

Pawnee County Board discusses deputies salaries

(KLZA)--Several members of the public addressed the Pawnee County Board of Commissioners concerning salaries for Pawnee County Deputy Sheriff's when they met November 28.

Eight people spoke in favor of raises for the Sheriff's Department employees with one person expressing concerns of increasing property taxes if raises are provided.

Chief Deputy John Samuelson and Deputy Taylor Bredermeier met with Commissioners later in the meeting presenting a list of requested changes to benefits and salaries. Charts comparing the Pawnee County deputy salaries to those in Gage, Jonson, Nemaha and Richardson County were presented to the Board.

Chief Deputy Samuelson said deputies are not compensated for what they do and they are doing the job alone which is not acceptable.

Commission Chairman Ron Seitz said the Pawnee County deputies are compensated at a salary level comparable to other counties with a similar valuation and population as Pawnee County, noting that the counties the deputies used for their comparison have much higher valuations and are able to collect more revenue from taxes than Pawnee County can generate.

Commissioners said they would like to move forward attempting to address the requests one-on-one or during a commissioners meeting.

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