

Kearney, Nebraska

July 8, 2021

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 4:03 p.m. on July 8, 2021 in the 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. County Commissioners present: Ivan Klein, Ron Loeffelholz; Timothy Higgins; Dan Lynch; Sherry Morrow and Myron Kouba. Absent: Chairman William McMullen. City Staff present: Lauren Brandt, City Clerk; Michael Morgan, City Manager; Michael Tye, City Attorney; Wendell Wessels, Director of Finance; Eric Hellriegel, Assistant City Manager; Tony Jelinek, Director of Utilities; Andy Harter, Director of Public Works; Mike Young, Police Captain; Shawna Erbsen, Administrative Services Director; Brenda Jensen, Development Services Director; Nate Mollring, I.T. Director; Scott Hayden, Park & Recreation Director; Christy Walsh, Assistant Library Director; and Jena Bice, Assistant Director of Finance. County Staff present: Jan Giffin, County Clerk; Neil Miller, Sheriff; Shawn Eatherton, County Attorney and Lynn Martin, County Board Administrator.

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 Wendell Wessels presented the following proposed 2021-2022 budget:

Mr. Wessels announced a change to the Police Building Fund that affected pages 6, 7, 48, 49 and 51 of the Budget (Exhibit A attached to these minutes); Brenda Jensen, Development Services Director provided the updated pages to attendees of the meeting prior to the start of the meeting.

Mr. Wessels noted that the County's Budget year ends June 30th and the City's Budget year ends September 30th. Mr. Wessels stated overall, the County's share to the City is up approximately 9%; the City's share to the County is up approximately 4%.

Cottonmill Park

Notable expenditures include: road asphalt replacement - \$50,000 and replace a John Deere 1435 - \$25,000 in addition to other miscellaneous items. County Commissioner Ivan Klein asked what would be done with the equipment that the John Deere 1435 is

replacing? Scott Hayden, Park and Recreation Director stated it will be traded for the new John Deere 1435; therefore, the value of the trade in will go towards the purchase of the new John Deere 1435. Mr. Wessels stated the \$25,000 budgeted is net of trade for the John Deere 1435 and further stated additional pieces of equipment are usually included with the purchase. The increase in Salaries & Wages is due to the City having a 4% pay plan adjustment next year along with an additional pay period, which occurs every six to seven years; the County dealt with this extra pay period last year. The overall budget for Cottonmill Park is split 50/50 between City and County.

Bookmobile

Over the past seven (7) years \$70,000 has been saved for a future new Bookmobile. The County's share for the Bookmobile is up 3% from the previous year.

Law Enforcement Center

The Law Enforcement Agreement includes the Impound Lot that was approved in 2020. The Shooting Range Agreement shows the annual fee to the City from the County in the amount of \$3,375. Police Records will have no notable expenditures; the County's share for Police Records will increase \$15,000, mainly due to personnel costs. The Equipment Sinking Fund for Data Processing contains \$30,000 which the County contributes \$10,000 to yearly. The County share for Data Processing is up \$16,000 mainly due to personnel costs. Three (3) notable expenditures for Evidence in the upcoming year includes: Digital Evidence Data Image Storage, \$18,000; Portable Narcotics Incinerator, \$5,000 and a new program, \$42,000. Evidence Budget will be \$288,916 with the County share increasing \$15,000 mainly due to Capital Equipment. After removing items (2) and (3) due to the items pertaining solely to City of Kearney offices, the Police Building Budget will include \$90,000 for various office furnishings and \$12,500 for the epoxy flooring. The Police Building Budget will total \$249,286 for next year. The City's share for the Communications Budget is up approximately 34%.

Peterson Senior Activity Center

There will be one (1) Notable expenditure for a motherboard for heating and air conditioning, \$12,000. The County's annual contribution is \$30,000 and does not change from year to year. The Peterson Senior Activity Center Budget for next year will be \$600,752.

Emergency Management

No changes or discussion on this Interlocal agreement.

Prosecution Agreement

The City of Kearney pays \$75,000 annually for prosecutorial services, this amount has not changed.

Vehicle Gasoline Purchase

No changes or discussion on this Interlocal Agreement.

Airport Road Re-Location Financing

Length of payment of bonds for Airport Road Re-Location are down to approximately seven (7) years. Mr. Wessels stated the Bonds have been refinanced twice.

Kearney Area Solid Waste Agency

No changes or discussion on this Interlocal Agreement.

Kearney Area Animal Shelter

The City and County contributions increase 3% annually.

Communications Financing and System Upgrade

This is a new Interlocal Agreement for the new Communications System that is still in the process of being built.

Emergency Services Unit and Crisis Negotiation Unit

This new agreement was approved in May of this year.

Sheriff Neil Miller stated Buffalo County purchased the Black Hills Energy building which will eventually house the work release program for those who are in jail for lessor offenses, Adult and Juvenile Probation and a potentially new program called Sober 24/7.

Sheriff Miller further explained the County owns the Midtown building across the street from the Law Enforcement Center. The County plans to begin remodeling the building with CARES Act funds once Probation has moved. The Midtown building will eventually have 14 offices for Investigations; an addition to the garage that will allow the ESU/SWAT bus to move there as well as ESU/SWAT team meeting rooms. Court services will also be relocated to the Midtown building. A new interlocal agreement will be forthcoming for the Midtown building. Sheriff Miller further stated that to date, because of the precautions taken, there have been no COVID cases in the jail.

Moved by Lear seconded by Klein to accept the proposed 2021-2022 budget as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Lear, Moore, Buschkoetter, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow, Lynch, Klein. Nay: None. Absent: Nikkila and McMullen. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Moved by Higgins seconded by Loeffelholz that the meeting adjourn at 4:27 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Clouse, Moore, Buschkoetter, Lear, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow, Lynch, Klein, Higgins. Nay: None. Absent: Nikkila and McMullen. Motion

carried.

ATTEST:

**LAUREN BRANDT
CITY CLERK**

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