NEBRASKA AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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State Auditor

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November 19, 2024

Elm Township Gage County
8704 W. Plum Road
DeWitt, NE 68415-

RE: Elm Township Gage County

Dear Board:

We have received and reviewed the audit waiver request for the Elm Township Gage County for the fiscal year 2024. **The 2024 audit waiver request has been approved.**

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (402) 471-2111.

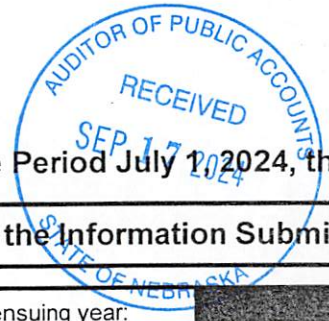
Sincerely,

Mark Avery, CPA
Assistant Deputy Auditor
Subdivision Audit Review Coordinator

2024-2025
STATE OF NEBRASKA
GENERAL BUDGET FORM

Elm Township

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF
Gage County



This budget is for the Period July 1, 2024, through June 20, 2025

Upon Filing, The Entity Certifies the Information Submitted on this Form to be Correct:

The following **PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX** is requested for the ensuing year:

$	48,825.00	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
		Principal and Interest on Bonds
$	48,825.00	**Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required**

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of July 1, 2024

-	Principal
-	Interest
$ -	**Total Bonded Indebtedness**

125,952,233	**Total General Fund Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

*(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor **MUST** be attached)*

County Clerk's Use ONLY

Budget Document To Be Used As Audit Waiver?

My Subdivision has elected to use this Budget Document as the Audit Waiver.
(If YES, Board Minutes MUST be Attached)

[X] YES [ ] NO

If **YES**, Column 2 **MUST** contain **ACTUAL** Numbers.

If YES, DO NOT COMPLETE/SUBMIT SEPARATE AUDIT WAIVER REQUEST.

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

[ ] YES [X] NO

*If **YES**, Please attach Interlocal Agreement Report.*

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names

Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

[ ] YES [X] NO

*If **YES**, Please attach Trade Name Report.*

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO BOX 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509

Telephone: (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2024

Submit budget to:

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

Elm Township in Gage County

Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	Actual 2022 - 2023 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimated 2023 - 2024 (Column 2)	Adopted Budget 2024 - 2025 (Column 3)
1	**Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:**			
2	Beginning Net Cash Balance	$ 91,487.60	$ 61,624.61	$ 51,723.09
3	Investments	$ 1,056.69	$ 1,057.75	$ 1,079.63
4	County Treasurer's Balance	$ 220.81	$ 438.59	$ 196.00
5	**Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 2 thru 4)	**$ 92,765.10**	**$ 63,120.95**	**$ 52,998.72**
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes (Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)	$ 30,874.48	$ 39,635.14	$ 47,867.65
7	Federal Receipts	$ -	$ -	$ -
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	$ 97.76	$ 113.99	$ 100.00
9	State Receipts: State Aid	$ -	$ -	$ -
10	State Receipts: Other	$ 356.01	$ 518.76	$ 520.00
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	$ 3,052.92	$ 4,629.84	
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	$ -	$ -	$ -
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	$ -	$ -	$ -
14	Local Receipts: Other	$ 150.51	$ 22.14	$ -
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	$ -	$ -	$ -
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	$ -	$ -	$ -
17	**Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 16)	**$ 127,296.78**	**$ 108,040.82**	**$ 101,486.37**
18	**Disbursements & Transfers:**			
19	Operating Expenses	$ 47,592.82	$ 33,479.22	$ 50,000.00
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	$ -	$ -	$ -
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	$ 16,583.01	$ 21,562.88	$ 26,750.00
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	$ -	$ -	$ -
23	Debt Service: Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans (Public Airports)	$ -	$ -	$ -
24	Debt Service: Payments to Bank Loans & Other Instruments (Fire Districts)	$ -	$ -	$ -
25	Debt Service: Other	$ -	$ -	$ -
26	Judgments	$ -	$ -	$ -
27	Transfers Out of Surplus Fees	$ -	$ -	$ -
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	$ -	$ -	$ -
29	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lines 19 thru 28)	**$ 64,175.83**	**$ 55,042.10**	**$ 76,750.00**
30	**Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 17 - Line 29)	**$ 63,120.95**	**$ 52,998.72**	**$ 24,736.37**
31	Cash Reserve Percentage			49%

PROPERTY TAX RECAP

Tax from Line 6	$ 47,867.65
County Treasurer's Commission at 2% of Line 6	$ 957.35
Total Property Tax Requirement	$ 48,825.00

Elm Township in Gage County

To Assist the County For Levy Setting Purposes

The Cover Page identifies the Property Tax Request between Principal & Interest on Bonds and All Other Purposes. If your political subdivision needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:		Property Tax Request
General Fund	$	48,825.00
Sinking Fund		
Bond Fund	$	-
_____ Fund		
Total Tax Request	** $	48,825.00

** This Amount should agree to the Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required on the Cover Page (Page 1).

Documentation of Transfers:

(Only complete if there are transfers noted on Page 2, Column 2)

Please explain what fund the monies were transferred from, what fund they were transferred to, and the reason for the transfer.

Transfer From: _____ Transfer To: _____

Amount:

Reason:

Transfer From: _____ Transfer To: _____

Amount:

Reason:

Township Property Taxes

If this is a Township Subdivision budget form, the amount of property taxes shown above and on the front cover may not represent the amount the Township will receive. Statute 39-1522 outlines that one-half of all money collected from the township levy on property within the corporate limits of a city or village shall be paid to the treasurer of the city or village to be used for the maintenance and repairs of the streets.

Township should take this into consideration when determining property tax amount to be budgeted.

Township Total Valuation	125,952,233
City/Village Valuation included in Township Valuation	
General Fund Tax Rate	0.038765
Township Taxes within City/Village	-
50% of Township Taxes within City/Village	-
Projected Township Taxes to be collected	48,825.00

Note: Township would need to verify with County Assessor the amount of City / Village valuation included within the Township Total Valuation. This calculation is only shown here as information for the Township to help determine the amount of property taxes needed to operate. IT SHOULD NOT BE USED BY THE COUNTY FOR LEVY SETTING PURPOSES.

Cash Reserve Fund

Statute 13-503 says cash reserve means funds required for the period before revenue would become available for expenditure but shall not include funds held in any special reserve fund. If the cash reserve on Page 2 exceeds 50%, you can list below amounts being held in a special reserve fund.

Special Reserve Fund Name	Amount
Total Special Reserve Funds	-
Total Cash Reserve	$ 24,736.37
Remaining Cash Reserve	$ 24,736.37
Remaining Cash Reserve %	49%

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME	**Elm Township**
ADDRESS	**8704 W Plum Rd**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**DeWitt, 68415**
TELEPHONE	**402-304-4617**
WEBSITE	**N/A**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Josh Novotny	Larry Bergmeier	Tina M. Garland, CPA
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Treasurer	Bryant & Associates, P.C.
TELEPHONE	402-304-4617	402-223-8632	402-223-3367
EMAIL ADDRESS	n/a	catberg@yahoo.com	tina.garland@bryant-associates.com

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please √ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [ ] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [x] Preparer

NOTE: If Budget Document is used as an Audit Waiver, approval of the Audit Waiver will be sent to the Board Chairperson via email. If no email address is supplied for the Board Chairperson, notification will be mailed via post office to address listed above.

Elm Township in Gage County

2024-2025 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

Calculation of Restricted Funds

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements	(1)	$	48,825.00
Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate	(2)	$	100.00
In-Lieu of Tax Payments	(3)	$	-
Transfers of Surplus Fees	(4)	$	-

Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Restricted Funds.

Prior Year Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds (From 2023-2024 Lid Exceptions, Line (10))	$ -	(5)	
LESS: Amount Spent During 2023-2024	$ -	(6)	
LESS: Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years	$ -	(7)	

Amount to be included as Restricted Funds (**Cannot be a Negative Number**)	(8)	$	-
Nameplate Capacity Tax	(8a)	$	-
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)	(9)	**$**	**48,925.00**

Lid Exceptions

Capital Improvements Budgeted (Purchase of Real Property and Improvements on Real Property)	$ -	(10)	
LESS: Amount of prior year capital improvements that were excluded from previous lid calculations but were not spent and now budgeted this fiscal year *(cannot exclude same capital improvements from more than one lid calculation.)* Agrees to Line (7).	$ -	(11)	
Allowable Capital Improvements		(12)	$ -
Bonded Indebtedness		(13)	
Public Facilities Construction Projects (Statute 72-2301 to 72-2308) **(Fire Districts & Hospital Districts Only)**		(14)	
Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements		(15)	$ -
Public Safety Communication Project - Statute 86-416 **(Fire Districts Only)**		(16)	
Benefits Paid Under the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act **(Fire Districts & Airport Authorities Only)**		(16a)	
Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans from the Department of Aeronautics **(Public Airports Only)**		(17)	
Judgments		(18)	
Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers		(19)	
Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster		(20)	
TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)		(21)	**$ -**

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS **For Lid Computation (To Line 9 of the Lid Computation Form)** *To Calculate: Total Restricted Funds (A)-Line 9 MINUS Total Lid Exceptions (B)-Line 21*	**$ 48,925.00**

*Total Restricted Funds for Lid Computation **cannot** be less than zero. See Instruction Manual on completing the Lid Supporting Schedule.*

Elm Township
in
Gage County

LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

PRIOR YEAR RESTRICTED FUNDS AUTHORITY OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2

OPTION 1

Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) from last year's Lid Computation Form	47,553.23 Option 1 - (1)

OPTION 2

Only use if a vote was taken at a townhall meeting last year to exceed Lid for one year

Line (1) of Prior Year Lid Computation Form	Option 2 - (A)
Allowable Percent Increase **Less** Vote Taken (Prior Year Lid Computation Form Line (6) - Line (5))	% Option 2 - (B)
Dollar Amount of Allowable Increase Excluding the vote taken (Line (A) times Line (B))	- Option 2 - (C)
Calculated Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority (Line (A) Plus Line (C)) =	- Option 2 - (1)

CURRENT YEAR ALLOWABLE INCREASES

1 **BASE LIMITATION PERCENT INCREASE (2.5%)** 2.50 % (2)

2 **ALLOWABLE GROWTH PER THE ASSESSOR MINUS 2.5%** - % (3)

1,336,827.00 (2024 Growth per Assessor) / 107,610,941.00 (2023 Valuation) = 1.24 % (Multiply times 100 To get %)

3 **ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT BOARD APPROVED INCREASE** 1.00 % (4)

3 (# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase) / 3 (Total # of Members in Governing Body at Meeting) = 100.00 % (Must be at least .75 (75%) of the Governing Body)

ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES APPROVING THE INCREASE.

4 **SPECIAL ELECTION/TOWNHALL MEETING - VOTER APPROVED % INCREASE** % (5)

Please Attach Ballot Sample and Election Results OR Record of Action From Townhall Meeting

TOTAL ALLOWABLE PERCENT INCREASE = Line (2) + Line (3) + Line (4) + Line (5)	3.50 % (6)
Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Restricted Funds = Line (1) x Line (6)	1,664.36 (7)
Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7)	49,217.59 (8)
Less: Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule	48,925.00 (9)
Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9)	292.59 (10)

LINE (10) MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ZERO OR YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LID LAW.

The amount of Unused Restricted Funds Authority on Line (10) must be published in the Notice of Budget Hearing.

Elm Township in Gage County

2024-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTIONS

Description of Capital Improvement	Amount Budgeted

Total - Must agree to Line 10 on Lid Support Page 4	$ -

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWTH

{format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts, and (e) community colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2024

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

TO: BRYANT & ASSOCIATES
TINA GARLAND
115 N 25TH ST
BEATRICE NE 68310-0000

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: GAGE

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value Attributable to Growth	Total Taxable Value
ELM TOWNSHIP	Township	1,336,827	125,952,233

**Value attributable to growth is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes real and personal property and annexation, if applicable.*

I PATRICIA MILLIGAN, GAGE County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Patricia Milligan
(signature of county assessor)

COUNTY ASSESSOR Seal GAGE COUNTY, NE

August 16, 2024
(date)

CC: County Clerk, GAGE County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county, _____ County

Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

9-9-2024

Elm Township Annual meeting Held at Larry Bergmeier Home at 7:00 pm. Open meeting Rules were available. Balance of $56,730.70 at Beginning of meeting. Novotny made motion to approve Budget of $48,325.00. Bergmeier seconded. All voted in favor. Bergmeier made motion to approve an additional 2% increase in funds subject to limitation. Burres seconded All voted in favor. Burres made motion to Request an Audit waiver. Novotny seconded. All voted in favor. Board members Josh Novotny, Larry Bergmeier and Terrance Burres were present. No patrons were present. Bergmeier made motion to raise Grader Operator wages to $22.00/hr. Novotny seconded All voted in favor. Plymouth Coop is our new fuel supplier.

Plymouth Coop fuel	Ck # 2212	$884.83
Gary Bergmeier 23 hrs machine use 28 hrs labor & Repair	2213	$1779.00
Ball Insurance Co. Insurance Pkg & Work Comp	2214	$5237.00
Bryant & Assoc. Budget Prep	2215	$650.00
Larry Bergmeier 20 hrs labor & 5 miles [illegible] Reg. mtg.	2216	$775.00
Larry Bergmeier Grader Storage	2217	$200.00
Susan Bergmeier House Rent	2218	$50.00
Josh Dreyer 20 hrs labor & 20 miles [illegible] meeting	2219	$1400.00
Terry Burres 40 hrs labor 40 miles [illegible] meeting	2220	$570.00
Lyle Peet [illegible]	2221	$1000.00

Fuel Supplies

Plymouth Coop fuel ck # 2212 $884.83
Gary Bergmeier 23 HRS MACHINE USE 2213 $1779.00
23 HRS LABOR & REPAIR
Ball Insurance Co. INSURANCE PKG & Work Comp 2214 $5237.00
Bray, Nutt & Assoc. Budget PREP 2215 $650.00
Larry Bergmeier 20 HRS LABOR & 50 MILES 2216 $775.00
ANNUAL & Reg. mtg.
Larry Bergmeier GRADER STORAGE 2217 $200.00
Susan Bergmeier House Rent 2218 $50.00
Josh Novotny 2 HRS LABOR & 20 MILES 2219 $460.00
ANNUAL & Reg meeting
Terry Burress 10 HRS LABOR 40 MILES 2220 $570.00
ANNUAL & Regular meeting
Lyle Probst 3 HRS LABOR 2221 $600.00

THE TOWNSHIP HAS NOT RECEIVED A BILL
FROM THE BEATRICE DAILY SUN.
NOVOTNY MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:20
BERGMEIER SECONDED. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Elm Township
IN
Gage County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 9th day of September 2024, at 7:00 o'clock pm at residence of Larry Bergmeier for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$	64,175.83
2023-2024 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$	55,042.10
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$	76,750.00
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	$	24,736.37
2024-2025 Total Resources Available	$	101,486.37
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$	48,825.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$	292.59

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$	48,825.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$	-

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*** Proof of Publication ***

State of Nebraska)
Gage County) SS.

ELM TOWNSHIP
LARRY BERGMEIER
11272 W OSAGE RD
BEATRICE NE 68342

ORDER NUMBER 1231742

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she/he is a Clerk of the Beatrice Daily Sun, a legal newspaper printed, published and having a general circulation in the County of Gage and State of Nebraska, and that the attached printed notice was published in said newspaper and that said newspaper is the legal newspaper under the statues of the State of Nebraska.

The above facts are within my personal knowledge and are further verified by my personal inspection of each notice in each of said issues.

Clerk of the Beatrice Daily Sun

Signature Theresa Daly Date 9/13/24

Section: ROP
Category: ROP
PUBLISHED ON: 09/04/2024

TOTAL AD COST:	127.95
FILED ON:	9/13/2024

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me on

Sep 13, 20 24

UVA Boone Notary Public

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
UVA BOONE
My Comm. Exp. January 31, 2025

Meeting held at Larry Bergmeier Home at 7:00 pm.
Starting Balance is $40,886.00. Spot Rock was turned
into County Hwy. Dept. Spring Allotment of 2023 Has been
Delivered.

5-6-24	Equipment Blades Inc.	New Style Blades	2202	4979.87
5-16-24	Mantsch	Fuel	2203	1344.21
	Red Alert Silos	Rock	2204	421.31
	Larry Bergmeier	21 Hrs 110 miles & mtg. grader OI	2205	676.59
	Josh Novotny	4 Hrs & mtg.	2206	130.00
	Terry Burns	11 Hrs, 70. miles & mtg	2207	305.00

9-6-2023

Annual Township meeting held at Larry Bergmeier Home at 7:00pm. $62,343.59 is the Beginning Bank Balance. Chairman Chris Peterson was unable to attend. Patron John Novotny was in attendance. Bergmeier made motion to approve Budget of $47,400.00. Bures Seconded. All in favor. Bures made motion to approve an additional 1/2% increase in the funds subject to limitation. Bergmeier seconded. All in favor. Bergmeier made a motion to request an audit waiver. Bures seconded. All voted in favor. Bergmeier made motion to raise annual salary from $250.00 to $300.00. Bures seconded. All voted in favor. Bergmeier made motion for beginning grader wage to be $20.00/hr and an experienced operator wage to be $22.00/hr. Bures seconded. All voted in favor. Fall gravel allotment was discussed.

Bills paid:

Bryant & Assoc.	Budget Prep	2173	$650.00
Ball Ins.	Comm. Pkg & Work Comp	2174	5340.00
John Deere Financial	Payment	2175	16,583.01
Murphy	Grader Repairs	2176	3299.15
Farmers Coop	Tire Repair	2177	290.00
Maatsch Oil	Fuel	2178	1805.78
Chris Peterson	1/2 of Annual Budget	2179	150.00
Larry Bergmeier	Reg & Annual mtg. Grader Storage 31 hrs. & 65 miles	2180	1271.00
Terry Bures	Reg & Annual mtg 15 hrs & 40 miles	2181	674.00
Susan Bergmeier		2182	50.00

Bures made motion to adjourn meeting at 8:25 Bergmeier seconded. All voted in favor.