

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Lincoln County and Lincoln County Ambulance

Budget Hearing

August 26, 2019

Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Roy Hubert, Commissioner; Richard Ellis, Commissioner; Marc Essary, Ambulance Director; Brenda Farnworth, Clerk for minutes.

6:00pm Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

Review of Ambulance FY2020 proposed budget. Major changes were in salaries. We are moving the Ambulance District to a salary grade schedule and also PERSI rates went up this year. Total change to A&D budget, up \$27,061. Not much change in operating expense. Have a new vehicle lease for a pickup that the Director can drive to scene or make CHEMS visits. Received a grant to purchase another patient loading system for \$25,000 but the district has to purchase the gurney which is \$18,500.

The district has started a new granted pilot project for CHEMS, Community Health EMS. EMS crew makes visits to patients referred by Dr. Davis' office as medically risky. The visits check vital signs and reminders of medications etc. The purpose is to help medically at risk patients stay out of the emergency room. Director Marc Essary presented an introductory letter to the CHEMS program and gave copies to patrons present. He will also be posting around the county to encourage others to sign up. This year's CHEMS grant is for \$77,600.

The increase in budget for the Ambulance district has to be covered by the County contribution to sustain the program. This year's contribution is \$178,500.

Chairman Wood moved on to the County budget summary and reviewed the changes in wages and benefits. The major increase was due to a move up of \$1 to starting wages for all clerical positions and an increase in PERSI contribution rates and a 5% increase in health insurance premiums. Unemployment premiums are up by \$13,250. A part-time Code Enforcer has been budgeted to help the county and highway districts enforce ordinances and code violations. Overall increase in salaries and benefits is \$187,621.

Major changes in operating expenses are the lease for the office trailer for the Commissioners, of \$10,000 and increase in Sheriff vehicle leases and a new software system for the Sheriff of \$25,000.

Capital expenditures are planned for the solid waste transfer station to build a caretaker office with pressurized water for sanitary purposes. Also we have applied for a grant to add 5 new rooms onto the Care Center which have private baths which has been a big request and expected to increase the revenues. The County will have to match the grant with \$50,000. Planning to purchase \$15,000 in new election electronic equipment.

Total budget is \$4,015,819 which is an increase is \$249,276.

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Clerk Farnworth reviewed the Cash Balance report. Projected cash at the end of the fiscal year is \$4,483,785. Revenues coming in other than property taxes are \$1,248,344, \$245,566 in cash forward transfers, \$68,800 in grants, \$896,914 in PILT and \$1,412,895 in property taxes. The property tax levy will go down per \$100,000 to \$325.90 from last year of \$343.31. The county budgets to keep a 30% balance of cash to budgeted expense in each fund.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept Ambulance District Resolution 2019-01 for Use of Forgone of \$1,187 and read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept Ambulance District Resolution 2019-02 to adopt the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$593,966 and read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to accept the County Resolution 2019-09 Adoption of 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget and Salary Grade and read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Hubert seconded. Vote unanimous in favor, motion carries.

6:45pm Chairman Wood adjourned the hearing.

Respectfully,

Brenda Farnworth



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Brenda Farnworth, Clerk