

**Kearney, Nebraska**  
**July 17, 2008**  
**4:00 p.m.**

A Joint City/County Budget Meeting of the City Council of Kearney, Nebraska and the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors was convened in open and public session at 4:00 p.m. on July 17, 2008 in the Harmon Park Activity Center located at Harmon Park, 3100 5th Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska. Present were: Vice-President Randy Buschkoetter; Council Members Don Kearney, Bruce Lear. County Supervisors present: Chairman Richard Pierce, Tim Loewenstein, Kent Greder, William McMullen, Sherry Morrow, and Horace Dannehl. Absent: Stanley Clouse, Bob Lammers and Ivan Klein. City Staff present: Michael Morgan, City Manager; Michaelle Trembly, City Clerk; Wendell Wessels, Director of Finance and Administration; Michael Tye, City Attorney; Kirk Stocker, Director of Utilities; Rod Wiederspan, Director of Public Works; Matthew Williams, Library Director; Neal Lewis, Director of Park & Recreation; Dan Lynch, Chief of Police; Julie Steffensmeier, Administrative Assistant; and Luke Olson, Management Assistant. County Staff present: Jan Giffin, County Clerk and Lynn Rauner, 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.

Prior to the meeting, Vice-President Buschkoetter 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 towards the front of the room.

Director of Finance and Administration Wendell Wessels presented the following proposed 2008-2009 budget:

The total County share for 2007-2008 was \$616,390.78 with the total County share for 2008-2009 being \$632,314.86. This is an increase of \$15,924.08 or is approximately a 2.58 percent increase from last year. The City's total share for the 2008-2009 is \$673,615.88.

### **Cottonmill Park**

The total tax requirement in this budget for Cottonmill Lake Park is \$306,768.00 with the County and City portion being 50 percent each or \$153,384.00. There was a credit of \$11,512.00 which was a result of the 2007-2008 budgeted amount of \$293,500.00 minus the actual expenditure of \$281,988.00. Some of the more notable expenditures include (1) a boat replacement - \$6,000.00; (2) replace 72" front deck mower/accessories - \$19,000.00; and (3) replace 2001 Kawasaki utility vehicle - \$9,500.00.

### **Bookmobile**

The total requirement from the County in this budget is \$199,892.00. Some of the notable expenditures include: (1) Kearney Hub digitalization grant - \$22,680.00; (2) TLC computer desks - \$6,000.00; and (3) save for bookmobile (4 of 10) - \$40,000.00.

### **Law Enforcement Center**

The total requirement from the County on this budget is \$320,340.00 and the City's requirement is \$476,712.00. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) desk workstation improvements - \$20,000.00; (2) interview recording system - \$10,000.00; (3) door security system - \$15,000.00; (4) LEC server 2 - \$5,000.00; (5) Looking Glass software - \$8,470.00; and (6) IBM AS400 (save for year 2 of 4) - \$20,000.00.

### **Kearney Area Solid Waste Agency**

The total requirement for the Kearney Area Solid Waste Agency is \$2,276,554.00. Some of the notable expenditures include: (1) cell construction sinking fund - \$511,400.00; (2) replace 2002 John Deere loader - \$225,000.00; (3) replace 1993 Wildcat compost turner - \$150,000.00; and (4) air compressor - \$5,000.00.

### **Emergency Management**

The City and County entered into an agreement for the purpose of providing emergency management services to both the City and the County. Buffalo County agreed to employ the Emergency Management Director as a full-time employee and will fund this position. The Emergency Management Director shall act in an advisory capacity only to the City of Kearney.

### **Prosecution Services**

This agreement has been entered into between the City and County for prosecuting services. The City currently reimburses the County in the amount of \$75,000 annually for these services.

### **Vehicle Gasoline Purchase**

The City, County, School and ESU entered into an interlocal agreement to provide for the purchasing of gasoline.

### **Airport Road Re-location Financing**

The City and County entered into an interlocal agreement setting forth the specifics of the County's agreement to reimburse the City for all construction costs with reference to the relocation of Airport Road and any road improvements along Highway 30. The current estimated cost for the road portion of the project is \$1,275,000. The City, at the request of Buffalo County, has agreed to oversee the road improvements with the

County to reimburse the City for the cost by paying the annual debt service for a period of twenty (20) years.

Moved by Kearney seconded by Lear to accept the proposed 2008-2009 budget as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Buschkoetter, Kearney, Lear, Pierce, Dannehl, McMullen, Greder, Loewenstein, and Morrow. Nay: None. Absent: Clouse, Lammers, Klein. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Lear seconded by Loewenstein that the meeting adjourn at 4:15 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Buschkoetter, Kearney, Lear, Pierce, Morrow, Greder, McMullen, Dannehl, Loewenstein. Nay: None. Absent: Clouse, Lammers, Klein. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

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**RANDY BUSCHKOETTER  
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
AND EX-OFFICIO MAYOR**

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**MICHAELLE E. TREMBLY  
CITY CLERK**