff member Kerry Fritz met with Commissioners to review salary increases. The Board also opened sealed bids for asphaltic overlay projects including 4 miles on the Humboldt – Bern Road known as the Boy Scout Road and two miles of the Dustless Highway. One bid was submitted by Constructors Inc. of Lincoln with a total price of \$845,520. Commissioners accepted the bid for further review.

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