

Kearney, Nebraska

July 11, 2024

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 11, 2024, in the Gail & Michael Yanney Pavilion, 2022 West 11th Street, Kearney, Nebraska. Present were: Mayor Stanley A. Clouse; Council Members Randy Buschkoetter, Tami James Moore and Jonathan Nikkila. Absent: Bruce Lear. County Commissioners present: Chairperson Ivan Klein, Ron Loeffholz; Timothy Higgins; Dan Lynch; Sherry Morrow; Bill Maendele, and Myron Kouba. Absent: None. City Staff present: Peggy Eynetich, City Clerk; Brenda Jensen, City Manager; Michael Tye, City Attorney; Kayla James, Director of Finance; Andy Harter, Director of Public Works; Bryan Waugh, Chief of Police; Kevin Thompson, Captain of Police Operations; Jason Whalen, Fire Administrator; Shawna Erbsen, Administrative Services Director; Nate Mollring, I.T. Director; Scott Hayden, Director of Recreational Services; Eric Hellriegel, Director of Parks; Sarah Sawin, Director of Utilities; Matthew Williams, Library Director; Lauren Brandt, SportsPlex Manager; Brad DeMers, Assistant to the City Manager, and Jake Misener, Deputy City Clerk. County Staff present: Heather Christensen, County Clerk; Shawn Eatherton, County Attorney; and Neil Miller, Sheriff.

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.

Kayla James, Director of Finance, presented the following proposed 2024-2025 budget:

Ms. James stated 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 by approximately \$59,372; the City's payment to the County is estimated to increase by \$103,857.

Bookmobile/Library

There is \$110,000 in the Bookmobile account that will eventually be used to purchase the next Bookmobile. Matt Williams, Library Director, stated the Bookmobile will likely need to be replaced within the next five years.

Cottonmill Park

Ms. James reviewed the six notable expenditures and noted the County's share of the budget is estimated to decrease by \$45,858 or 14%. A \$552,000 bid was received for the Cottonmill Park Road Replacement Project, which will resurface the asphalt throughout the entire park. This project is expected to begin this fall.

Peterson Senior Activity Center

There are no notable expenditures for the upcoming year; the County will continue to pay \$30,000 annually.

Law Enforcement Center

The Law Enforcement Center Interlocal Agreement includes Communications, Records Services, Data Processing, Property & Evidence, Law Enforcement Building, and the Impound Lot. The County's share of Records Services will increase by approximately \$3,681 or 2%; Data Processing is up \$77,755 or 36% due to software upgrades, and Evidence will decrease by \$7,937 or 8%. The Building budget will include four Capital Improvement purchases, with the County's share of the Building budget decreasing by \$6,086 or 6%. The Communications Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is \$1,582,370. The City pays 67%, and the County pays for 37% of this budget. The County's share of the Communications budget increased by approximately \$42,000.

County Attorney Information Technology Agreement

The County pays the City \$6,000 annually under this agreement.

Shooting Range Agreement

No Changes to this Interlocal agreement.

Communications Financing and System Upgrades Agreement

This agreement provides for the payment of debt services associated with the cost of the Public Safety Communication System and the system upgrade for purchasing a Motorola trunked radio system that the County purchased. The overall cost of this project was \$4,281,000; the County issued bonds to purchase the system. The City will pay \$213,022, and the County will pay \$216,025 in the upcoming fiscal year.

Prosecution Agreement

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

Emergency Services Unit and Crisis Negotiation Unit Agreement

This Agreement defines the rules and responsibilities of the parties when providing mutual aid and assistance through the activation of the Unit when responding to critical law enforcement incidents.

SCALES Agreement

This Interlocal Agreement is for cooperative law enforcement services that comprise the South-Central Area Law Enforcement Services.

Kearney Area Animal Shelter

The County's share of The Kearney Area Animal Shelter agreement for next year is \$23,187.

Emergency Management Agreement

No changes or discussion on this Interlocal agreement.

Vehicle Gasoline Purchase Agreement

This agreement involves several organizations, including the County, Kearney Public Schools, ESU 10 and RYDE. All parties agree to pay the City an administrative fee of \$.08 per gallon of gas.

Kearney Area Solid Waste Agency

This agreement covers the acquisition, finance, construction, and operations of the Solid Waste Disposal Facility. No changes or discussion on this Interlocal Agreement.

Airport Road Re-Location Financing Agreement

There are three and a half years left of payments on this item.

Talmadge Street & Yanney Avenue Financing Agreement

The County agreed to pay \$1,900,000 towards the project cost to the City. There is \$515,000 remaining to be paid.

Law Enforcement Center West

This new agreement co-locates 21 City and County Law Enforcement employees at 2022 Avenue A. The City will pay the County \$32,400 annually for Law Enforcement Center West expenses.

Moved by Maendele seconded by Buschkoetter to accept the proposed 2024-2025 budget as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Buschkoetter, Nikkila, Moore, Klein, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Lynch, Morrow, Maendele, Kouba. Nay: None. Lear

absent. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Moved by Clouse seconded by Higgins that the meeting adjourn at 4:29 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Nikkila, Moore, Buschoetter, Klein, Lynch, Morrow, Maendele, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Higgins. Nay: None. Lear absent. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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

**PEGGY EYNETICH
CITY CLERK**