

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING – BILL LUXFORD STUDIO (ROOM 113)
9:30 A.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on June 1, 2018.

Commissioners present: Todd Wiltgen, Chair; Jennifer Brinkman, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson; and Bill Avery

Commissioners absent: Deb Schorr

Others present: Dennis Meyer, Budget & Fiscal Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Dave Shively, Election Commissioner; and Rebecca Hight-Moravec, Administrative Service Officer; Kelly Lundgren and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

1) Administrative Services (613)

Dennis Meyer, Budget & Fiscal Officer, stated that overall the budget has an increase of about 0.5%. The main driver is health insurance costs.

Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, noted that additional costs may be incurred due to a new Commissioner in January. These costs include letterhead changes, changes to office window lettering and possibly mileage and lodging. She stated the tuition and enrollment fees line item may have been slightly overbudgeted as the cost for a HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) class was less expensive than anticipated.

Brief discussion took place on the differences between the County Board and Administrative Services budgets (see Page 4 of the Administrative Service budget documents).

Wiltgen asked if these funds were used for County employee training. Meyer explained that they would have to look further to see if those funds would come out of this budget or the General Government Miscellaneous budget (6120). Amundson felt training should be budgeted for annually.

2) Election Commissioner (607)

Meyer explained the budget will have an overall increase of 38%. Revenue will increase by 2,230% (see Page 2 of the Election Commissioner budget documents).

Dave Shively, Election Commissioner, explained the reason for the increase is due to having three elections in this budget cycle - one general election and two City elections. All costs for the City elections will be billed on a prorated basis to the City of Lincoln, the Lincoln Airport Authority and the Lincoln School District.

It was noted that postage continues to be a concern due to absentee and early voting. Other items briefly reviewed were the cost of petitions, new and used computers and voting equipment.

Discussion followed on pulling or merging voting sites, as well as how recent annexations have impacted voting sites.

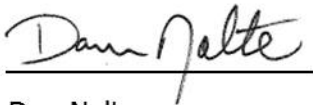
Brinkman inquired about the amount it would cost to replace all voting machines.

Shively explained that currently there are regular voting machines at about 200 sites. He estimated the replacement amount to be roughly \$2,000,000.

Brinkman thought it might be worth discussing the setting aside of funds now for new machines as the current ones have about five years of life left.

3) Adjournment

MOTION: Brinkman moved and Amundson seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners budget meeting at 10:32 a.m. Avery, Amundson, Brinkman and Wiltgen voted yes. Schorr was absent. Motion carried 4-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

