

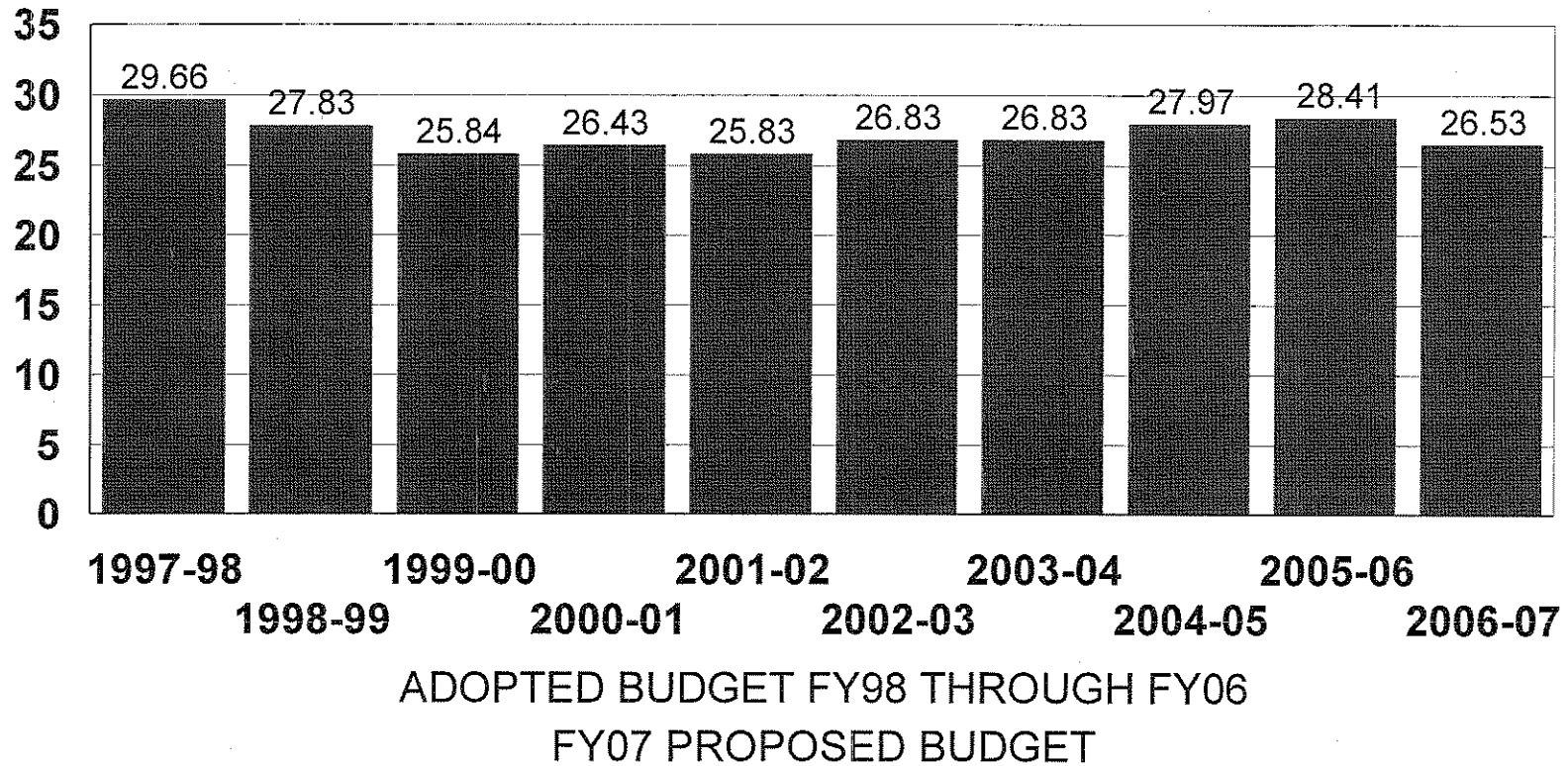


PROPOSED BUDGET
2006-2007

LANCASTER COUNTY

Tax Levies

Cents Per \$100 of Value

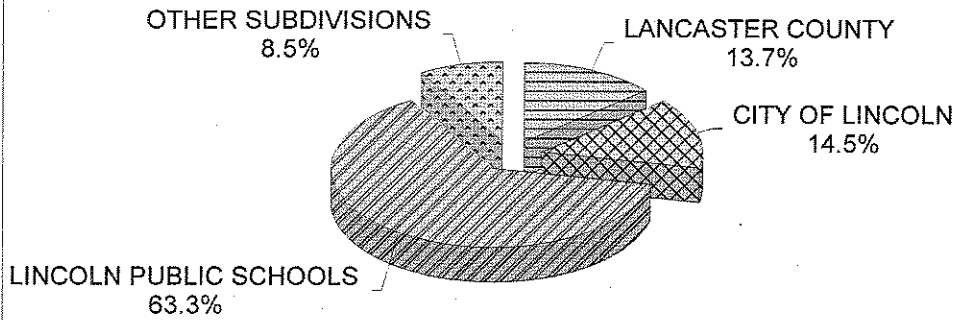


LANCASTER COUNTY

TAX LEVY INFORMATION 2005/2006

TOTAL TAX LEVY = \$2.0750 PER \$100 OF VALUE
(CITY OF LINCOLN RESIDENT)

2005/2006 ALLOCATION



Levy	Subdivision	% of Levy
0.2841	LANCASTER COUNTY	13.70
0.3009	CITY OF LINCOLN	14.50
1.3142	LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	63.30
0.1758	OTHER SUBDIVISIONS	8.50

OTHER SUBDIVISIONS

0.0018	Agricultural Society
0.0042	Lancaster Fair JPA
0.0150	E.S.U. #18
0.0260	Rail Road Transportation Safety District
0.0422	Lower Platte NRD
0.0696	S.E. Community College
0.0170	Public Building Commission

LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Budget Narrative for FY 2006-07

The Lancaster County Board asked County agencies to submit a current level of service budget with no expansion of services or personnel, a difficult request with increasing population and greater demand for County services. The Board made some very difficult decisions and reduced the property tax requirement by \$1,700,000. This was accomplished by reducing expenses by \$875,000 and an anticipated increase in revenue of \$825,000. Lancaster County does not receive any sales or income tax, and relies heavily on property tax to fund the budget.

Budget Highlights

- **Valuation:** The County Assessor completed a revaluation of the entire County which will impact the 2006-07 budget year. The County's estimated valuation is \$18,210,450,000 which reflects a 14.3% increase. Last year the valuation attributable to growth was 3.08%. If the same is true this year, there will be roughly an 11.3% increase in value attributable to the revaluation. The County received 10,500 property valuation protests and included \$800,000 in the budget to cover the cost of protest hearings. Please note, final valuation numbers will be available August 20, 2006.
- **Roads:** The County Board is pleased to be able to fund 2.2 miles of new paving in this year's budget versus only ½ mile in 2005-06. Property tax funding for the County Engineer and the transfer to the Bridge and Road Fund budget increased \$417,000 for FY 2006-07, totaling \$7,928,000.

In addition to paving costs, fuel costs also account for a significant portion of the budget increase. Fuel costs for the Bridge and Road Fund and Highway Allocation Fund increased 40% from \$560,000 to \$780,000.

This year's Keno funds are largely allocated to road projects. The Board has reserved \$300,000 of Keno funds for preliminary engineering of the East Beltway (the City of Lincoln will also provide \$300,000 for this project) and an additional \$675,000 for future County road projects.

Specific Funds

- Group Health and Dental Insurance Fund: Lancaster County is self-insured for health and dental insurance with some stop loss insurance to protect against catastrophic losses. We began self insuring for health insurance in January of 2005 with the same premium charge that we had been paying. With a recently completed study, it was recommended we reduce our Group Health Insurance premium by 10% effective January 1, 2007. This reduction lowers our 2006-07 premiums by \$560,000. The \$2.6 million increase in the budget reflects our cash balances plus premiums for 2006-07.
- Visitors Promotion/Improvement Fund: Beginning July 1, 2005, a Visitors Improvement Fund was established to improve visitor attractions and facilities in the County. Both Visitors Promotion and Visitors Improvement revenues are included in this fund. The Visitor Improvement Fund had a balance of \$598,000 at June 30, 2006 and is the reason for the increase in this budget.
- Debt Service Fund: The increase in the Debt Service Fund budget is attributable to the County's share of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department expansion.
- Families First and Foremost: Region V Systems assumed the services of Families First and Foremost on July 1, 2005. The budget included last year was to close out this fund.

General Fund Budgets

- Corrections, Sheriff, County Attorney and Public Defender: Lancaster County is continuing to see increases in the cost of law enforcement, prosecution/defense of those arrested and the housing of inmates.

The correctional facility built in 1991 is overcrowded. This past year we started housing detainees in facilities outside Lancaster County. The 2006-07 budget includes \$570,000 for this purpose. With the large population and the anticipated expansion of our facility, we have increased staffing by 5.8 FTEs. The capacity of our current facilities is 373. For the last year we have had an average daily population of 438 which includes those detained elsewhere. The County is continuing pre-architectural planning to determine size, location, staffing and costs associated with a jail expansion. Bonds will be issued to pay for such expansion.

With the growing population and need for service, staffing levels have increased in the Sheriff, County Attorney and Public Defender offices to handle the additional workload.

- Election Commissioner: The increase in this budget is attributable to the election cycle. This fall there will be a Statewide general election and next spring there will be two City elections. Last year included only a spring primary election. There will also be signature verification for the successful petition drives.

Revenue Budgets

- The most significant increase in revenue was interest income which increased from \$1.1 million in 2005-06 to \$2 million in 2006-07.

General

- The adoption of this budget results in a property tax rate of \$0.2653 per \$100 of value. Fiscal year 2004-05 had a property tax rate of \$0.2841 per \$100 of value. Funding for the County on \$100,000 of value will be reduced by \$16.11.
- The Board appreciates the cooperation of the elected officials and appointed department heads in arriving at this year's budget. They also thank all County employees for their assistance in providing the necessary services within the budget constraints.

LANCASTER COUNTY

Proposed Budget 2006/2007

FUND	FY07	FY06 BUDGET		ACTUAL
	PROPOSED	ADOPTED	MODIFIED	EXPENSE FY06
PROPERTY TAX FUNDS:				
GENERAL	78,221,576	74,863,782	74,863,782	72,158,445
DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,749,389	1,073,276	1,073,276	543,756
BUILDING FUND	758,237	613,000	613,000	179,384
MENTAL HEALTH	<u>9,333,912</u>	<u>9,088,369</u>	<u>9,088,369</u>	<u>8,872,054</u>
SUB TOTAL COUNTY WIDE LEVY APPLIES	90,063,114	85,638,427	85,638,427	81,753,639
RURAL LIBRARY LEVY OUTSIDE OF LINCOLN	649,940	649,118	649,118	649,118
OTHER COUNTY FUNDS				
WORKERS COMPENSATION LOSS	1,477,721	1,090,145	1,090,145	521,375
OTHER SELF INSURANCE	999,818	1,144,839	1,144,839	298,433
GROUP INS SELF INSURANCE	16,299,153	13,684,235	13,684,235	9,179,889
VISITORS PROMOTION	2,375,839	1,757,144	1,757,144	995,041
BRIDGE & SPECIAL ROAD	6,935,754	5,921,652	5,977,953	5,383,247
HIGHWAY	5,503,380	5,429,375	5,429,375	5,179,244
VETERANS AID	15,000	15,000	15,000	0
***GRANTS FUND	13,431,607	19,463,979	19,463,979	12,311,249
KENO FUND	1,118,034	968,265	968,265	502,167
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	929,423	692,831	692,831	555,977
RURAL ENTERPRISE ASSIST PRO	0	97,236	97,236	97,236
FAMILIES FIRST & FOREMOST	0	4,093,373	4,096,373	4,096,320
LANCASTER MANOR	17,513,571	16,808,889	16,808,889	16,512,846
WEED CONTROL	285,137	286,212	322,462	309,043
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	2,681,302	2,579,415	2,629,415	2,587,606
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	1,152,378	1,042,728	1,194,728	1,187,903
CITY BUILDING MAINTENANCE	<u>458,437</u>	<u>395,124</u>	<u>395,124</u>	<u>342,055</u>
TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET	<u>161,889,608</u>	<u>161,757,987</u>	<u>162,055,538</u>	<u>142,462,388</u>

***For FY06 Actual and FY06, and FY07 Budget the grants fund includes an intergovernmental transfer payment of \$7,650,037, \$13,000,000 and \$7,000,000 respectively. This intergovernmental transfer is from the State of Nebraska for State Medicaid purposes. The County receives the funds and returns all but \$2,500 back to the State. State law requires this to be appropriated in the County's Budget.

Explanation of All Funds Proposed Budget 2006-2007 & Notice of Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget

The summary of expenditure requirements includes a summary of the required disclosure of expenditures required by the Nebraska Budget Act for all political subdivisions. The summary includes expenditures from all sources including non-tax operations and functions of Lancaster County. The purpose of the Nebraska Budget Act is to require all governing bodies to follow prescribed budget practices and make available to the public pertinent information pertaining to the financial requirements and expectations of such governing bodies so that intelligent and informed comments and suggestions can be made.

The summary provides a one-page synopsis of the expenditure requirements of Lancaster County along with a history of actual expenditures for each fund. Each fund is a unique fiscal and accounting entity established for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations. The total should be considered a memorandum only and variances and changes need to be reviewed on a fund-by-fund basis giving careful consideration to the individual line items that make up the total for the fund.

The County Board of Commissioners will be having a public hearing on the proposed budget on August 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., in the County Commissioners Hearing Room in the County-City Building. A copy of the detailed proposed budget is on file with the County Clerk and is available for review during normal business hours. We welcome any questions or suggestions you may have. Please contact one of the Commissioners or the Budget & Fiscal Director at 441-7447.

LANCASTER COUNTY

General Fund Proposed Budget 2006/2007

AGENCY	FY07	FY06 BUDGET		ACTUAL
	PROPOSED	ADOPTED	MODIFIED	EXPENSE FY06
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	243,504	244,943	244,943	242,824
COUNTY CLERK	800,210	796,336	815,460	811,257
COUNTY TREASURER	2,877,143	2,796,156	2,796,156	2,796,074
ASSESSOR	3,558,369	3,549,725	3,567,725	3,535,517
ELECTION COMMISSIONER	1,022,770	803,461	1,023,841	1,011,888
DATA PROCESSING	963,643	958,706	958,706	716,020
BUDGET & FISCAL	208,184	119,812	121,662	120,941
G.F. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	10,372,117	9,423,265	7,802,760	6,662,523
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	363,304	344,718	355,918	354,754
G.I.S.	548,744	458,609	458,609	452,182
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	1,435,075	1,411,761	1,411,761	1,395,759
COUNTY COURT	710,814	681,799	733,799	710,814
JUVENILE COURT	1,212,294	1,105,378	1,156,378	1,147,214
DISTRICT COURT	1,964,037	1,959,297	1,974,297	1,973,319
PUBLIC DEFENDER	2,871,214	2,668,953	2,745,222	2,738,925
JURY COMMISSIONER	132,689	118,060	134,884	119,508
G.F. JUSTICE SYSTEM	2,137,014	1,995,366	1,995,366	1,939,682
EXTENSION SERVICE	949,672	925,084	925,084	866,119
RECORDS & INFO MGMT	501,053	492,342	499,150	492,591
COUNTY SHERIFF	8,001,668	7,609,429	8,069,429	7,904,579
COUNTY ATTORNEY	6,155,217	5,732,754	5,771,862	5,750,567
CORRECTIONS	11,493,344	10,440,278	11,015,570	10,889,158
JUVENILE PROBATION	292,369	399,745	399,745	378,574
ADULT PROBATION-CNTY CT	244,607	236,911	236,911	233,028
INTENSIVE SUPERVISION	31,783	25,808	25,808	23,340
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	797,380	894,584	894,584	781,433
JUVENILE SERVICES CENTER	5,702,448	5,591,895	5,591,895	5,440,244
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	455,316	437,558	437,558	405,937
COUNTY ENGINEER	2,788,527	2,751,938	2,751,938	2,627,036
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD	131,937	141,542	141,542	103,288
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	3,319,137	4,001,343	4,001,343	3,876,228
VETERAN'S SERVICE CENTER	623,977	511,330	568,980	565,429
G.F. HEALTH & H.S.	5,020,017	4,954,715	4,954,715	4,811,738
HUMAN SERVICES	291,999	280,181	280,181	279,955
	<u>78,221,576</u>	<u>74,863,782</u>	<u>74,863,782</u>	<u>72,158,445</u>

LANCASTER COUNTY

General Fund Estimated Revenues 2006/2007

	<u>FY07 PROPOSED</u>	<u>FY06 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY06 ACTUAL REVENUE</u>
COUNTY CLERK	41,000	41,000	42,475
COUNTY TREASURER	6,250,000	5,121,000	6,369,340
ASSESSOR	1,850,000	1,920,000	2,108,884
ELECTION COMMISSIONER	310,500	38,710	151,638
DATA PROCESSING	10,656	5,184	13,320
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	0	102,366	99,895
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	8,951	8,583	9,096
GEOGRAPHIC INFO SYS			805
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	490,000	570,000	573,523
COUNTY COURT	50,100	58,600	61,790
JUVENILE COURT	2,000	3,000	1,536
DISTRICT COURT	164,000	179,548	178,488
PUBLIC DEFENDER	147,544	140,518	141,568
G.F. JUSTICE SYSTEM	105,000	105,000	35,000
EXTENSION SERVICE	154,323	146,995	158,333
RECORDS & INFO MGMT	85,049	78,167	97,443
COUNTY SHERIFF	1,215,394	1,248,544	1,343,886
COUNTY ATTORNEY	1,263,174	1,210,511	1,496,165
CORRECTIONS	2,366,000	2,428,500	2,524,175
JUVENILE PROBATION	0	7,300	12,429
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	118,754	97,580	116,504
YOUTH SERVICE CENTER	2,597,100	2,540,662	2,535,113
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	227,658	214,723	219,250
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	234,000	175,000	198,436
HUMAN SERVICES	146,741	140,091	140,090
NOT AGENCY ALLOCATED	<u>54,723,100</u>	<u>51,940,634</u>	<u>52,845,156</u>
	<u>72,561,044</u>	<u>68,522,216</u>	<u>71,474,338</u>

LANCASTER COUNTY

Funds Supported by Property Tax (Excludes Rural Library) Expenditure and Revenue Summary 2005/2006

	Proposed Budget 2006/2007	Adopted Budget 2005/2006
Requirements By Fund:		
General Fund Budget	78,221,576	74,863,782
Debt Service Fund Budget	1,749,389	1,073,276
Building Fund Budget	758,237	613,000
Community Mental Health Center Budget	9,333,912	9,088,369
Total Tax Supported	<u>90,063,114</u>	<u>85,638,427</u>
Funded By Revenue Item:		
Property Tax	47,368,324	44,376,230
Add 2% Delinquent Reserve	947,367	887,525
Motor Vehicle Tax	6,650,000	6,500,000
In Lieu of Tax	1,301,550	1,162,250
Inheritance Tax	2,020,000	2,020,000
State Revenues:		
Governmental Subdivision	750,734	771,252
Insurance Tax	350,000	410,000
Pro Rate Motor Vehicle	123,150	127,350
State Prisoner Reimbursement	600,000	700,000
Carline/Airline	370,400	361,500
Community Mental Health Revenue	6,494,045	6,477,982
General Fund Interest Income	2,000,000	1,100,000
Assessor/Deeds Filings & Doc Stamps	1,850,000	1,920,000
Other General Fund Departmental Revenue	13,800,865	13,157,652
Other Debt Service & Building Fund Revenue	50,400	1,150,400
Transfers	2,500	161,359
Cash Balances Less Reserves	6,331,146	5,242,452
Total Available	<u>91,010,481</u>	<u>86,525,952</u>
Less Delinquent Reserve	(947,367)	(887,525)
Funding For Tax Supported Budget	<u>90,063,114</u>	<u>85,638,427</u>

LANCASTER COUNTY
EMPLOYEES BY AGENCY
LAST 5 YEARS

GENERAL FUND	FULL EQUIVALENT BY FISCAL YEAR				
	FY07	FY06	FY05	FY04	FY03
COUNTY BOARD	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
COUNTY CLERK	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
COUNTY TREASURER	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	44.60
ASSESSOR/DEEDS	49.00	47.00	47.00	47.00	48.20
ELECTION COMMISSIONER	12.50	9.50	12.50	9.40	12.34
BUDGET & FISCAL	1.35	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.75	4.00
G.I.S MAPPING	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
CLERK OF DIST COURT	25.35	25.35	24.35	25.35	21.50
JUVENILE COURT	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
DISTRICT COURT	12.75	12.80	13.15	13.15	13.15
PUBLIC DEFENDER	32.50	30.00	29.90	30.40	29.90
INDIGENT DEFENSE SCREENER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.73	1.37
JURY COMMISSIONER	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.30	1.30
EXTENSION SERVICE	16.65	16.60	16.70	17.90	18.55
RECORDS INFO MGMT	6.40	6.00	6.00	5.90	5.63
SHERIFF	95.50	94.00	91.40	92.30	92.30
COUNTY ATTORNEY	68.50	66.50	66.50	66.50	66.50
CORRECTIONS	140.10	134.30	135.30	131.80	129.10
ADULT PROBATION	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	11.00	10.80	11.30	5.93	0.00
JUVENILE SERVICES CENTER	64.65	67.00	62.31	60.42	59.85
EMERGENCY SERVICES	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.75	1.10
COUNTY ENGINEER	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
MENTAL HEALTH BD	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
VETERANS SERVICE/GEN ASSIST	11.00	10.00	8.00	4.00	4.00
HUMAN SERVICES	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	3.00
TOTAL G.F.	666.50	650.10	644.66	629.23	620.04
OTHER FUNDS					
SAFETY & TRAINING	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00
BRIDGE & SPECIAL RD	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50
HIGHWAY FUND	42.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	43.00
FAMILIES FIRST	0.00	0.00	3.00	8.00	16.00
LANCASTER MANOR	296.05	291.16	279.70	280.70	279.90
MENTAL HEALTH	114.80	106.55	101.56	98.39	94.32
NOXIOUS WEED	4.84	4.74	4.74	4.74	4.74
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	9.50	9.50	9.50	8.50	4.50
TOTAL	<u>1,168.69</u>	<u>1,140.05</u>	<u>1,120.66</u>	<u>1,107.06</u>	<u>1,097.00</u>

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LANCASTER COUNTY
KENO FUND
FY07 PROPOSED KENO FUND BUDGET

		PROPOSED FY07 BUDGET
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:		
EAST BELTWAY-PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING	300,000	
City of Lincoln will provide an equal amount		
BELTWAY GREEN SPACE	50,000	
OTHER ROAD PROJECTS INCLUDING "R.U.T.S."	675,034	
Total Allocated to Road Projects		1,025,034
PARKS- SALINE WETLAND		57,000
PREVENTION GRANTS (5% OF RECEIPTS)		36,000
TOTAL PROJECTS		<u>1,118,034</u>
FUNDED WITH:		
FUND BALANCE 6-30-06		678,034
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		440,000
		<u>1,118,034</u>

LANCASTER COUNTY
CHANGE IN TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION
LAST TEN YEARS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CHANGE PERCENT</u>
1997-98	8,862,412,495		
1998-99	9,967,174,842	1,104,762,347	12.47%
1999-00	10,822,896,923	855,722,081	8.59%
2000-01	11,381,932,044	559,035,121	5.17%
2001-02	12,621,053,086	1,239,121,042	10.89%
2002-03	13,081,633,040	460,579,954	3.65%
2003-04	14,958,476,056	1,876,843,016	14.35%
2004-05	15,375,859,915	417,383,859	2.79%
2005-06	15,932,331,879	556,471,964	3.62%
projected 2006-07	18,210,450,279	2,278,118,400	14.30%

The projected valuation for the 2006-07 budget is based on an estimated net increase in real estate valuation of 15.3% and an estimated decrease in personal property and centrally assessed valuation of 3.6% for a combined increase of 14.3%. Final valuation numbers will be available on August 20.