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THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED IN JOINT SESSION WITH THE SIOUX FALLS CITY COUNCIL AT 5:00 P.M., July 18, 2005, pursuant to adjournment on July 12, 2005.

Commissioners present were: Pekas, Hajek, and Zweep. Commissioners Twedt and Kolbe were absent. Sandy Kinder, Deputy Auditor, was also present.

City Council Members present: Beninga, Brown, Howes, Jamison, Kavanaugh, Knudson, Smith, Stagers, and Mayor Munson.

Vice-Chairman Pekas called the meeting to order.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, presented the Siouxland Heritage Museums 2006 budget. He reported that attendance has increased by 12% overall for the first half of 2005. The requested Operations budget for 2006 is \$960,654, which will be split equally between the County and the City of Sioux Falls. This is a 1.9% increase from 2005. The largest budget increase for 2005 was for personnel to cover natural step increases, 3% COLA, and health insurance. Part-time salaries have decreased by approximately \$14,000. The County is responsible for the Maintenance budget of \$62,744 for the Old Courthouse Museum. The City maintains the Pettigrew Home and Museum. Mr. Hoskins also requested approval of the revenue budgets which include the Special Enterprise Fund at \$112,450 and the Museum Store budget at \$35,440. Overall, the County is responsible for 44% of the total budget, with the City contributing 41%. The remaining 15% is covered by revenues. Any money remaining in the operations budget will be returned to each entity equally. MOTION by Zweep, seconded by Hajek to approve the 2006 Museum Operations and Maintenance budget (County share \$543,071), and the Museum Enterprise and Museum Store budgets. 3 ayes. City concurred.

Sally Felix, Library Director, presented the Siouxland Libraries 2006 budget. Ms. Felix noted that the operations budget request is an increase of 6.4% for the county over 2005. Ms. Felix also requested that the County provide \$19,200 for the bookmobile replacement fund, which is supported by the rural library levy. MOTION by Hajek, seconded by Zweep to approve the 2006 Siouxland Libraries budget (County share \$682,760). 3 ayes. City concurred.

David Atherton, Communications Director, presented the Metro Communications 2006 budget as recommended by Metro Council and discussed line item increases for 2006. The proposed budget is an increase of 33% over 2005. New World Systems annual maintenance contracts contributed substantially to the increase in the budget. Commissioner Hajek commented on the current Joint Powers Agreement and questioned how the cost split for operational expenses was set at 50/50 between the City and County. Based on service area, the majority of calls are generated within the city limits of Sioux Falls. The Commission had recommended that the current capital outlay increase of \$94,113 be reduced to no more than \$50,000. Commissioner Pekas questioned Mr. Atherton on his 2006 overtime allotment. Mr. Atherton noted that the amount is needed to cover for training and leave. Commissioner Zweep noted that the County has no escalating income and have asked for a zero-base budget for 2006 from all departments. Commissioner Hajek discussed readjusting the cost split. MOTION by Hajek, seconded by Zweep to defer action on the Metro Communications 2006 budget until August 15, 2005. 3 ayes. City concurred.

MOTION by Zweep, seconded by Hajek to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2005. 3 ayes.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Carol Twedt, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sandy Kinder, Deputy Auditor