

**MINUTES
BUDGET MONITORING COMMITTEE
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2003
12 P.M.**

PRESENT: Ray Stevens and Bob Workman, County Commissioners; Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dave Kroeker, Budget & Fiscal Officer; Don Thomas, County Engineer; Dennis Banks, Lancaster County Juvenile Detention Center Director; Jim Gordon, Nebraska Bar Association; Ron Krejci, First State Bank of Hickman; Terry Wagner, County Sheriff

ABSENT: Larry Hudkins, County Commissioner; John Boehm, LIBA Representative; Bruce Bohrer, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; Jim Nissen, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

ALSO PRESENT: Kelley Hervert, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

The Budget Monitoring Committee was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

Dave Kroeker, Budget & Fiscal Officer, gave an overview of the following Lancaster County Proposed Budget for 2003-2004 (Exhibit A):

- * Tax Levy Information 2002/2003, which is 2.0274 per \$100 of value
- * Proposed Budget Highlights

Kroeker noted some of the highlights for 2003/2004:

- * Establish the new Community Corrections Program for Low Risk Offenders
- * Replace jail security/surveillance system (financed with bonds)
- * Develop a Pre-Architectural Program for jail remodel and expansion

Kroeker also outlined the State budget impact to Lancaster County:

- * Governmental Subdivision Aid was reduced \$85,000 from 2003 and \$383,000 from 2002
- * State Prisoner Reimbursement was reduced \$200,000 from 2003 and \$540,000 from 2001
- * Medicaid Reimbursement for Lancaster Manor was reduced and for FY04 Lancaster Manor's projected budget will use \$1,020,000 of cash reserves
- * Eliminated the Ribicoff Program that provides Medicaid coverage for 19 and 20

year olds.

Kroeker also said the budget includes \$700,000 for an estimated group insurance increase of 18% for 7 months, and the Community Mental Health Center includes a new multi-year jail diversion grant of \$238,000, which includes staffing for 2.6 FTE's. He noted the Road Budget includes ½ mile of paving, however they normally would like to see 4-6 miles paved per year.

Don Thomas, County Engineer, indicated the ½ mile they will be paving is on East Van Dorn Street from 112th to 120th Street. He noted it costs around \$180,000 to pave one mile and \$350,000 to grade and pave one mile.

Kroeker also discussed the following:

- * General Fund Proposed Budget
- * General Fund Estimated Revenues
- * Summary of Revenues and Funds Supported by Property Tax (Excluding Rural Library)
- * Employees by Agency for the last 5 years

Kroeker indicated the public hearing for the proposed budget will be on August 19, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Kroeker also distributed and outlined documentation regarding the estimated changes from FY03 to FY04 on the Property Tax Requirement, General Government Miscellaneous, Health & Human Services, Justice System Miscellaneous, Building Fund Budget and Keno Fund (Exhibit B). He also discussed the Comparison FY04 Proposed to FY03 Adopted Budget.

Bob Workman reported there may be several people from the Women's Commission that may attend the budget hearing because he believes the Women's Commission should not be supported by public funds and should be a non-profit organization, which the County currently pays 50% of \$186,000.

Kroeker noted there was an additional \$30,000 added to the Emergency Management's budget so he can hire a deputy in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.