

**Sarpy County, Nebraska**  
**Budget Message**  
**2014 Fiscal Year**

The proposed Sarpy County Budget for the 2014 fiscal year totals \$125,512,400, an increase of \$8,754,517 or 7.5% from the 2013 fiscal year. The majority of this increase is due to an increase in road construction projects and an increase in the Landfill fund to cover the costs of Landfill closure. The total property taxes will increase by \$444,399 for the 2014 fiscal year or 1.3%. 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 \$447, for an average decrease of \$3 after factoring in the 0.7% average valuation decrease due to reappraisal.

The primary issue in developing the budget for the 2014 fiscal year was to maintain the high level of law enforcement, road maintenance and construction, and other services, without increasing the County tax rate. This makes the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the County's tax rate has not increased. Other features of the 2014 FY budget are:

1. Funding for four additional dispatchers was added to the E911 Communications budget to accommodate the increase in call volume that has occurred.
2. Funding for two additional Road Patrol deputies was added to help keep pace with growth that is occurring in areas outside of City limits.
3. Major road projects include:
  - 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Bristol to Capehart
  - 168<sup>th</sup> Street, Giles South ½ mile
  - Bridge #146 & 149, 180<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Capehart Road, 48<sup>th</sup> to 60<sup>th</sup>
  - Lincoln Road, 126<sup>th</sup> to 132<sup>nd</sup>
  - 114<sup>th</sup> Street, Centennial to Hwy 370
  - Project Oasis
4. Capital Projects:
  - Completion of Courthouse & JJC Parking Lots
  - Completion of Courthouse & Platteview Shop Roof Replacements
  - Upgrade Courthouse & Annex Fire Alarms
  - Courthouse & West Annex Retaining Wall
  - Remodel Annex Suites
  - A/C System Upgrade in E911 & Tower Building
  - 84<sup>th</sup> Street Fiber Optic Line Relocate
  - SAN & Virtual Server Hardware

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 2014 fiscal year budget.