

**Kearney, Nebraska**  
**July 18, 2012**  
**4:00 p.m.**

A Joint City/County Budget Meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors and the City Council of Kearney, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at 4:00 p.m. on July 18, 2012 in the Peterson Senior Activity Center, 2020 West 11th Street, Kearney, Nebraska. Present were County Supervisors: Chairman Richard Pierce, Joe Brayton, William McMullen and Ivan Klein and City Council: Mayor Stanley A. Clouse, Randy Buschkoetter and Bob Lammers. Absent: Horace Dannehl, Kent Greder, Sherry Morrow, Don Kearney, and Bruce Lear. County Staff present: County Clerk Janice Giffin, Sheriff Neil Miller and Board Administrator Lynn Rauner. City Staff present: City Manager Michael Morgan, Director of Finance Wendell Wessels, City Attorney Michael Tye, Chief of Police Dan Lynch, Assistant City Manager Suzanne Brodine, Acting City Clerk Cathy Vogt, Library Director Matthew Williams, Executive Assistant Julie Steffensmeier and Park Superintendent Ken Roth. 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 the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors acknowledgment or receipt of such notice is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Prior to the meeting, 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.

Director of Finance Wendell Wessels presented the following proposed 2012-2013 budget:

The total County share for 2011-2012 was \$837,932 with the total County share for 2012-2013 being \$863,008. This is an increase of \$25,036 or is approximately a 2.99 percent increase from last year. The City's total share for the 2011-2012 was \$600,753 with the total City share for 2012-2013 being \$616,526. This is an increase of \$15,773 or a 2.63 percent increase from last year.

#### **Cottonmill Park**

The total tax requirement in this budget for Cottonmill Lake Park is \$419,500 with the County and City portion being 50 percent each or \$209,750. Some of the notable expenditures include: (1) Facilities improvements - \$25,000, (2) Boat replacement - \$5,000, and (3) replace 1996 tractor/loader - \$63,000.

#### **Bookmobile**

The total requirement from the County in this budget is \$215,800. One of the notable expenditures include; (1) Save for bookmobile (8 of 10) - \$80,000.

#### **Law Enforcement Center**

The Law Enforcement Center includes: County Attorney Information Technology, Police Records Services, Police Evidence, Police Building, and Police Data Processing. The total requirement from the County on this budget is \$359,553.33 and the City's requirement is \$541,525.95. Some of the notable expenditures include; (1) laserfiche equipment \$20,000; (2)

transcription equipment upgrade - \$17,500; (3) HTE upgrade - \$120,717; 4 IBM AS400 \$40,000; (5) replace heating/cooling unit \$10,000, (6) workroom/records furnishings \$5,775; and (7) replace/update office furnishings - \$15,000.

Wessels further stated that an item that is not listed in the Budget includes upgrades to the Law Enforcement Center. Public Safety Bonds will be issued for a 15 year period in the amount of \$280,000 to pay for Law Enforcement Center upgrades in carpet, wall covering and shelving. County will pay 33% and the City will pay 67% with an annual share of approximately \$8,300 for the County and \$17,000 for the City.

### **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.

Baldwin did not begin construction on their building this year so they have paid the interest on these bonds. This will continue until the building is built. If the building is not built by 2015, then Baldwin will have to reimburse the principal as well.

Discussion followed on the 56<sup>th</sup> Street Project.

### **ADJOURN**

Moved by Buschkoetter and seconded by Pierce that the meeting adjourn at 4:27 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Brayton, Klein, McMullen, Pierce, Buschkoetter, Lammers and Clouse. Nay: None. Absent: Dannehl, Greder, Morrow, Kearney and Lear. Motion carried.

Since formal action was not taken on the budget proposal, the meeting was reopened with the following responding to roll call: Brayton, Klein, McMullen, Pierce, Buschkoetter, Lammers

and Clouse. Nay: None. Absent: Dannehl, Greder, Morrow, Kearney and Lear. Motion carried.

Moved by Pierce, seconded by Klein to accept the proposed 2012-2013 budget as presented. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Brayton, Klein, McMullen, Pierce, Buschkoetter, Lammers and Clouse. Nay: None. Absent: Dannehl, Greder, Morrow, Kearney and Lear. Motion carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Buschkoetter that the meeting adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Aye: Brayton, Klein, McMullen, Pierce, Buschkoetter, Lammers and Clouse. Nay: None. Absent: Dannehl, Greder, Morrow, Kearney and Lear. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

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

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**JANICE I. GIFFIN  
BUFFALO COUNTY CLERK**