

## **CPW continuing transition to newer, technologies**

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Following a trend sweeping public utilities, Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works awarded a bid to bring in a new server and software licensing Thursday.

The system allows the utility to read electric, water and gas meters within city limits from the city office, located off Court Avenue in Uptown.

"This is the project that we began with the Tantalus meter reading system, whereby we will be able to read meters inside the city limits from inside the office as well as perform some connects and disconnects from inside the office," CPW Manager Steve Reeves said.

The upgrade comes from advances to meter reading technology in the industry to move toward electronic radio transmission, which essentially provides remote and wireless reading.

The new server and licensing has a price tag of about \$114,000 and can also handle turning service on and off remotely, which will be electric meters exclusively in CPW's case on this particular server.

The server also requires meter upgrades throughout the system to enable communication between the meters and server. CPW has been replacing its meters without the capability.

CPW also opened bids for new meters and radio transmitters, which range in price from about \$71 to about \$1,300 for the meters with the transmitters hovering at about \$49 and \$80.