

Kearney, Nebraska

July 6, 2023

4:00 p.m.

A Joint City/County Budget Meeting of the City Council of Kearney, Nebraska and the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 4:00 p.m. on July 6, 2023, in the Peterson Senior Activity Center, 2020 West 11th Street, Kearney, Nebraska. Present were: Mayor Stanley A. Clouse; Council Members Randy Buschkoetter, Bruce Lear, and Tami James Moore. Absent: Jonathan Nikkila. Jonathan Nikkila arrived at 4:07 p.m. County Commissioners present: Chairman Ivan Klein, Timothy Higgins; Dan Lynch; Sherry Morrow, Bill Maendele, and Myron Kouba. Absent: Ron Loeffelholz. City Staff present: Peggy Eynetich, City Clerk; Michael Morgan, City Manager; Brenda Jensen, Assistant City Manager; Kayla James, Director of Finance; Tony Jelinek, Director of Utilities; Andy Harter, Director of Public Works; Bryan Waugh, Chief of Police; Jason Whalen, Fire Administrator; Shawna Erbsen, Administrative Services Director; Amber Miller, Development Services Director; Nate Mollring, Director of Information Technology; Scott Hayden, Director of Recreational Services; Eric Hellriegel, Director of Parks; Matthew Williams, Library Director; Sarah Sawin, Assistant Utilities Director; Taylor Jaeger, Assistant Director of Finance, and Jake Misener, Deputy City Clerk. County Staff present: Lynn Martin, Buffalo County Board Administrator; Shawn Eatherton, County Attorney; Neil Miller, Sheriff and Deputy County Clerk, Rachelle Warner.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Kearney Hub, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the City Council and a copy of their acknowledgment or receipt of such notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Mayor and City Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Clouse announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted in the room.

Director of Finance Kayla James presented the following proposed 2023-2024 budget:

County payments to the City are from July through June, and City payments to the County are from October to September. Ms. James stated that the County's payment to the City will increase approximately \$62,590; the City's payment to the County will roughly \$56,791.

Cottonmill Park

Notable expenditures include road asphalt replacement in the amount of \$300,000 with \$100,000 carried over from the previous year's budget; the City and County will each put \$50,000 toward road asphalt replacement this year. The County's share will increase by \$52,882 or about 18%. The total operating budget for Cottonmill Park is shared equally between the City and County.

Bookmobile

There is \$90,000 in the Bookmobile account that will eventually be used to purchase the next Bookmobile; each year, the City sets aside \$10,000 from the County for the purchase of the next Bookmobile.

Law Enforcement Center

The Law Enforcement Center Interlocal Agreement includes Records Services, Data Processing, Assessing for Sheriff, County Attorney Data Processing, Evidence & Property, Law Enforcement Building, Shooting Range, and Communications. The County's share of Records Services will increase approximately \$4,855 or 2.4%. The Evidence and Property budget for the County's share will increase by \$11,351 or 15%. The Building budget will include capital purchases totaling approximately \$80,500 with the County's share of the Building budget decreasing by \$15,778 or 18%. The Communication budget for Fiscal Year 2024 is estimated at \$1,468,946; the City pays for 63% of the Communications budget, with the County paying for 37%.

Peterson Senior Activity Center

The budget for the Peterson Senior Activity Center will be \$512,354. The County pays \$30,000 per year towards the facility.

Emergency Management

The County handles Emergency Management.

Prosecution Agreement

The City continues to pay the County \$75,000 under this agreement.

Vehicle Gasoline Purchase

This agreement is with several organizations, some of which include the County, Kearney Public Schools, and ESU 10.

Airport Road Re-location Financing

The payment for next year will be \$94,790; there are four years left of payments on this item.

Kearney Area Solid Waste Agency

No change.

Kearney Animal Shelter

The County's share of The Kearney Area Animal Shelter agreement for Fiscal Year 2024

is \$23,167.

Communications Financing and System Upgrade

Total payments made for the Communications Financing and System Upgrade will be \$425,960, with the City paying \$211,489 or 49.65% and the County paying \$214,470 or 50.35%.

Emergency Services Unit and Crisis Negotiation Unit

This item was included for informational purposes only.

Talmadge Street & Yanney Avenue Financing

The County has completed its payments for its share of this agreement.

SCALES Agreement

This item was included for informational purposes only.

Moved by Lynch seconded by Maendele to accept the proposed 2023-2024 budget as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Lear, Nikkila, Moore, Buschkoetter, Klein, Higgins, Lynch, Morrow, Maendele, Kouba. Nay: None. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Moved by Buschkoetter seconded by Morrow that the meeting adjourn at 4:18 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Nikkila, Moore, Buschkoetter, Lear, Klein, Lynch, Morrow, Maendele, Kouba, Higgins. Nay: None. Absent: Loeffelholz. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

**STANLEY A. CLOUSE
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR**

**PEGGY EYNETICH
CITY CLERK**