# NEBRASKA AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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State Auditor

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November 18, 2025

Ridgeley Township Dodge County
1110 County Road K
Scribner, NE 68037-

RE: Ridgeley Township Dodge County

Dear Board:

We have received and reviewed the audit waiver request for the Ridgeley Township Dodge 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

**Ridgeley Township**

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF
Dodge 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:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| $ | 96,836.00 | A1 | Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes |
| | | A2 | Principal and Interest on Bonds |
| $ | 96,836.00 | A3 | **Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required** |

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of July 1, 2025

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 195,553,585 | A7 | **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, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[ ] 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, 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

Ridgeley Township in Dodge 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 | 190,752.00 | B1 | 220,146.77 | B29 | 216,414.93 | B57 |
| 3 | Investments | - | B2 | - | B30 | - | B58 |
| 4 | County Treasurer's Balance | 66.61 | B3 | 958.19 | B31 | 738.70 | B59 |
| 5 | **Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 2 thru 4) | **190,818.61** | B4 | **221,104.96** | B32 | **217,153.63** | B60 |
| 6 | Personal and Real Property Taxes **(Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)** | 76,900.91 | B5 | 80,512.87 | B33 | 94,937.25 | B61 |
| 7 | Federal Receipts | - | B6 | - | B34 | - | B62 |
| 8 | State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate **(To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)** | 243.81 | B7 | 240.37 | B35 | 250.00 | B63 |
| 9 | State Receipts: State Aid | - | B8 | - | B36 | - | B64 |
| 10 | State Receipts: Other | 82.25 | B9 | 179.70 | B37 | - | B65 |
| 11 | State Receipts: Property Tax Credit | 9,827.54 | B10 | 12,927.08 | B38 | | |
| 12 | Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax | 115.85 | B11 | 128.30 | B39 | 135.00 | B66 |
| 13 | Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax **(To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)** | 15.36 | B12 | 15.36 | B40 | 20.00 | B67 |
| 14 | Local Receipts: Other | 6,149.03 | B13 | 217.00 | B41 | - | 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) | **284,153.36** | B16 | **315,325.64** | B44 | **312,495.88** | B71 |
| 18 | **Disbursements & Transfers:** | | | | | | |
| 19 | Operating Expenses | 50,687.08 | B17 | 85,810.69 | B45 | 113,000.00 | B72 |
| 20 | Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements) | - | B18 | - | B46 | - | B73 |
| 21 | Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.) | - | B19 | - | B47 | 180,000.00 | 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 | 12,361.32 | B23 | 12,361.32 | B51 | 14,000.00 | 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) | **63,048.40** | B27 | **98,172.01** | B55 | **307,000.00** | B82 |
| 30 | **Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 17 - Line 29) | **221,104.96** | B28 | **217,153.63** | B56 | **5,495.88** | B83 |
| 31 | | | | | Cash Reserve Percentage | 4% | B84 |

| **PROPERTY TAX RECAP** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Tax from Line 6 | 94,937.25 | B85 |
| | County Treasurer's Commission at 2% of Line 6 | 1,898.75 | B86 |
| | **Total Property Tax Requirement** | **96,836.00** | B87 |

# Ridgeley Township in Dodge 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 | $ | 96,836.00 |
| Sinking Fund | | |
| Bond Fund | $ | - |
| _____ Fund | | |
| **Total Tax Request** | ** $ | 96,836.00 |

** 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 | 195,553,585 |
| City/Village Valuation included in Township Valuation | |
| General Fund Tax Rate | 0.049519 |
| Township Taxes within City/Village | - |
| 50% of Township Taxes within City/Village | - |
| Projected Township Taxes to be collected | 96,836.00 |

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 | $ | 5,495.88 |
| Remaining Cash Reserve | $ | 5,495.88 |
| Remaining Cash Reserve % | | 4% |

# CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

**ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS**

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

| | |
|---|---|
| NAME | **Amanda Johnson** |
| ADDRESS | **1110 Co Rd K** |
| CITY & ZIP CODE | **Scribner, 68037** |
| TELEPHONE | **402-719-8250** |
| WEBSITE | |

| | BOARD CHAIRPERSON | CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER | PREPARER |
|---|---|---|---|
| NAME | Steven Helgenberger | Amanda Johnson | Tia Fuhr |
| TITLE /FIRM NAME | Chairperson | Treasurer | Oelkers & Associates, LLC |
| TELEPHONE | 402-720-0628 | 402-719-8250 | 402-693-2202 |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | | | |

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

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [XXX] 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.

# Ridgeley Township in Dodge County

## 2025-2026 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

| Line No. | Calculation of Restricted Funds | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements | 96,836.00 | C1 |
| (2) | Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate | 250.00 | C2 |
| (3) | In-Lieu of Tax Payments | 20.00 | 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)** | **97,106.00** | 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* | **97,106.00** | C24 |

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

**Ridgeley Township**
in
**Dodge 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 | 93,889.37 |
| | | 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)

| 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 | 3,286.13 |
| | | (7) |
| Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7) | D12 | 97,175.50 |
| | | (8) |
| **Less:** Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule | D13 | 97,106.00 |
| | | (9) |
| Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9) | D14 | 69.50 |
| | | (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.**

Ridgeley Township in Dodge County

## 2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTIONS

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

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

# NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Ridgeley Township
IN
Dodge 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 2nd day of September 2025, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. at Mel's Bar & Lounge 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.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers | $ | 63,048.40 |
| 2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers | $ | 98,172.01 |
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| Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year | $ | 69.50 |

**Breakdown of Property Tax:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes | $ | 96,836.00 |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds | $ | - |

Cut Off Here Before Sending To Printer

# BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting of Ridgeley Township was held the 2nd day of September, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Rustler Sentinel newspaper on the 27th day of August, 2025.

**Board Members:**

| Present | Absent |
|---|---|
| Steve Helgenberger | |
| Amanda Johnson | |
| Marvin Piper | |

**1% Increase in Restricted Funds Authority**

A motion was made by Marvin Piper and seconded by Amanda Johnson to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%.

3 Ayes 0 Nays Motion: Passed ☑ Failed ☐

**Request for Audit Waiver**

A motion was made by Steve Helgenberger and seconded by Marvin Piper to request an audit waiver for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

3 Ayes 0 Nays Motion: Passed ☑ Failed ☐

**Budget Approval**

A motion was made by Amanda Johnson and seconded by Steve Helgenberger to approve the Ridgeley Township budget as proposed.

3 Ayes 0 Nays Motion: Passed ☑ Failed ☐

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Marvin Piper and seconded by Amanda Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

3 Ayes 0 Nays Motion: Passed ☑ Failed ☐

**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 2025**

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

To: RIDGELEY TOWNSHIP

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF DODGE COUNTY, NE

| Name of Political Subdivision | Subdivision Type | Allowable Growth Value | Total Taxable Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| RIDGELEY GEN | Township | $601,255 | $195,553,585 |

* Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (i) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (ii) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (iii) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (iv) a change in the use of real property, (v) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (vi) 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 , , Dodge County, NE 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.

BRANDY MARSHALL
(signature of county assessor)

08/15/2025
(date)

CC: County Clerk, Dodge County, NE County

CC: County Clerk where district is headquartered, if different county, Dodge County, NE 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)

# June 26th 2025 Ridgeley Meeting

- Approved Preliminary Levy Allocation
- Went over Bills
  - Bill from Brady
    - Steve checking on that w/ Co. Price
- Darrin Bjarklund
  - Bid - $25 /Ton Delivered
  - Stamped Scale Ticket Per load

- Steve - Yes
- Amanda - Yes
- Marvin - Yes

## Proof of Publication

State of Nebraska )

) ss.

County of Dodge )

Kathy Lodl, being first duly sworn, deposes and says she is the Publisher of the Hooper-Scribner Rustler Sentinel, a weekly legal newspaper having a bona fide circulation of more than 300 copies published in Hooper, Nebraska; and said newspaper has been published for at least 52 consecutive weeks prior to publication of attached notice; that said publication is of general circulation; that attached notice was published

One (1) times on

August 27, 2025

Kathy Lodl
(Signature)

Subscribed to me in my presence and sworn to before me this

27th day of August, 2025

Shelly M. Stockamp
Notary Public

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
SHELLY M STOCKAMP
My Comm. Exp. March 7, 2027

Publication Fee $ 99.00

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