

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MAY 16, 17, 23, AND 24, 2016**

The Buffalo County Budget and Finance Committee met for the purpose of conducting budget hearings with Buffalo County Officials and various agencies on May 16 & 17, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. and May 23 & 24, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. Budget Committee Commissioners present at each of the hearing sessions will be listed prior to the sessions. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Budget Committee is attached to these minutes. Commissioner Morrow announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review. County Clerk Janice Giffin took all proceedings hereinafter shown; while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Commissioner Morrow opened the Budget Hearings scheduled for May 16, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. Commissioners present were: Francis Biehl, William McMullen, Sherry Morrow and County Board Administrator Lynn Martin were present. (Commissioner McMullen attended the hearings in the absence of Commissioner Kent Greder.)

The Budget Committee reviewed the following budgets and met with County Assessor Joe Barber from 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., with Emergency Manager Darrin Lewis from 10:00 A.M. to 10:22 A.M., with Highway Superintendent Ron Sklenar from 10:30 A.M. to 10:57 A.M., Executive Director Christina McIntire, CASA Board of Director Carol Dart and Trish Kenagy from 11:00 A.M. to 11:35 A.M. for the CASA budget. County Treasurer Jean Sidwell was not available for the review of the County Treasurer budget. Commissioner Morrow recessed the Board of Commissioners Budget and Finance Committee until Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

Commissioner Morrow opened the Budget Hearings scheduled for May 17, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. Commissioners Francis Biehl, William McMullen, Sherry Morrow and County Board Administrator Lynn Martin were present. (Commissioner McMullen attended the hearings in the absence of Commissioner Kent Greder.)

The Budget Committee reviewed the following budgets with County Surveyor Trenton Snow from 9:30 A.M. to 9:40 A.M. Mitch Humphrey was present and addressed the Board about the Surveyor budget. The Budget Committee reviewed the Board budgets from 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Commissioner Ivan Klein was present for this discussion. Board Administrator Lynn Martin reviewed the budgets for the Board fund, Miscellaneous General Fund, Health Reserve Fund, Emergency Relief Fund, Institutions Fund, Recovery Zone Rebate Fund, Inheritance Tax Fund, Bond Debt Fund, and Recovery Zone Bond Fund. Administrator Martin excused herself at 10:30 A.M.

The Budget Committee reviewed the following budgets with Register of Deeds Kellie John from 10:30 A.M. to 10:47 A.M., the Information Technology Department (IT) budget with Mark Gillming from 11:00 A.M. to 11:42 A.M., the County Weed District budget with Bret Stubbs from 11:42 A.M. to 11:48 A.M. (Recess for lunch.)

The Budget Committee reviewed the following budgets with County Attorney Shawn Eatherton from 1:30 P.M. to 1:41 P.M.; County Attorney, Drug Enforcement Fund, Equitable Sharing Fund and the Stop Program Fund budgets.

Commissioner Morrow recessed the Board of Commissioners Budget and Finance Committee at 1:45 P.M. until Monday, May 23, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioner Morrow opened the Budget Hearings scheduled for May 23, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. Commissioners Francis Biehl, William McMullen, Sherry Morrow and County Board Administrator Lynn Martin were present. (Commissioner McMullen attended the hearings in the absence of Commissioner Kent Greder.)

The Budget Committee reviewed the following budgets, Buffalo County Historical Society budget with Jennifer Murrish and Roger Davis from 1:05 P.M. to 1:17 P.M., the Buffalo County Veteran's Service budgets with Bill Williams from 1:30 P.M. to 1:38 P.M. the Building and Grounds Fund budget with Steve Gaasch from 2:00 P.M. to 2:41 P.M., the County Court budget with Jan Haeker from 2:41 P.M. to 2:53 P.M., the District Court budget with Sharon Mauler from 3:00 P.M. to 3:08 P.M.

Commissioner Morrow recessed the Board of Commissioners Budget and Finance Committee at 3:10 P.M. until Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioner Morrow opened the Budget Hearings scheduled for May 24, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. Commissioners Francis Biehl, Kent Greder, Sherry Morrow and County Board Administrator Lynn Martin were present.

The Budget Committee reviewed the following budgets with Neil Miller for the Sheriff, Jail, Communications Center, Federal Grants, 911 Wireless, 911 Service and the Miscellaneous General budgets from 1:00 P.M. to 1:45 P.M., the County Clerk budget with Jan Giffin from 1:45 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Planning & Zoning Administrator LeAnn Klein was not available for the Budget Hearing.

The Budget Committee reviewed the Election budget with Lisa Poff from 2:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M. and the Extension budget with Brent Plugge, Valerie Erickson and Brain Bosshamer from 3:00 P.M. to 3:10 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners will review the budgets and will make the final decisions at a later date.

Commissioner Morrow adjourned the hearings at 3:10 P.M.