Healthcare agreement & salaries approved by Richardson Co Board (KLZA)-- Richardson County Commissioners approved Sheriff Don Pounds entering into a contract with Community Medical Center in Falls City to provide health care services for inmates at the County Law Enforcement Center when they met Monday.

The annual cost to Richardson County will be \$30-thousand with monthly payments totaling \$2,500. The contract was to begin January 1.

In other business, Commissioners approved a resolution setting salaries for all deputies in the offices of the elected officials.

Salaries for the Deputy County Assessor, Deputy County Clerk, Deputy Register of Deeds, Deputy of Elections, Deputy County Clerk of the District Court and Deputy County Treasurer will be 75-percent of the annual salary of the elected official, amounting to \$40,069 each.

The Deputy County Attorney will be paid 80-percent of the County Attorney's salary amounting to \$55,282.

Sheriff Don Pounds informed the Board he has not been able to fill the vacancies for open deputy positions and again expressed that salaries for the deputies needs to be increased to attract qualified employees.

The only change in salary was an increase for the position of Chief Deputy Sheriff which is 80-percent of the Sheriff's salary, but under the current structure in the Sheriff's Office, a Chief Deputy Sheriff has not been designated.

The pay increases for the elected officials each of the next three years will be 2.25-percent.

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