

**MINUTES
DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET HEARINGS
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2005
1 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Larry Hudkins, Chair
Deb Schorr, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Ray Stevens
Bob Workman

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Kroeker, Budget & Fiscal Officer
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m..

Library (020)

Present was Carol O' Connor, Director of Libraries, Shirley Maly, Vice President of the Library Board and Steve Hubka, Budget Officer for the City of Lincoln.

O'Connor disseminated documentation regarding funding for the contract for library services for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 (Exhibit 1), indicating there would be an approximate four percent increase over the current year.

Other areas highlighted by O'Connor were services provided by the contract, Summer Reading County Outreach program, book discussion group at Waverly Middle School and library card registration of residents living outside Lincoln.

Human Services (837) and Justice System (628)

Present was Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, who distributed documentation regarding the budget request for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 (Exhibit 2). She indicated there was a 3.7 percent increase due to rent and personnel.

HUMAN SERVICES CONTINUED:

Boesch disseminated documentation titled *2005-2006 Special Project Requests for Human Services* (Exhibit 3) and indicated the Joint Budget Committee's initial recommendations, including special projects, will be a 1.6 percent increase over the previous year.

County Clerk (602)

Present was Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk, Patricia Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk and Tim Genuchi, Accounting Operations Manager.

Genuchi stated there is a 4.69 percent increase over the previous year due to personnel costs and an upgrade to a new release for the County's payroll system.

In response to a question asked by Hudkins, Owen reported the Clerk's Office has adequate space, however, preliminary discussion is taking place regarding the incorporation of an answering system similar to the one in place in the City Clerk's Office. She stated the Clerk's Office is doing a tremendous amount of telephone answering regarding the courts.

Parking Requests

Kroeker distributed documentation from the Public Building Commission regarding paid parking spaces (Exhibit 4).

General discussion took place regarding parking with Board consensus to request a listing from the Public Building Commission regarding individuals who get paid parking in the Juvenile Court.

Heier suggested that everyone pay a fee for parking.

County Board (601)

No significant changes were reported.

Budget and Fiscal (063)

No significant changes were reported.

Mental Health Center (063)

Present was Dean Settle, Community Mental Health Center Administrator, and Judy Tannahill, Administrative Services Officer.

Submitted into the record by Settle were the following:

- ▶ Email, dated May 24, 2005, from Aubrianna Faustman with American Communications Group, Inc. regarding rate increases (Exhibit 5)
- ▶ Legislative Bill 425 Behavioral Health Increases (Exhibit 6)

Settle reported a 13.25 percent increase due to insurance and salaries, however, with an approximate three percent increase in behavioral funds from Region V and a two percent increase in funds billed out to Medicaid and Medicare it reduces the overall increase to 6.66 percent.

Juvenile Detention Center (678) and Youth Assessment Center (786)

Present was Dennis Banks, Youth Services Center Director, Michelle Schindler, Youth Services Center Deputy Director and Judy Foote, Administrative Services Officer.

Banks disseminated documentation titled *Description of Percent Increases for Expenditures in 2005/2006* (Exhibit 7).

Banks requested an additional nurse be hired immediately stating that the population has exceeded the ability of one nurse.

Discussion followed regarding the need for an additional nurse.

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded to authorize the Youth Services Center to hire a second nurse immediately. Heier, Workman, Stevens, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

Also discussed were revenues in relation to Legislative Bill 640 and JAIBIG.

Administrative Services (613)

No significant changes reported.

Adult Probation (674)

General discussion regarding the purchase of ten new computers

Worker's Compensation/Safety & Training (012)

No significant changes reported.

Corrections (671)

Present was Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, and Angie Koziel, Administrative Services Officer.

Thurber disseminated and briefly discussed documentation titled a *Summary Analysis of Requested Budget* (Exhibit 8) noting an overall increase of 12.15 percent including the pre-architectural design fee. Without the pre-architectural design fee, the increase would be 6.2 percent.

Discussion took place regarding the addition of \$22,000 into the budget for repairs to the jail roof. Board consensus was to proceed with the addition of \$22,000 into the budget for repair of the jail roof.

Extension Office (645)

Present was Gary Bergman, Extension Agent, and Kathlyn Coffey, Administrative Aide II.

Bergman reported no significant increases. It was noted they have had some cooling and heating system issues, however, the cost for repairs was not added into the proposed budget.

Kroeker explained that it could be covered under the Building Fund.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Schorr moved and Heier seconded adjournment of the departmental budget hearings at 4:55 p.m.. Heier, Workman, Stevens, Schorr and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk