VILLAGE of SUTHERLAND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUDGET HEARING
September 23, 2026 @6:00 PM

The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Budget Hearing on September 23, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Village of Sutherland Meeting Room, located at 1200 First Street, Sutherland, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was given by posting notice in four public places, the designated method by the Village Board of Trustees. The agenda for this meeting was kept continuously current and available for inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk. Trustee Members present upon roll call were Scott Meyer, Kimberly Backer, Felicia Patrick, Derek Dempcy, and Justin Nelms. Also present were Attorney Rory Roundtree, Village Clerk Bonnie Ralston, and Superintendent Casey Kendall. Guests present at this meeting were Robert Meyer with RJ Meyer and Associates, Jim Dickerson, Spencer Hampton, Bre McConnell, Brett Webster, Kyle Stevenson, Muriel Clark, and Trenda Seifer. If all the names are not included, it is only by error, absence of signature or undecipherable signature in the guest book.

Chairman Meyer called for a roll call, recognized a quorum was present and called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M. Meyer also gave notice of the Open Meetings Act poster on the west wall and of proper procedure for guests.

The 2026-2027 proposed budget statement was presented. R. Meyer was present to discuss the budget with the Board. R. Meyer attended the September 9, 2026, Board of Trustees regular meeting and presented a draft budget for the Board's consideration. Meyer reminded the Board that the total tax request for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is $525,000.00. Tax request for the 2025-2026 fiscal year was $495,000.00. The valuation for the Village of Sutherland was approximately $117 million, which is up from the approximately $114 million the previous year. This is an approximate 2% increase in valuation. The tax rate went up from .436 last year to .446 this year. R. Meyer did break out a portion of that tax request for bonds. $450,000 is the general tax request, the remaining $70,000 is for the general obligation bond. R. Meyer discussed with the Board the cash amounts over the last few audits and stated that the cash amounts are dropping, this is why the tax amounts need to be raised, to stop the cash amounts from dropping further. Meyer explained the process of figuring the estimated spending, saying that the actual spending is entered for the 10 months that have gone by, that number is divided by 10 and multiplied by 12, this gives the village a guess on what estimated spending would be. The cash numbers given by Meyer were from previous years' audits, and so are actual numbers. Overall, the village has budget receipts of approximately 7.7 million, this includes beginning balances and state and county payments such as highway allocation. This sales tax, and revenue accounts. Estimated expenses are 6.8 million. Traditionally the Village spends about half of this amount. Budget amounts are higher to make sure repairs can be covered without amending the budget. The tax lid and exceptions the village would be eligible for were discussed, as was allowable growth. R. Meyer felt there was nothing unusual with the budget. Patrick asked if the emailed comment from Frank Fleecs had been received. Chairman Meyer told those in attendance that there is a public comment in the back of the packet concerning the budget. Chairman Meyer asked if Sutherland was comparable to other towns of this size in regard to the mill levy request. R. Meyer stated that the village is right in line

with others of the same size. He said that some max their request yearly. Cutting the request is not something Meyer suggests happen. Trenda Seifer asked to address the Board about the estimated sales tax receipts. She expressed concerns about the loss of sales tax monies with the closing of the grocery store. R. Meyer said that is hard to predict those numbers. Discussion was held of who is tax exempt and the sales taxes being applied to any online shopping. With no further comments, Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion Patrick to adjourn the Budget Hearing. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Nelms, Patrick, Meyer, Backer Dempcy. Voting no: none. Meyer adjourned the Budget Hearing at 6:19 P.M.

These minutes are set to be approved at the next Board of Trustees regular meeting on October 9, 2024.

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Scott Meyer, Chairperson
Board of Trustees, Village of Sutherland

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Bonnie Ralston, Village Clerk/Treasurer
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