

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**BUDGET ZOOM MEETING**  
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**COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Commissioners present: Sean Flowerday, Chair; Rick Vest, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson; Deb Schorr; and Christa Yoakum**

**Others present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer; David Derbin, Chief Administrative Office; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Director; and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office**

**The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.**

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1) DEPARTMENT BUDGET HEARINGS:**

**A) District Court (624)**

Dennis Meyer, Lancaster County Budget and Fiscal Director, presented information on fund 624 (Exhibit 1).

Jared Gavin, District Court Administrator, said for the current budget, they will use about \$752,000 on legal services and they budgeted for \$790,000. The end of this fiscal year, District Court would have spent around \$17,000 for COVID items and he has submitted a \$15,000 request for reimbursement.

Meyer said expenses in the current budget request are around \$3,100,000 which is a 7.89% increase and revenues have increased 2.2%. The biggest driver within the budget is the request for two additional employees. Gavin discussed the number of technical issues they experience and the possibility of creating an IT position and sharing the costs with the Clerk of the District Court, County Court and Juvenile Court. He also is requesting a staff attorney for the judges due to workload.

The Honorable Judge Jodi Nelson discussed her concerns and requested approval of two new employees.

Gavin said the Tech Fund request is around \$7,400 and includes a shift to laptops and docking stations for bailiffs. The old machines would rotate to court reporters as they are currently using machines that are close to 10 years old. The remaining upgrades in the courtrooms are about \$50,000 to replace the speakers. He noted that can wait another year or two.

Meyer reminded Gavin of the Human Resources payroll implementation and training.

**B) Risk Management (12,13)**

Meyer said Fund 12 is the Workers Compensation Fund (Exhibit 2) and Fund 13 is for self-insurance (Exhibit 3).

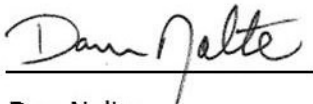
Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager, said the current year for fund 12 looks good due to departments being onboard with temporary modified duty of their employees, which cuts down on indemnity costs. Meyer noted this is the first year there was not a transfer to use all the budgeted funds.

Eckley said next year's budget request should not have much of a spike with either indemnity or medical costs. There might be more litigation costs due to some COVID claims that are new to the County. Meyer noted the Risk Management staff is also paid from fund 12. Eckley said for fund 13, the IT costs have increased and a new laptop was purchased.

Meyer noted \$1,000,000 is set aside in the cash reserve fund in case something happens and they need the spending authority. Every year they put \$50,000 aside for the County Sheriff pursuit liability and that is currently at \$900,000. She discussed the Sheriff at fault account and the Inland Marine account which is usually used for any portable equipment, in car cameras and computers in the sheriff cruisers.

## 2) ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION:** Schorr moved and Vest seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners Budget Meeting at 10:53 a.m. Schorr, Vest, Amundson, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte  
Lancaster County Clerk

