

**Sarpy County, Nebraska**  
**Budget Message**  
**2010 Fiscal Year**

The proposed Sarpy County Budget for the 2010 fiscal year totals \$107,763,075, a decrease of \$3,025,794 or -2.7% from the 2009 fiscal year. The total property taxes will increase by \$781,220 for the 2010 fiscal year or 2.4%. Based on final valuation figures, the tax rate will remain the same at 29.9900¢. The taxes on a \$100,000 property will decrease from \$300 to \$298, for an average decrease of \$2 after factoring in the 0.7% average valuation decrease due to reappraisal.

The primary issue in developing the budget for the 2010 fiscal year was to maintain the high level of law enforcement, road maintenance and construction, and other services, without increasing the County tax rate. Other features of the 2010 FY budget are:

1. Property tax funding for roads will decrease 41.3% from last year:

• 2003 FY	\$1.5MM
• 2004 FY	\$2.1MM
• 2005 FY	\$3.5MM
• 2006 FY	\$4.9MM
• 2007 FY	\$4.9MM
• 2008 FY	\$5.6MM
• 2009 FY	\$5.6MM
• 2010 FY	\$3.3MM
  
2. Major road projects include:
  - 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Papio Creek to Cornhusker
  - Chandler Road, 144<sup>th</sup> to 155<sup>th</sup>
  - Harrison Street, 71<sup>st</sup> to the Papio Creek
  - Bridge 47 on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street
  - 132<sup>nd</sup> Street, Capehart North 1/2 mile
  - 168<sup>th</sup> Street, Giles Road South 1/2 mile
  - Total funds budgeted for road projects were reduced by \$1MM based on a slow-down in the economy
  
3. A federal grant for two deputies and two cruisers for traffic enforcement was approved.
  
4. A federal grant for six deputies from stimulus funds was not approved.
  
5. Funds budgeted for prisoner board were decreased by \$118,000 based on 2009 FY expenditures.

6. The County's health insurance premium increased by 20.0%. County-wide increase is \$761,800.
7. Construction on new Sheriff's Administrative Building will begin this fall.
8. Remodeling will continue on Hall of Justice through 2010 FY.

The following departments have petty cash funds: County Attorney, \$100; County Court, \$200; Building and Planning, \$100; Sheriff, \$200; Landfill, \$30; Purchasing, \$100, Victim Witness, \$100.

A sincere thank you is offered to the elected officials and department heads of Sarpy County for their cooperation and assistance in the preparation of the 2010 fiscal year budget.