# NEBRASKA AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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State Auditor

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November 13, 2025

Columbus Township Platte County
P. O. Box 1454
Columbus, NE 68602-1454

RE: Columbus Township Platte County

Dear Board:

We have received and reviewed the audit waiver request for the Columbus Township Platte County for the fiscal year 2025. **The 2025 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

# 2025-2026
# STATE OF NEBRASKA
# GENERAL BUDGET FORM

**Columbus Township**

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF
Platte County

**This budget is for the Period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026**

## 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:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| $ | 229,787.00 | A1 | Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes |
| | | A2 | Principal and Interest on Bonds |
| $ | 229,787.00 | A3 | **Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required** |

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of July 1, 2025

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| - | A4 | Principal |
| - | A5 | Interest |
| $ - | A6 | **Total Bonded Indebtedness** |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1,100,373,317 | A7 | **Total General Fund Certified Valuation (All Counties)** |

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

**County Clerk's Use ONLY**

AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
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SEP 29 2025
STATE OF NEBRASKA

**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, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[X] YES [ ] 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, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[ ] 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 9-30-2025

**Submit budget to:**

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

# Columbus Township in Platte County

| Line No. | TOTAL ALL FUNDS | Actual 2023 - 2024 (Column 1) | | Actual/Estimated 2024 - 2025 (Column 2) | | **Adopted Budget 2025 - 2026** (Column 3) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:** | | | | | | |
| 2 | Beginning Net Cash Balance | 220,409.00 | B1 | 158,742.00 | B29 | 172,226.00 | B57 |
| 3 | Investments | 88,828.00 | B2 | 191,940.00 | B30 | 197,279.00 | B58 |
| 4 | County Treasurer's Balance | 1,031.00 | B3 | 1,440.00 | B31 | 2,267.00 | B59 |
| 5 | **Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 2 thru 4) | **310,268.00** | B4 | **352,122.00** | B32 | **371,772.00** | B60 |
| 6 | Personal and Real Property Taxes **(Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)** | 181,397.00 | B5 | 194,412.00 | B33 | 225,281.37 | B61 |
| 7 | Federal Receipts | - | B6 | 53,760.00 | B34 | - | B62 |
| 8 | State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate **(To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)** | 572.00 | B7 | 581.00 | B35 | 581.00 | B63 |
| 9 | State Receipts: State Aid | - | B8 | - | B36 | - | B64 |
| 10 | State Receipts: Other | 2,624.00 | B9 | 3,258.00 | B37 | - | B65 |
| 11 | State Receipts: Property Tax Credit | 18,696.00 | B10 | 23,760.00 | B38 | | |
| 12 | Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax | - | B11 | - | B39 | - | B66 |
| 13 | Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax **(To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)** | - | B12 | - | B40 | - | B67 |
| 14 | Local Receipts: Other | 5,910.00 | B13 | 8,505.00 | B41 | 15,000.00 | B68 |
| 15 | Transfers In Of Surplus Fees **(To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)** | - | B14 | - | B42 | - | B69 |
| 16 | Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28) | - | B15 | - | B43 | - | B70 |
| 17 | **Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 16) | **519,467.00** | B16 | **636,398.00** | B44 | **612,634.37** | B71 |
| 18 | **Disbursements & Transfers:** | | | | | | |
| 19 | Operating Expenses | 155,463.00 | B17 | 164,626.00 | B45 | 200,000.00 | B72 |
| 20 | Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements) | - | B18 | - | B46 | - | B73 |
| 21 | Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.) | 11,882.00 | B19 | 100,000.00 | B47 | 372,000.00 | B74 |
| 22 | Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments | - | B20 | - | B48 | - | B75 |
| 23 | Debt Service: Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans **(Public Airports)** | - | B21 | - | B49 | - | B76 |
| 24 | Debt Service: Payments to Bank Loans & Other Instruments **(Fire Districts)** | - | B22 | - | B50 | - | B77 |
| 25 | Debt Service: Other | - | B23 | - | B51 | - | B78 |
| 26 | Judgments | - | B24 | - | B52 | - | B79 |
| 27 | Transfers Out of Surplus Fees | - | B25 | - | B53 | - | B80 |
| 28 | Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16) | - | B26 | - | B54 | - | B81 |
| 29 | **Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lines 19 thru 28) | **167,345.00** | B27 | **264,626.00** | B55 | **572,000.00** | B82 |
| 30 | **Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 17 - Line 29) | **352,122.00** | B28 | **371,772.00** | B56 | **40,634.37** | B83 |
| 31 | | | | | Cash Reserve Percentage | 20% | B84 |

## PROPERTY TAX RECAP

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tax from Line 6 | 225,281.37 | B85 |
| County Treasurer's Commission at 2% of Line 6 | 4,505.63 | B86 |
| **Total Property Tax Requirement** | **229,787.00** | B87 |

# Columbus Township in Platte 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 | $ | 229,787.00 |
| Sinking Fund | | |
| Bond Fund | $ | - |
| _____ Fund | | |
| **Total Tax Request** | ** $ | 229,787.00 |

** 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 | 1,100,373,317 |
| City/Village Valuation included in Township Valuation | |
| General Fund Tax Rate | 0.020883 |
| Township Taxes within City/Village | - |
| 50% of Township Taxes within City/Village | - |
| Projected Township Taxes to be collected | 229,787.00 |

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 | $ 40,634.37 |
| Remaining Cash Reserve | $ 40,634.37 |
| Remaining Cash Reserve % | 20% |

# CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

## ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

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

| | |
|---|---|
| NAME | **Sandy Bargmann** |
| ADDRESS | **P.O. Box 1454** |
| CITY & ZIP CODE | **Columbus 68602-1454** |
| TELEPHONE | **402-910-0853** |
| WEBSITE | |

| | BOARD CHAIRPERSON | CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER | PREPARER |
|---|---|---|---|
| NAME | Steve Blaser | Sandy Bargmann | Adam Elm, CPA |
| TITLE /FIRM NAME | Chairperson | | Schumacher, Smejkal & Elm, P.C. |
| TELEPHONE | 402-563-3875 | 402-910-0853 | 402-564-1366 |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | | sandy.bargmann@gmail.com | adam@gotcpas.com |

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

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [X] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [ ] 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.

# Columbus Township in Platte County

## 2025-2026 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

| Line No. | Calculation of Restricted Funds | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements | | | 229,787.00 C1 |
| (2) | Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate | | | 581.00 C2 |
| (3) | In-Lieu of Tax Payments | | | - C3 |
| (4) | Transfers of Surplus Fees | | | - C4 |
| | Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Restricted Funds. | | | |
| (5) | Prior Year Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds (From 2024-2025 Lid Exceptions, Line (10)) | - C5 | | |
| (6) | **LESS:** Amount Spent During 2024-2025 | - C6 | | |
| (7) | **LESS:** Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years | - C7 | | |
| (8) | Amount to be included as Restricted Funds (**Cannot be a Negative Number**) | | | - C8 |
| (8a) | Nameplate Capacity Tax | | | - C9 |
| (9) | **TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)** | | | **230,368.00** C10 |

| | Lid Exceptions | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (10) | Capital Improvements Budgeted (Purchase of Real Property and Improvements on Real Property) | - C11 | | |
| (11) | **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). | - C12 | | |
| (12) | Allowable Capital Improvements | | | - C13 |
| (13) | Bonded Indebtedness | | | - C14 |
| (14) | Public Facilities Construction Projects (Statute 72-2301 to 72-2308) **(Fire Districts & Hospital Districts Only)** | | | - C15 |
| (15) | Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements | | | - C16 |
| (16) | Public Safety Communication Project - Statute 86-416 **(Fire Districts Only)** | | | - C17 |
| (16a) | Benefits Paid Under the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act **(Fire Districts & Airport Authorities Only)** | | | - C18 |
| (17) | Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans from the Department of Aeronautics **(Public Airports Only)** | | | - C19 |
| (18) | Judgments | | | - C20 |
| (19) | Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers | | | - C21 |
| (20) | Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster | | | - C22 |
| (21) | **TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)** | | | - C23 |
| | **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* | | | **230,368.00** C24 |

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

**Columbus Township**
in
**Platte County**

## LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

### 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 | D1 | 533,610.18 |
| | | 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 | D2 | - |
| | | Option 2 - (A) |
| Allowable Percent Increase **Less** Vote Taken (Prior Year Lid Computation Form Line (6) - Line (5)) | D3 | - % |
| | | Option 2 - (B) |
| Dollar Amount of Allowable Increase Excluding the vote taken (Line (A) times Line (B)) | D4 | - |
| | | Option 2 - (C) |
| **Calculated Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority** (Line (A) Plus Line (C)) = | D5 | - |
| | | Option 2 - (1) |

### CURRENT YEAR ALLOWABLE INCREASES

1 **BASE LIMITATION PERCENT INCREASE (2.5%)** — D6: 2.50 % (2)

2 **ALLOWABLE GROWTH PER THE ASSESSOR MINUS 2.5%** — D7: - % (3)

| 14,035,511.00 | / | 1,059,285,409.00 | = | 1.33 % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025 Growth per Assessor | | 2024 Valuation | | Multiply times 100 To get % |

3 **ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT BOARD APPROVED INCREASE** — D8: 1.00 % (4)

| 3 | / | 3 | = | 100.00 % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| # of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase | | Total # of Members in Governing Body at Meeting | | 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** — D9: - % (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) | D10 | 3.50 % |
| | | (6) |
| Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Restricted Funds = Line (1) x Line (6) | D11 | 18,676.36 |
| | | (7) |
| Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7) | D12 | 552,286.54 |
| | | (8) |
| **Less:** Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule | D13 | 230,368.00 |
| | | (9) |
| Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9) | D14 | 321,918.54 |
| | | (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.**

Columbus Township in Platte County

## 2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTIONS

| Description of Capital Improvement | Amount Budgeted |
|---|---|

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

# REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

## REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

**Columbus Township** — SUBDIVISION NAME

**Platte County** — COUNTY

| Parties to Agreement (Column 1) | Agreement Period (Column 2) | Description (Column 3) | Amount Used as Lid Exemption (Column 4) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Butler Township, Platte Co Columbus Township, Platte Co | N/A | Maintenance and snow removal on specified roads in Butler Township on an as needed basis at a specified hourly rate. | |
| Oconee Township, Platte Co Columbus Township, Platte Co | N/A | Maintenance and snow removal on specified roads shared by the two townships. Operations allocated between townships at specified annual rates. | |
| Platte County, Columbus Township, Platte Co | N/A | Maintenance and snow removal on non-mail route roads in the townships and in certain sub-divisions in the townships. | |
| Platte County Weed Control Authority Columbus Township, Platte Co | N/A | Control of noxious weeds on rights-of-way of Township maintained roads at a specified annual rate. | |
| Columbus Township Whitetail Subdivision in Platte Co. | N/A | Reimburse cost of snow removal. | |
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| | | **From Page 2** | $ - |

Total Amount used as Lid Exemption $ -

# REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

## REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

| Columbus Township | Platte County |
|---|---|
| SUBDIVISION NAME | COUNTY |

List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Names under which the political subdivision conducted business.

## CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

*(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 2025**

*(certification required on or before August 20th, of each year)*

**TO:** COLUMBUS TOWNSHIP
MARK FOUST
3811 SE 2 ST
COLUMBUS NE 68601

**TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: PLATTE**

| Name of Political Subdivision | Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU) | Allowable Growth Value | Total Taxable Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| COLUMBUS TWP | Township | 14,035,511 | 1,100,373,317 |

** Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

I KARI URKOSKI, PLATTE 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.

Kari S. Urkoski
*(signature of county assessor)*

8-14-25
*(date)*

CC: County Clerk, PLATTE 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.*

Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only 167,334,395 Pers Prior 891,349,834 Real Prior
148,834,871 Pers Value 959,488,446 Real Value

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-18**

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the county board; and

WHEREAS, the townships and fire districts have sent resolutions to the Platte County Clerk for a preliminary tax request for fiscal year 2025-2026;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Platte County Board of Supervisors have limited the levy for fiscal year 2025-2026 as follows:

TOWNSHIPS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Columbus | .043539 | Lost Creek | .043539 |
| Bismark | .043539 | Loup | .043539 |
| Burrows | .043539 | Monroe | .043539 |
| Butler | .043539 | Oconee | .043539 |
| Creston | .043539 | St. Bernard | .043539 |
| Grand Prairie | .043539 | Shell Creek | .043539 |
| Granville | .043539 | Sherman | .043539 |
| Humphrey | .043539 | Walker | .043539 |
| Joliet | .043539 | Woodville | .043539 |

FIRE DISTRICTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Columbus .055732 | Monroe .055732 |
| Creston .055732 | Lindsay .055732 |
| Duncan .055732 | Platte Center .055732 |
| Humphrey .055732 | |

Ag Society ---------.007468

Dated this 26th day of August 2025.

Jennifer E. Brown
County Clerk

Kimberly Kwapnioski
Board of Supervisors

COLUMBUS TOWNSHIP IN PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

FOR THE BUDGET YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

The budget presents, to the best of management's knowledge and belief, the expected cash receipts, cash disbursements, cash reserves, and the requisite property tax as required for the budget period. Accordingly, the budget reflects management's judgement as of the date of budget adoption, of the expected conditions and its expected course of action. The assumptions disclosed herein are those that management believes are significant to the budget. There will usually be differences between the budgeted and actual results, because events and circumstances frequently do not occur as expected, and those differences may be material.

Nature of Presentation

The accompanying budget statements and tax request include statements of budgeted receipts, disbursements, and necessary cash reserves of the various funds of the Township which are maintained by Township authorities for the operation, maintenance, and management of Township services, activities, and projects. These budgeted statements are prepared to comply with the budget filing requirements of the State of Nebraska.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying budget uses the cash basis of accounting that the Township uses for record keeping and financial reporting purposes, which differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Receipts

Receipts are budgeted based on expected receipts from local, state, federal, other (non-revenue), and property tax sources. Expected receipts are based on the estimated information, including prior years' actual receipts. Property taxes are budgeted at an amount necessary to result in a balanced budget (i.e. total requirements must be equal to total receipts available for each fund).

Disbursements

Budgeted disbursements are based on expected amounts necessary to provide for the operation and maintenance of Township facilities. Budgeted disbursements include equipment purchases and replacement, other anticipated capital disbursements, and, if applicable, debt payments.

# NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Columbus Township
IN
Platte 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 17th day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at Total Car Care 3811 SE 2nd St Columbus, NE 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. The regular board meeting of the Columbus Township will commence immediately upon adjournment of the preceding budget hearing, which will begin at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 17th day of September, 2025, and continue until all attendee testimony has concluded.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers | $ | 167,345.00 |
| 2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers | $ | 264,626.00 |
| 2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers | $ | 572,000.00 |
| 2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve | $ | 40,634.37 |
| 2025-2026 Total Resources Available | $ | 612,634.37 |
| Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement | $ | 229,787.00 |
| Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year | $ | 321,918.54 |

**Breakdown of Property Tax:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes | $ | 229,787.00 |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds | $ | - |

Cut Off Here Before Sending To Printer

SEE ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

Budget Hearing

Columbus Township Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17th, 2025

Open Meeting Laws were on display

The Budget hearing Meeting of the Columbus Township was called to order by Steve Blaser at 7:00 PM at the Total Car Care office.

Roll Call was taken and present were Steve Blaser, Sandy Bargmann and Mark Foust.

Meeting Notice was Published on September 3rd, 2025 in the Humphrey Democrat.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mark Foust with a motion to approve the minutes as read by Mark Foust. Motion seconded by Steve Blaser. Steve yes, Sandy yes and Mark Yes.

New Business:

Legal notice printed in Humphrey Democrat on 9/3/2025 Notice included information on past, current & proposed disbursement, the upcoming Personal & Real property tax requirement and other pertinent budget information.

Three copies of the complete budget documents were available for public inspection.

Budget was presented. Presentation included comparison between the current year budget & the prior year budget, the tax levy, the tax request, current year disbursements and prior year disbursements. Presentation as required by LB 148 was accomplished.

Approve the additional 1.0% increase in the Budget: Motion was made by Sandy Bargmann to approve the additional 1.0% increase. The motion was seconded by Steve Blaser. Steve yes, Sandy yes and Mark yes.

Request Audit Waiver: Motion was made by Sandy Bargmann to request to waive a financial audit. The motion was seconded by Steve Blaser. Steve yes, Sandy yes and Mark yes.

Correspondence and Guest Comments: Allowance was made for the public to comment, ask questions or make suggestions but no members of the public were present

Adjournment was done by Steve Blaser at 7:25 PM.

Columbus Township

Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17th, 2025

Open Meeting Laws were on display

The Annual Meeting of the Columbus Township was called to order by Steve Blaser at 7:30 PM

at the Total Car Care office.

Roll Call was taken and present were Steve Blaser, Sandy Bargmann, Mark Foust.

Meeting Notice was published on September 3rd, 2025 in the Humphrey Democrat.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mark Foust with a motion to approve the

minutes as read by Mark Foust. Motion was seconded by Steve Blaser. Sandy voted yes, Steve voted

yes, Mark voted yes.

Old Business:

Grader operations and road conditions.

New Business:

Sandy made a motion to approve proposed 2025-2026 budget, as presented at Budget Hearing meeting earlier on September 17th, 2025. Steve seconded motion, Steve voted yes, Sandy voted yes and Mark voted yes.

Correspondence and Guest Comments: There were none.

Adjournment was done by Steve at 7:35 PM.

THE HUMPHREY DEMOCRAT
HUMPHREY, NEBRASKA 68642-0158

# Affidavit of Publication

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COUNTY OF PLATTE) ss.

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1 successive weeks
more particularly stated as follows:

**IN THE ISSUES OF:**

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025
Wednesday, , 20
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this
3rd day of
September 20 25

Notary Public

(SEAL)

State of Nebraska – General Notary
SARAH JANE KESSLER
My Commission Expires
December 15, 2027

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**MEETING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting of the Columbus Township Board of Platte County will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at Total Car Care, 3811 SE 2nd St. Columbus, Nebraska. A current agenda will be posted for Public inspection 24 hours before the meeting at Total Car Care, 3811 SE 2nd St., Columbus, Nebraska.

Mark Foust, Clerk
Sept. 3, 2025
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**IN THE ISSUES OF:**

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025
Wednesday, _____, 20
Wednesday, _____, 20
Wednesday, _____, 20
Wednesday, _____, 20

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of September, 20 25

Sarah Jane Kessler
Notary Public

(SEAL)

State of Nebraska – General Notary
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## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Columbus Township
IN
Platte County, Nebraska ZNEZ

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 17th day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at Total Car Care 3811 SE 2nd St Columbus, NE 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. The regular board meeting of the Columbus Township will commence immediately upon adjournment of the preceding budget hearing, which will begin at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 17th day of September, 2025, and continue until all attendee testimony has concluded.

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| 2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers | $ | 167,345.00 |
| 2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers | $ | 264,626.00 |
| 2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers | $ | 572,000.00 |
| 2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve | $ | 40,634.37 |
| 2025-2026 Total Resources Available | $ | 612,634.37 |
| Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement | $ | 229,787.00 |
| Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year | $ | 321,918.54 |
| **Breakdown of Property Tax:** | | |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes | $ | 229,787.00 |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds | $ | - |

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Columbus Township Board

Date: March 12th, 2025

Open meeting laws were on display.

The Monthly Meeting of the Columbus Township Board was called to order by Steve Blaser at 7:00 PM at the Total Car Care office.

Roll Call was taken and present were Steve Blaser, Sandy Bargmann, Mark Foust. Bill Forney not present. Randi Hale here to finish financing paper work.

Meeting Notice was published in the March 5th, 2025 Humphrey Democrat.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mark Foust with Mark making a motion to approve the minutes as read by Mark. Motion was seconded by Steve. Steve, Sandy and Mark voted yes.

Bills presented for approval were read by Sandy Bargmann with Sandy making a motion to approve the bills as read by Sandy. Motion was seconded by Steve. Steve, Sandy and Mark voted yes.

Treasurer's Report was read by Sandy Bargmann with Sandy making a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read by Sandy. Motion was seconded by Steve. Steve, Sandy and Mark voted yes.

Old Business:

Randi Hale here to finish financing paperwork

New Business:

No new business

Correspondence: none

Next meeting: April 9th, 2025, @ 7:00 pm

Adjournment @ 7:30 pm