

JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes: May 31, 2023

Attendees: James Michael Bowers, City Council, Sean Flowerday, County Board; Christa Yoakum, County Board; Dave Derbin, County Board CAO; TJ McDowell, Mayor's Office; Sara Hoyle, Human Services; and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

Excused: Sandra Washington, City Council; Patrick Kreifels, Region V; Meagan Liesveld, United Way

Commissioner Bowers called the meeting to order. Commissioner Yoakum motioned to approve the consent agenda & the minutes from April & May. Commissioner Flowerday seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

2023-2024 JBC Funding Recommendations

- Agencies were asked to send in budgets for a 3% increase.
- Nebraska AIDS Project & Cause Collective both declined the increase.

VOTE: Commissioner Flowerday motioned to move the 2023-2024 JBC Recommendations forward for final approval by the City Council and County Board, Commissioner Yoakum seconded. Motion Passed 5-0.

Grant Review for Non-profit Childcare Assistance Applications

- Amount of requests shows a really strong need for this kind of funding.

VOTE: Commissioner Flowerday motioned to approve the request from Waverly SD 145 in the amount of \$100,000. Commissioner Yoakum seconded. Motion Passed 4-0. (McDowell abstained)

- May be best to use remaining funds towards scholarships through Lincoln Littles. No reason all these agencies couldn't direct their clients to Lincoln Littles.

VOTE: Commissioner Yoakum motioned to approve the request from Lincoln Littles in the amount of \$100,000. Commissioner Flowerday seconded. Motion Passed 4-0. (McDowell abstained)

UPDATES:

Opioid Allocations

- Commissioner Yoakum shared that so far some money has been given to the Regions.

State Gambling Prevention Allocation

- Board conversations have been leaning towards keeping the funds in the human services field.
- What is the amount to expect?
- Is there a timeframe? Where is it at in the process?
- City & County each get 12.5% of Lancaster County revenues (75% goes to state).
- City Council would need to vote on the City funds by their biennium budget.

- Dave Derbin shared there has been some prevention programming at the State level with State funds.
- Brought in Dennis Meyer:
 - County is receiving ~\$100,000/month since Sept/Oct.
 - Will take funds into account in the next budget cycle.
 - Currently we are in the first phase of just slot machines.
 - Not seeing a huge hit to keno revenues yet.
 - Want to hold keno harmless & use these funds to bolster.
 - TJ McDowell advocated using sound for early childcare.
 - Commissioner Flowerday would be willing to put half towards Human Services.

REPORTS:

Mayor's Office/One Lincoln – TJ McDowell: There is a group going to Harvard June 10th about community engagement.

Commissioner Flowerday motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Yoakum seconded. Motion Passed 5-0. Meeting closed at 1:58pm.

Next Meeting: August 28, 2023 from 2-3:30pm at 555 S 10th St, Room 113.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jenni Ryan, Lancaster County Human Services