MINUTES
BUDGET MONITORING COMMITTEE
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
OCTOBER, 2, 2001
11:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Kathy Campbell and Ray Stevens, County Commissioners; Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dave Kroeker, Budget & Fiscal Officer; Dennis Banks, Lancaster County Juvenile Detention Center Director; Don Thomas, County Engineer; Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff; Jim Gordon, Attorney; Ron Krejci, First State Bank of Hickman; Jim Nissen, Chamber of Commerce; and John Boehm, Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA)

ALSO PRESENT: Doug Thomas, Information Services Director; Norm Agena, County Assessor; Erik Hubl, Computer & Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Supervisor in the County Assessor's Office; Scott Richert, Computer & GIS Assistant in the County Assessor's Office; Jim Langtry, GIS Mapping Division Head in the County Engineer's Office; Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

AGENDA ITEM

1   GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) PRESENTATION

Doug Thomas, Information Services Director, gave an overview of *General Direction of Technology in Government* (Exhibit A), covering the following topics:

▸   Web development
▸   Shift in Web responsibilities
▸   Wireless data
▸   Business continuity
▸   Current technology initiatives

Thomas also presented *Most Active Departmental Sites* (see Exhibit A).

Jim Gordon, Attorney, inquired about connectivity between law enforcement agencies.

Terry Wagner, Lancaster County Sheriff, said the City and County are on an 800

megahertz radio system and can go to a common channel in times of emergency. He added that mobile data terminals in the patrol cars allow deputies to check for outstanding warrants on national databases such as the Nebraska Crime Information System (NCIC) and National Crime Information System (NCIS), via the Internet.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said "data warehousing" provides the ability to input data once and have it become part of a national database.

Ron Krejci, First State Bank of Hickman, asked whether the cost benefit ratio has been computed.

Thomas said no, as it is hard to quantify the cost of downtime.

In response to a question from John Boehm, Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA), Thomas said voice transmission requires a specialized IP phone on the desktop. He indicated that there will be a transition period and said a connection at the datacenter (hub) will intermingle the traditional voice with the IP.

Jim Langtry, GIS Mapping Division Head in the County Engineer's Office, gave a PowerPoint presentation on GIS (Exhibit B), covering the following topics:

- ▸ What is GIS?
- ▸ Disadvantages of the manual methods
- ▸ Advantages of GIS
- ▸ Implementation
- ▸ Global Positioning System (GPS)
- ▸ GPS receivers
- ▸ GPS Control Network
- ▸ COGO (Coordinate Geometry)
- ▸ Digitizing
- ▸ Photogrammetry
- ▸ Conversion of existing digital data
- ▸ Current status
- ▸ Other uses built on the landbase
- ▸ Geographical objects
- ▸ Rural Addressing Project

Erik Hubl, GIS Supervisor in the County Assessor's Office, gave a PowerPoint presentation on GIS & Assessment (Exhibit C). His presentation covered the following:

- ▸ Development timeline
- ▸ Drafting the parcels
- ▸ Creating the legal basemap
- ▸ COGO (Coordinate Geometry)
- ▸ Connecting Oracle (relational database management system) data
- ▸ GIS applications
- ▸ Web based applications
- ▸ Future directions

Boehm asked for an estimate of deed to map time.

Hubl said about two weeks, though errors in the deed can cause a delay.

Norm Agena, County Assessor, said the deeds would still be recorded, but ownership will not be changed in the Assessor's system until all of the data is correct.

Campbell said the GIS system is "one of the best in the country" and said the overlay of information has helped the policy makers to make better informed decisions.

Krejci asked whether the Privacy Act has had an impact on records placement on the Internet website.

Agena said his office's records have always been available to the public and data subscribers.

Thomas said the City Attorney and County Attorney have determined that these are public records. He said any information that is deemed confidential, such as signatures, social security numbers, and personal financial data, is removed.

Wagner said he has decided not to include accident reports on the website until there are safeguards to protect information that is prohibited from being publicly disclosed, such as drivers license information.

Krejci inquired about the status of Lancaster Manor.

Dave Kroeker, Budget & Fiscal Officer, said there has been a change in how nursing homes are reimbursed for Medicaid patients and said retroactive payments were eliminated. Rates were increased twelve percent, which will help to offset the loss. He also reported that the Veterans Administration has expressed interest in placing

patients at Lancaster Manor.

The Budget Monitoring Committee decided to tour the Lancaster County Juvenile Detention Center in November.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.