

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET MEETING
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022
8:30 AM**

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

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board, the Lancaster County, Nebraska, website, emailed to the media and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on August 19, 2022.

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

Others present: David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Kristy Bauer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Candace Berens, Deputy County Attorney; Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Director; Dan Nolte, County Clerk; Leslie Brestel and Meggan Reppert-Funke, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m., the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) PUBLIC HEARING:

- A.** Lancaster County's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23. (To access budget reports, click on Lancaster County Budget Reports.)

Dennis Meyer, Budget and Fiscal Director, was administered the oath and gave an overview of the proposed budget (see agenda packet). He noted the budget of expenditures is \$278,287,274 which is 11.9% higher than the previous fiscal year's budget. The Grants Fund increased by \$17,100,000 due to the timing of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) expenditures. The General Fund increased by \$10,600,000 due to personal services, court appointed counsel rates, medical service contracts and the transfers (see agenda packet). He added the additional increase in expenditures will be covered by the remaining CARES Act funds.

Meyer highlighted revenue sources, full time equivalent (FTE) positions and fund balances, including the cash reserve (see agenda packet).

The proposed budget uses a property tax rate of \$.264076. The resolution to be presented at the Board of Commissioner meeting will show a decrease from the proposed budget to \$.260814. He noted the County should not have to participate in the public hearing required by LB 644 (Adopt the Property Tax Request Act, change dates relating to tax levies, and change provisions relating to property tax refunds).

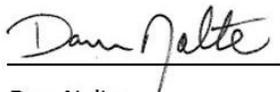
Flowerday inquired about the differences between the real growth number and the valuation growth. Meyer stated the real growth number is strictly real property and valuation growth includes real property, personal property and centrally assessed property.

Bud Synhorst, president of Lincoln Independent Business Association, was administered the oath and testified in support of the proposed budget.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

2) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded to adjourn at 8:56 a.m. Flowerday, Vest, Amundson, Yoakum and Schorr voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk

