

Hospital board moves on with remodeling

By Karen Krien

The remodeling of the clinic in St. Francis was discussed when the Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on July 18.

Living Independently In Northwest Kansas (LINK) representative, Rick Knight had informed the administrator that there were some minor changes in the clinic remodeling that needed to be made to meet American Disability Act codes. He said he was recommending these changes before the work was done to avoid making adjustments after the remodeling was completed.

Some of the changes included: the kind of door knobs, handrails and elevator controls installed.

It was noted that the bid opening date for contractors doing the work on the clinic had been postponed to 2 p.m. on July 30. This move was to make sure that all contractor's questions were fully answered and the board could get the best prices available from all bidding parties.

Some of the board members questioned some of the specifications in the plans, especially about the bricks. One contractor was concerned that those bricks could not be matched unless specially ordered and then, that would make the recommended price higher. There was also a question about the contractor providing a heated and air-conditioned trailer.

Hospital elevator

Les Lacy, hospital administrator, had received a certified letter concerning the hospital's elevator. It recommended that the elevator have a high-pressure test for \$375. The cost of the test was not a problem to the board but several board members were worried that, if the test were performed, it could blow some of the working parts of the elevator.

Members discussed putting off the test until the lab and X-ray could be moved upstairs because it would be almost impossible to take some patients down the stairs to these departments.

Hospital passes 2001 audit

Durrell Kelly from Grant Thornton, an audit company, presented the hospital's audit when he met with the Cheyenne County Hospital Board on July 18. The audit showed no major problems and board members were encouraged to ask questions.

One of the questions concerned the audit company and if the company is an employee of Great Plains Health Alliance, the company which leases the hospital, or if it was independent.

Mr. Kelly explained that Grant Thornton was a nationally known audit company and the audit at the Cheyenne County Hospital was considered as an independent audit. It was noted that this issue has always been a concern of the commissioners.

Mr. Kelly assured the board that the company did not do all of Great Plains' hospital audits. He also pointed out that there is no incentive for the administrator or Great Plains to create a "bottom line" — no vested interest but definitely understood their concern as they were dealing with taxpayer's money.

ments. However, on the other side, there was the worry that the elevator would "blow" with patients and/or staff on board and there could be injuries.

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4-H fashion show to be held Monday evening

The 2002 Cheyenne County Fashion Revue will be held Monday. Participants in the buymanship, clothing construction and knitting divisions will be judged during the day, starting at 8 a.m. Life Skills Judging will also be held during the day from 9 to 11 a.m.

The theme for this year's fashion revue will be "4-H The Power of Youth." There will be 53 buymanship garments, 13 sewing construction garments, and three knitting garments shown.

Abby Burr and Crystal Murray will

be the mistresses of ceremonies, introducing each division and reading the commentaries. The 2003 Cheyenne County Junior Miss Jenny Weems, will be helping hand out the awards.

Superintendents will be busy working on the stage decorations this week.

"We encourage the public to come out and support our 4-H'ers and view their accomplishments in these projects," said Susan Knodel, 4-H assistant.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend this event.

Commissioners raise landfill fees after calling for special meeting

The Cheyenne County Commissioners called a workday on July 17 to work on the budget but ended up holding a special meeting where they raised landfill fees and signed a contract for a \$22,881 grant.

At the July 15 meeting of the commissioners, the county auditor, Jack Eldridge had warned the commissioners that there was not enough money in the landfill budget and suggested that rates be raised. However, at that time,

the commissioners decided to wait until more information was known which came at the meeting of the 17th.

According to Ranae Pilkington, road and bridge secretary, in 2001, the Landfill Authority budget and Solid Waste Landfill budget were combined by the commissioners. For the last two years, the money generated at the landfill covered the extra bills taken from the account.

"The increasing cost of commodities

and the extra burden of the Closure Trust Fund payment and transfers to equipment reserve had created a shortfall for the account," she said.

The commissioners at the July 17 meeting, decided to move the landfill budget to the General Fund instead of making a yearly operating transfer.

Effective Aug. 1, landfill fees will go up. The municipal solid waste and loose trash are currently costing \$25

per ton and will go up \$5 to \$30 per ton. Concrete, metal and trees are now costing \$5 per ton to dispose of and they will be raised to \$10 per ton.

The cost of dumping tires will stay the same: \$2 per car tire, \$5 per truck tire, and \$10 per tractor tire.

Along with raising tonnage fees at the landfill, the commissioners have implemented a minimum usage fee of \$2. People planning to dump a

couple bags of trash will need to bring \$2 with them as there is no charging unless previous arrangements have been made with Mrs. Pilkington. This policy was implemented in January and those who have made arrangements for dumping small amounts will be billed when the total is \$10 or more.

Lawn clippings are still free. Anyone with questions or concerns

regarding the landfill are encouraged to call the landfill office at 785-332-8840.

Grant contract signed

The county health nurse, Susan Roelfs had applied and received a grant for the county health office. The grant amounted to \$22,881 and is from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to be used for bioterrorism preparedness and response.



SENIOR APPRECIATION DAY to be held Sunday by St. Francis City Council. Staff photo by Karen Krien

St. Francis woman to represent Kansas

Barb Ewing has been selected as "Outstanding Older Worker" for the state of Kansas for 2002. The St. Francis City Council has designated "Senior Appreciation Day," and an open house for Mrs. Ewing will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the St. Francis Senior Citizen Center. Ice cream and cake will be served.

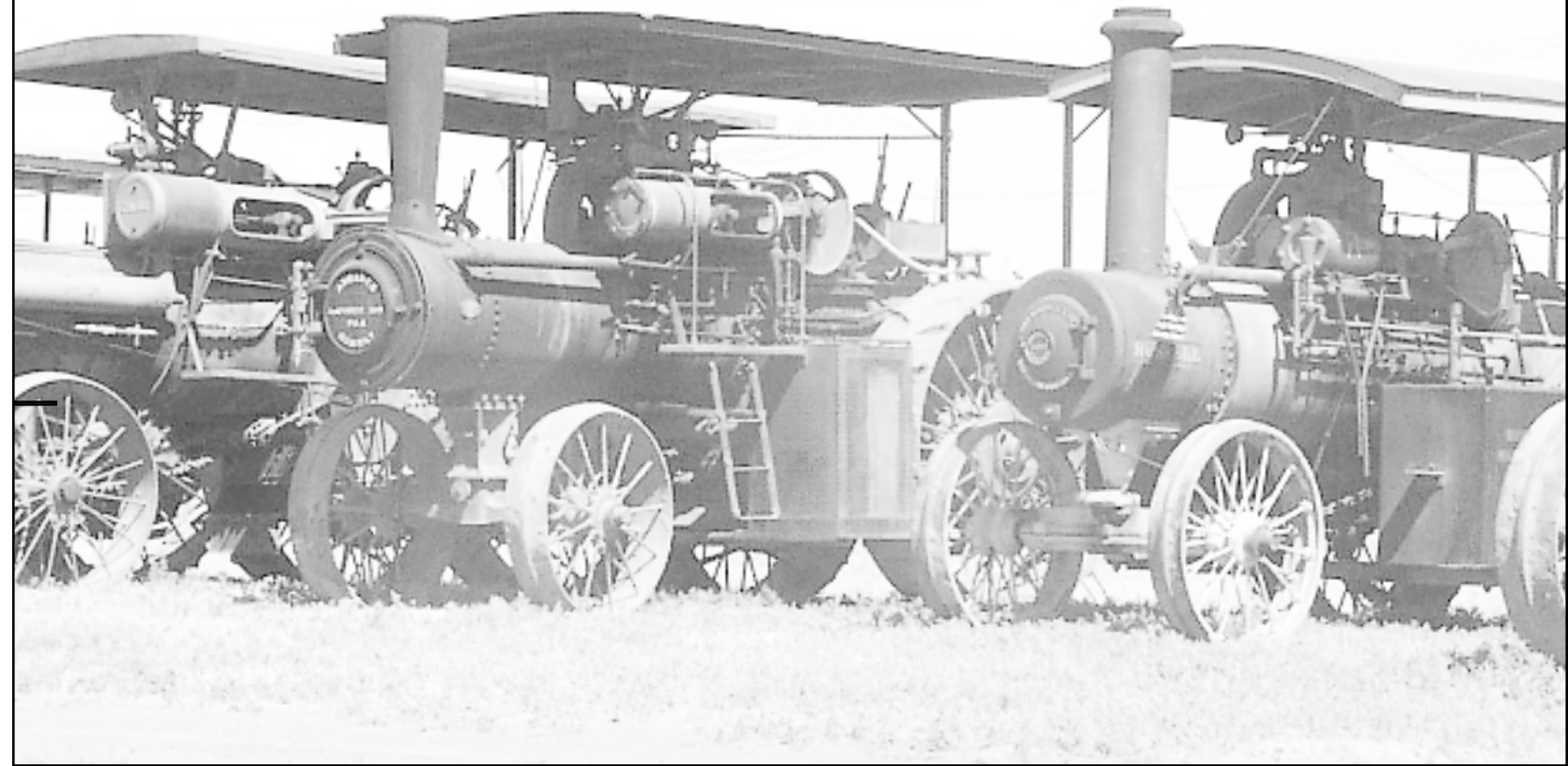
Mrs. Ewing's son Ron has been going to each of the businesses, asking for donations of items which will be drawn for at 3 p.m. on Sunday. He is eager that everyone know that the money raised, which on Monday was over \$400 in

gifts, is not for Mrs. Ewing's trip but for the "Experience Works," the organization, formerly known as "Green Thumb."

People are to look for the big blue cans which designate a place where tickets can be purchased. Winners do not need to be present to win a prize.

Mrs. Ewing has been awarded the Prime Time Award which honors the valuable contributions older Americans make to their communities and places of work. In September, Mrs. Ewing and her son will be traveling to

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STEAM ENGINES ARE LINED UP and ready for the steam engine races which began at 11:45 each day. Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

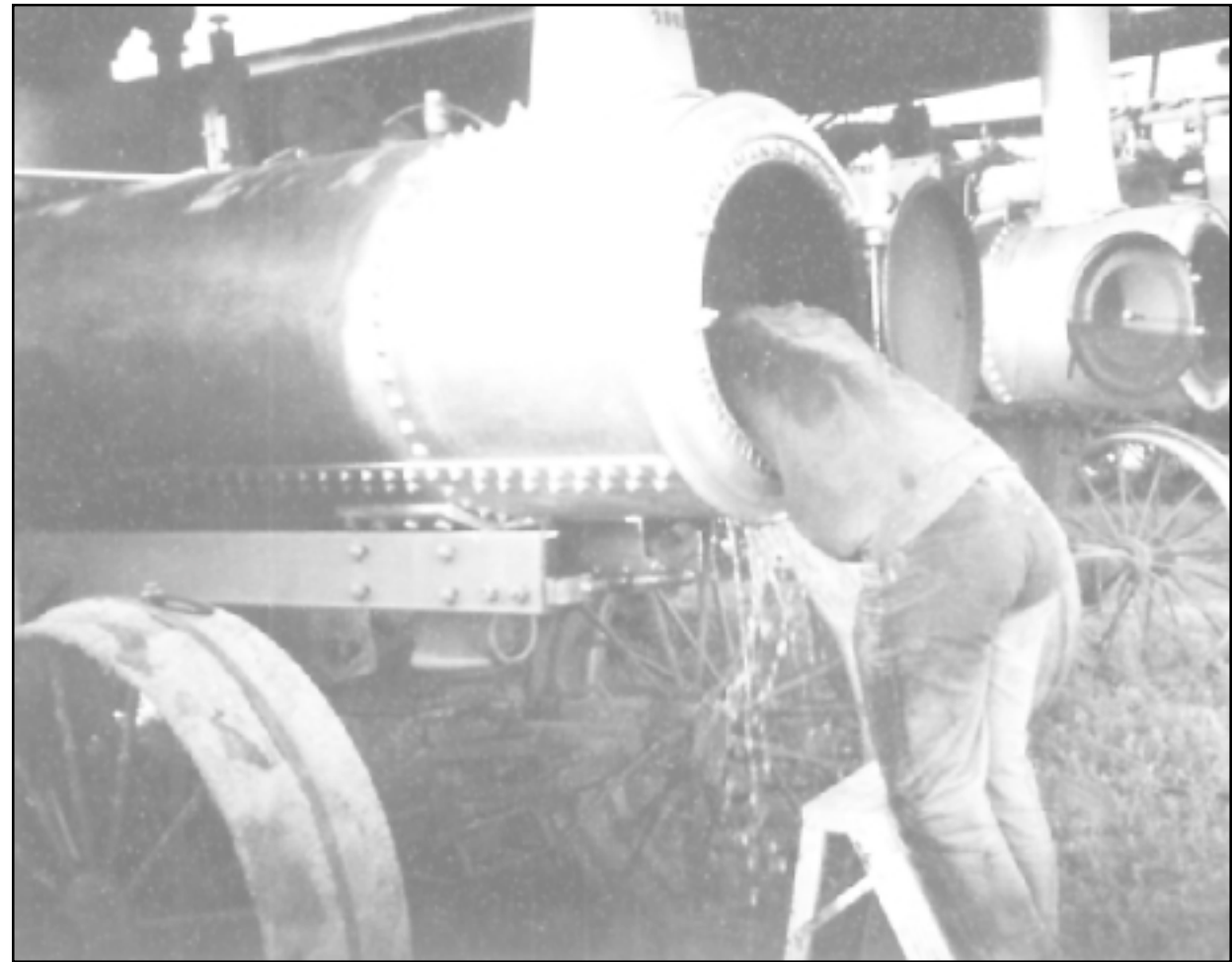
Annual Bird City Antique Engine and Thresher show scheduled to open today

By Peggy Horinek

The steam engines are all lined up and ready to start today's 49th Annual Antique Engine and Thresher Show which will run through Sunday. There has been a lot of activity as everyone from kids through seniors have been working to be sure everything was up and running.

Today will start with the invocation, flag raising, and introduction of personnel. The activities and demonstrations will begin at 10:30 a.m. The steam engine races will be at 11:45 a.m. and are exciting to watch. By lunchtime everyone is hungry and lunch is served on the grounds at the Country Kitchen. Afternoon activities start at 1:15 p.m. and last year's Thresher Queen, Meta Dankenbring, will be recognized and the 2002 Thresher Queen and the Thresher Princess will be introduced.

During the afternoon there are various outdoor activities going on and there are 14 buildings to tour, plus the Sod House, Country Schoolhouse, Country Church, and the Cook Shack. The Swap Meet will be open each day from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The day ends with an Old-fashioned Literary at 7 p.m. at the Country Schoolhouse. It is meant to be a fun activity. All those attending are encouraged to bring poems, stories, readings and recitations. Audience participation determines the success of the evening. If possible, please bring a chair as seating is limited.



TYLER KNAPP CHECKS INSIDE the steam engine to make sure he's got out all the

Photo courtesy of Gerald Wright

The McDonald Lions Club Barbecue will be on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. with entertainment following by Ann Zimmerman-Eggers.

Sunday morning Worship Services are held at 9, 9:30, and 10 a.m. in the County Church. The services will be led by Dr. Tim Beougher of

the Southern Seminary in Lewisville, Ky.

Each day offers variety and excitement and something for every age.

Fair activities start Monday with revue

The Cheyenne County Fair is just around the corner with the first activities of the fair starting Monday with the 4-H Fashion Revue and the festivities will end with the annual demolition derby and Attendance Award drawing on Saturday evening.

"The fair is shaping up and it looks like we are going to have a real good fair," said Dick Bursch, fair board president. "We are still short a few volunteers here and there but we will still have an excellent fair — the best in the whole area!"

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Fair roundup

The lineup of grandstandshows for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are:

- The local team roping and barrel racing contests on Wednesday evening. See Page 2
- Thursday is the kid's Ranch Rodeo production. See Page 2.
- The rodeo and barrel racing contest will be held on Friday. There is a number for local participants to call before Thursday on Page 2.

ries.
Administrator Lacy said that he does not know of any danger to people riding the elevator — that this is just a precautionary test.

It was decided to send the letter to Roger John, director of Great Plains Health Alliance, the company which leases the hospital. If there were to be a liability coverage, the Alliance would be responsible. He will report back at the next meeting.

Tax credits awarded

The board was informed that the county had been awarded \$210,000 in tax credits to help raise \$300,000 for the Cheyenne County Hospital. The money will be used to put in a new ambulance entrance and heating and air-conditioning system.

The tax credits provide a mechanism to steer a large portion of their state income taxes back to Cheyenne County.

The first deadline in 2002 is Dec. 31 with the second deadline being Dec. 31, 2003.

In other business

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• The board okayed school funding for Trista Krieger, nursing student. She will then come back to the county hos-

pital to work.

• The board authorized that the administrator, Susan Roelfs and Candi Hetrick write grants for the hospital and clinic.

• The hospital received its cost report settlement check for 2001. This check is just over \$200,000 and represents the amount the hospital was underpaid by the Medicare program in that year.

• There had been more patients cared for at the hospital in the month of June and the outpatient volume had been a little slower. However, the hospital had been able to meet its cash needs since the last board meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the hospital board has been set for 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 15 in the basement of the clinic across the street from the hospital in St. Francis.

where she will be recognized during a series of high-profile media and Congressional events capped off by an awards ceremony and banquet.

She has been busy passing out cards to senior citizens to write their input about issues and she will bring those comments with her to Washington.

"I want concerns, compliments, suggestions and solutions to problems seniors have," Mrs. Ewing said.

National Prime Time Awards Program was launched from the Experience Works, Inc., in 1998. The program focuses national attention on the fastest growing segment of the population and a group of Americans who exemplify the positive work ethic, experience, loyalty and dependability that are so important to the business community. The program is now widely recognized as the nation's premier older worker recognition initiative.

Everyone is welcome to come by the senior center on Sunday and congratulate Mrs. Ewing on her prestigious award. And, don't forget to purchase a ticket.

During the week, there will be a number of 4-H and FFA activities including the horse show, swine show, beef show and Premium Sale, just to name a few. A schedule of events, sponsored by the Cheyenne County Fair Board, can be found on Page 8A in the Herald and Page 4 in the Times. Clip and save it for further reference.

Grandstand shows and the home-owned carnival will open the fair on Wednesday evening. The carnival will be open each evening of the fair and

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2002-03
PUBLIC INFORMATION
U.S.D. No. 103

The Governing Body of Unified School District 103
Kansas law to publish in a newspaper of general circulation the cash balances and estimated sources of revenue and interest earnings for the school district.

The information required to be published is listed below to assist in understanding the fiscal position of the school district and projected revenue for the coming school year. Detailed information can be obtained at the address below:
605 Bird Ave. Bird City, KS

Fund	2002-03		Estimated Sources of Revenue--2002-03			
	Amount Budgeted	Cash Balance July 1, 2002	State	Federal	Interest	Local (Transfers + Other)
General	1,587,120	5,074	1,272,007	0	0	310,039
Supplemental General	150,000	34,323	0	0	0	115,677
Adult Education	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Supplemental Education	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bilingual Education	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	365,425	272,054	0	0	28,000	74,216
Driver Training	3,355	0	975	0	0	1,780
Extraordinary School Program	0	0	0	0	0	600
Food Service	77,052	6,197	968	25,709	0	14,720
Inservice Education	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000
Parent Education Program	0	0	0	0	0	0
Summer School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Education	182,082	7,082	0	0	0	175,000
Technology Education	19,000	0	0	0	0	19,000
Transportation	110,000	0	0	0	0	110,000
Vocational Education	42,500	0	0	0	0	42,500
Area Vocational School	0	0	0	0	0	0
Judgments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Liability Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0
School Retirement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bond and Interest #1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bond and Interest #2	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Fund Warrant	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Note	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coop Special Education	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	47,378	5,846	xxxxxxx	40,530	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
SUBTOTAL	2,584,910	331,576	1,273,950	66,239	28,000	364,000
Less Transfers	364,000					
TOTAL Budget Expenditures	2,220,910					

Signed by
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President of the Board
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Clerk of the Board

STATE OF KANSAS
Budget Form USD-A
2002-2003

USD# 103

NOTICE OF HEARING 2002-2003 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District #103 will meet on the 12th day of August, 2002 at 6:45 P.M., at USD #103 Conference Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed of funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at District Office of USD #103 and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2002 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2002-2003 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code Line	2000-2001 Actual		2001-2002 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2002-2003	
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2002 Tax to be Levied (6) / Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING						
General	06	1,472,937	20,000	1,502,334	20,000	1,587,120 / 369,991 / 20,000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	130,387	13.160	146,118	4.563	150,000 / 151,084 / 8.167
SPECIAL REVENUE						
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0
Bilingual Education	14	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0
Capital Outlay	16	373,609	3.905	214,482	4.000	365,425 / 73,998 / 4.000
Driver Training	18	0	0	3,152	3,355	0 / 0 / 0
Extraordinary School Program	22	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0
Food Service	24	68,119	0	69,122	77,052	0 / 0 / 0
Inservice Education	26	1,763	0	875	1,000	0 / 0 / 0
Parent Education Program	28	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0
Summer School	29	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0
Special Education	30	77,952	0	80,759	182,082	0 / 0 / 0
Technology Education	31	22,988	0	16,538	19,000	0 / 0 / 0
Transportation	32	113,000	0	105,536	110,000	0 / 0 / 0
Vocational Education	34	40,299	0	39,358	42,500	0 / 0 / 0
Area Vocational School	36	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0
Judgments	40	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000
Special Liability Expense	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000
Federal Funds	07	34,444	0	35,454	47,378	0 / 0 / 0
Disability Income Benefits Reserve	46	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0
Health Care Services Reserve	48	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0
Group Life Insurance Reserve	49	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0
Risk Management Reserve	50	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0
School Workers' Compensation Reserve	52	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0

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Budget Form USD-A
2002-2003

Fund—Continued	Code 99 Line	2000-2001 Actual		2001-2002 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2002-2003	
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2002 Tax to be Levied (6) / Est. Tax Rate* (7)
Contingency Reserve	53	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0	
Student Material Revolving	54	1,933	0	3,619	0	0 / 0 / 0	
Textbook Rental	56	791	0	243	0	0 / 0 / 0	
DEBT SERVICE							
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000	
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000	
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000	
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000	
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000	
COOPERATIVES**							
Special Education	78	0	0	0	0	0 / 0 / 0	
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	2,338,222	37.065	2,217,590	28.563	2,584,910 / 595,073 / 32.167	
Less: Transfers	105	289,794	xxxxxxx	235,860	xxxxxxx	354,000 / xxxxxxxx / xxxxxxxx	
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	2,068,428	xxxxxxx	1,981,730	xxxxxxx	2,220,910 / xxxxxxxx / xxxxxxxx	
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	640,346	xxxxxxx	503,065	xxxxxxx	595,073 / xxxxxxxx / xxxxxxxx	
OTHER							
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000	
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000	
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000	
Recreation Commission	84	22,000	1.220	22,855	1.000	22,855 / 21,702 / 1.173	
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0 / 0 / 0.000	
TOTAL OTHER	120	22,000	1.220	22,855	1.000	22,855 / 21,702 / 1.173	
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	662,163	0	521,468	0	616,775	
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$16,748,885	0	\$17,273,154	0	\$17,354,716	
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$17,872,312	0	\$18,401,518	0	\$18,499,562	
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2000	2001	2002			
General Obligation Bonds	135	0	0	0	0	0	
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0	0	0	0	0	
Temporary Note	145	0	0	0	0	0	
No-Fund Warrant	150	0	0	0	0	0	
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0	0	0	0	0	

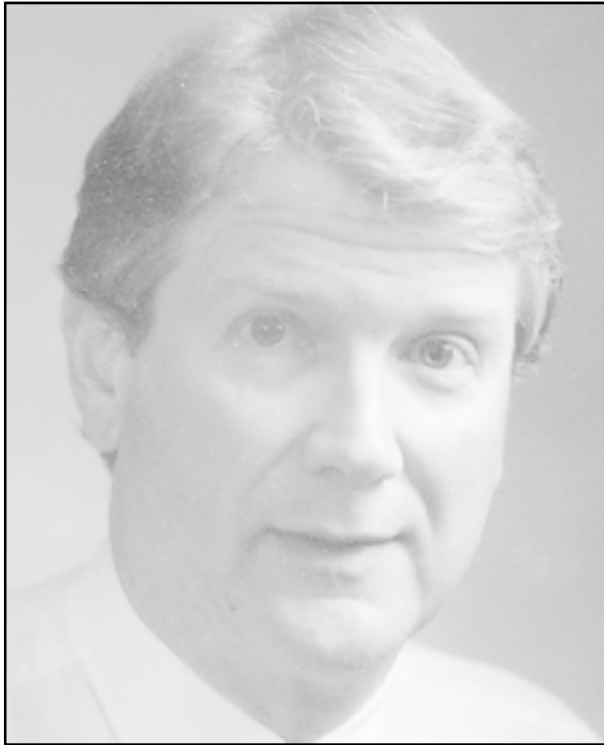
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