

**Sarpy County, Nebraska**  
**Budget Message**  
**2012 Fiscal Year**

The proposed Sarpy County Budget for the 2012 fiscal year totals \$110,060,411, a decrease of \$28,432,315 or 20.5% from the 2011 fiscal year. The vast majority of this decrease is due to the completion of the Baseball Stadium. The total property taxes will increase by \$364,129 for the 2012 fiscal year or 1.1%. Based on final valuation figures, the tax rate will remain the same at 29.9900¢. The taxes on a \$150,000 property will decrease from \$450 to \$446, for an average decrease of \$4 after factoring in the 0.8% average valuation decrease due to reappraisal.

The primary issue in developing the budget for the 2012 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 2012 FY budget are:

1. Property tax funding for roads will increase 22.6% 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
  - 2011 FY \$2.2MM
  - 2012 FY \$2.7MM
  
2. Major road projects include:
  - Harrison Street, 147<sup>th</sup> to 157<sup>th</sup>
  - 132<sup>nd</sup> Street & Giles Intersection, Phase I
  - 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Bristol to Capehart
  - Elkhorn Bank Stabilization
  
3. E911 Communications:
  - Master Control System
  - SmartX Site Converter
  - Rebanding Project
  
4. Appropriations for 27 pay periods instead of the usual 26 pay periods.

The following departments have petty cash funds: County Clerk, \$200; County Attorney, \$100; County Court, \$200; Building and Planning, \$100; Sheriff, \$200; Landfill, \$500; 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 2012 fiscal year budget.