

BUDGET HEARING MEETING
BOARD OF LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 17, 2017

Chairman King called the hearing to order at 5:00 p.m. Others in attendance included the following: Commissioners Connelly and King; County Clerk, Jeanne Wagner; County Attorney, Spencer Allred and Commissioner's Secretary, Corey Roberts.

Consent Items: 1. Commissioner Harmon moved to approve the agenda. Motion was adopted.

Discussion Items: Commissioner King asked for public comment. Commissioner Harmon thanked everyone for their attendance. Commissioner Connelly discussed the 2 year downswing with revenues and the assessed valuation. The Commissioners goal is to avoid what other counties are doing in regards to laying off employees. Health care is a big cost and they are looking at implementing employees to pay towards their health care in January. County reserves will need to be used to fund this budget. Commissioner Harmon reported on the departments that have taken significant hits. The next year will be difficult as well and there could be possible layoffs. County Sheriff, Shane Johnson asked if the health insurance pay in amounts will be different based on the 2 different plans. Commissioner Harmon stated they had kicked around some numbers of \$100 - \$150 per month. County Attorney, Spencer Allred discussed his salaries and that most of his salaries are subsidized by the state. The Crime Victim Witness secretary salary is currently state funded, but the state is no longer funding it and this comes to an amount of \$10,500. He will need this amount added to his office salaries. He asked for other items to be raised due to future trials. County Clerk, Jeanne Wagner questioned the secretary salaries for Kemmerer being reduced and the amount reduced being given to Afton. She asked for reversal of this. Planning Director, John Woodward commented on the 42% reduction in office staff over the years. Commissioner Connelly said there were some significance cuts to ambulance services.

Chairman King closed the hearing at 5:22 p.m.

Attest:

Jeanne Wagner, County Clerk

Robert E. King, Chairman