County hears proposal for new 911 dispatch console

(KNZA)--The Doniphan County Commission heard a proposal Monday to replace the outdated 911 dispatch consoles at the county law enforcement center.

According to the unofficial meeting minutes, Sheriff Chad Clary and representatives of Midwest Mobile Radio met with the Commission to discuss the proposal.

The current 911 dispatch console, which was installed prior to 2008, is no longer supported and parts are unavailable. In the event of failure, 911 services would be interrupted for an unknown period.

A cost estimate for two new consoles--with programming, certification and installation, as well as microwave to communicate with the tower at the Doniphan County Courthouse-- is about \$141,000.

The cost would be allocated between the new sales tax and 911 telephone surcharge funds.

After discussion, the Commission agreed to move forward with having Midwest Mobile draw up a contract for their review.

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