

Construction of new Pawnee City Fire Hall approved  
**(KLZA)-- The Pawnee City Council voted during their April 12 meeting to move forward with the construction of a new Fire Hall.**

**Bids came in higher than expected for the building and following negotiations with AHRS Construction of Bern, Kansas, to make changes to the building plans the cost will be \$746,021.**

**Changes to the plan include deleting a concrete parking lot on the north side of the building, a change in the heating system, eliminating a steel liner on the interior walls but still allowing for insulation.**

**There will be water in the building to fill fire trucks but there will be no toilets in the building.**

**The total reductions came to \$100,979.**

**The City will use \$392,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds, \$95-thousand from a USDA Grant, \$40-thousand from a USDA loan and just over \$259-thousand from the Rural Fire District to pay for the construction of the building.**

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