

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20, 2019

Osage County Clerk Nicci Kammerich presented proposed amendments to the 2019 Osage County Budget.

Many departments presented proposals which simply shuffle funds between line items without affecting their bottom-line revenue and expense projections. There were notable exceptions.

* Road & Bridge requested \$60,000 more for road repair. This is an exact reflection of their original 2019 request of \$170,000 which was reduced to \$110,000 in the approved budget document.

Glavin is against the Road & Bridge request. He is particularly concerned with the road grader leases coming to an end.

"That's a cloud hanging over us we're going to have to deal with soon," he asserted.

Glavin wants more creek gravel screened and used, and less quarry gravel purchased. He wants a couple of low-water slab projects put off to the 2020 budget year.

Griffin, in particular is concerned with the message that would send. "You can't tax citizens for this, and then refuse to do it," he said, referring to money in the general fund, which could be transferred to cover the Road & Bridge request for more funding to finish the 2019 year.

* 911/EMA wants its budget amended to reflect no new purchase of Computer Aided Design (CAD) software, whether APCO or ProQA, this year, but to include unexpected repair expense. They are expecting \$32,205.97 more revenue, needing \$25,306.38 more appropriation.

* Osage County Assessor Jerry Baker is requesting about \$25,306.38 more, hoping to hire additional part-time help in his office.

* Osage County Public Administrator Office, Nicci Kammerich, County Clerk, has requested to add line items for expenses that are turning out \$1214 higher due to a couple of items which weren't budgeted but needed to be such as Bond and Reimbursements for funeral costs for a citizen that was in Paul's care. Revenue still stands at \$6000.00 "That's always a good thing," observed Kammerich.

* The Osage County Juvenile and Family Court has \$2,000 in expenses that was not budgeted and needs to be added.

* The sheriff's office is requesting \$1000 more for fuel.

* Osage County Treasurer Tim Neuner has estimated increased sales tax revenue for the Annex fund to be up \$1,100 to \$1,200 as of 9/20/2019.

* Kammerich estimates a special election in November to cost about \$20,000 max. She asked the commission how it should be included in a finally-amended budget document. For the sake of presenting it to be voted on when the time comes, the commissioners suggested it be added to the County Clerk's budget. Kammerich responded, "I am not asking it to be in my budget. We can always add it to the Commissioner's budget to monitor the incoming costs."

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However, the commission sees it as a safe place and trusts Nicci Kammerich where another department might use it or lose it, when the total cost of the election may not reach \$20,000.

The next thing is to find a time to meet with all department heads to finalize the amendments in legislation.

Glavin suggested he would like to see the numbers in play first before they have individual meetings with the office's asking for an amendment.

Kammerich said she would enter in all the numbers being requested so the commission can have an idea of what they are looking at. Kammerich said she will have those entered by end of next week and present it to the Commission the next Commission meeting after they are entered and then they can review and select a meeting date from there.