

MINUTES
DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET HEARINGS
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007
1 P.M.

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

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
John Glynn, Deputy County Clerk
Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:35 p.m..

Library (020)

Carol Connor, Library Director; Greg Mickells, Assistant Library Director; Shirley Maly and Marlene Cupp, Library Board members; and Paul Jones, Accountant, were present.

Connor distributed a packet of information (Exhibit 1) indicating their request includes no new services or additional staffing. She added that a specific funding request isn't available at the present time, however, when it is the County Board and Budget and Fiscal Director will be notified.

Weed Control (064)

Present was Russ Shultz, Weed Control Superintendent.

Shultz reviewed his proposed budget indicating a three percent increase would not carry the same amount of work load due to fuel and computer costs. He added that an upgrade relating to their hand held computers, reflected under Information Services, also added to the increase.

Weed Control (064) continued:

Discussion followed regarding calls for service within the City limits as compared to those in the County. Shultz stated approximately 25 percent of the calls for service are within the City.

In response to a question asked by the Board, Shultz stated that based on his calculations the City should fund 60 percent of his budget.

Information Services (610)

Present was Doug Thomas, Information Services Manager.

Thomas gave an overview of the budget noting that it decreased from \$738,000 to \$580,248 due to a reduction in port charges which allowed them to shift some of the server administration.

Brief discussion took place regarding microcomputer requests for Fiscal Year 2008 with Thomas explaining that he and Ken Kuzak, Microcomputer/Network Support Coordinator, would come back to the County Board regarding those requests.

Visitors Promotion (019)

Present were Jeff Maul, Executive Director, and Brenda Pool, Accountant.

The following documentation was distributed: Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) Proposed Budget July 2007 through June 2008 (Exhibit 2).

Maul reviewed the proposed budget for 2007/2008 noting there were no significant changes.

Brenda Pool, Accountant, explained that the CVB allocated funds for insurance which they had not previously done.

In response to a question asked by Heier regarding equipment and maintenance, Pool explained that would include items within their office such as cleaning, file server, internet service and computer support.

Agricultural Society

Present were Ron Snover, Managing Director, and Chet Hill, Vice President

The following documentation was distributed: Lancaster County Agricultural Society General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year ended November 30, 2007 and 2008 (Exhibit 3) and a packet of Lancaster Event Center Exhibitor Surveys (Exhibit 4).

Snover stated they project \$130,000 in total income for 2007/2008.

Discussion took place regarding heating and cooling at the Events Center. Snover reported they are averaging \$1,800 per month on electricity during the County Fair because Lincoln Electric System checks peak usage during the summer months. He said they will be updating computers and installing lighting controls to save on energy. Snover stated he also plans on renting a generator during the fair and will use it for one building in an effort to keep peak usage down.

Snover briefly reviewed the General Fund Budget for the Event Center stating they are budgeting \$1,214,200 for 2007/2008.

Risk Management (012) (013)

Present was Sue Eckley, Risk Manager.

Eckley reviewed the proposed budget for 2007/2008 noting a request of \$1,500,000.

Eckley stated there are a couple of claims relating to general liability which are of concern, however it is too early to tell how they will play out.

Budget Discussion

Discussion took place regarding the direction the Board wants to proceed. Board consensus was to further review the following:

- Breakdown in increases of personnel
- Changes relating to the City's budget that may affect joint agencies
- Unmandated services
- Women's Commission
- Review of agencies with increases over ten percent

Adjournment:

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded adjournment of departmental budget hearings at 3:41 p.m.. Heier, Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
County Clerk