

CITY OF BURLINGTON
KIT CARSON COUNTY
CITY COUNCIL
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
JOINT
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
4-2019
THE DISH ROOM
218 S LINCOLN STREET
February 25,2019
6:30

1 Call to Order

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Consent Agenda Items

Any consent agenda item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Business if discussion is desired. Otherwise, one motion will pass all items.

4 Public Comment

5 Unfinished Business

- A. Kit Carson County Growth Committee Grant- Jim
- B. Airport Project Discussion/Update- Jim
- C. CDOT Open House-Highway 385 Project Prioritization- Jim
- D. E-911 Telephone Authority Rate Discussion- Paula

6 New Business

7 Reports from City Departments

Administrator- Jim Keehne
Clerk/Treasurer- Shelly Clark

8 Council Comments

9 Adjournment

- A. Mayor Dale Franklin
- B. Mark Burghart
- C. Kamron Weisshaar
- D. Melvin Gilley
- E. Harold McNemey
- F. Greg Swiatkowski

Emergency matters that may come before Council may be discussed with decisions to be ratified at a subsequent Council meeting.



February 25, 2019

City Administrator's Summary Report

February 11 – 25, 2019

Administration

- We have provided Merrick and Company the requested documentation concerning nitrate levels from the wells since the onset of the Order on Consent, end of 2014 through the opening of the blending plant. This information will be compared to nitrate levels from after the blending plant was put on line to assist with creating the final engineering report due to CDPHE as part of the Order on Consent. Again, our wish is that the report is filed and approved by the State this Spring.
- We have been in contact with DOLA regarding funding possibilities for the Taxiway Turnaround at the Airport. DOLA has indicated that due to the competitive process for grant funding, that two grants be submitted for this project, one through their Rural Economic Development Initiative Grant, the other through Energy and Mineral Impact Grant. Both are due by March 15th though funding needs are addressed differently in narratives. I am currently working with Daniel to get all the updated information together for this project so that grant applications can be completed. Last meeting you were apprised of a grant opportunity for the construction of a taxiway turnaround to be located at the South end of the airport runway. This project is a part of our Airport Master Plan and is estimated to cost \$1.32 million. The FAA will fund \$1.2 million of the project, leaving \$132,000 to be funded through State and Local Government. The State (CDOT) will fund \$66,000, Kit Carson County has agreed to fund \$16,500, the City will fund \$16,500.
- John Flynn of Aspen Rhodes, the entity who has expressed interest in purchasing and re-purposing Core Civics facility, for the processing of Hemp and the extraction of CBD oils, has been provided with contact information at Core Civic regarding property acquisition. Core Civic has indicated they are still awaiting word from the Federal end regarding use of this facility as an ICE holding facility prior to engaging in discussions with interested parties in purchasing the property.
- A preliminary meeting was scheduled with the existing members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, held on Friday, February 15 at 4:30 PM, at City Hall. Discussion was on the authority of the planning and zoning committee and what their role is in the community. Additionally, a brief update was provided on what they will be facing in the future and the importance of ongoing training. The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2019, 4:00 P.M. at the Community Center.
- The Kit Carson County Growth Committee has not met this month due to conflicting schedules, and ongoing weather concerns. Since we last have met, A grant has been developed which will be submitted to DOLA for funding half of our initiative. A copy of the narrative has been attached for your review. If you would like to see changes made, please let me know over the next week as to what they would be so that change may be affected prior to pushing the submit button. The grant is through DOLA, there REDI grant program.
- We have been apprised of an issue at the Community Center regarding settling of the building which has caused water intrusion into the North end of the building when water runoff pools against the building, leaching in to the interior. We are currently having the situation assessed by private contractors to resolve the issue and cause water to be placed in the grass area where ground slopes slightly to the North towards the parking lot. The fix is going to take time though for the time being we are trying to dry up the interior and exterior of the structure and apply

caulking to mitigate the water intrusion. This is a temporary stop-gap measure that will provide us with time needed to properly address the problem.

Operations

- Water/Wastewater
 - Transmitter at Well 11 has been replaced, Flow meter has been tested and is operational. Prior to placing well 11 back on line and into the distribution system, testing of the water for bacteria was performed. Testing indicated the presence of bacteria, isolated to the pipe between the well head and the pump house. This pipe has been loaded with chlorine to decontaminate, has been bled off, and new sampling has been taken. Results from the second round of bacterial tasting were negative for the presence of bacteria. Well 11 is on line and operating appropriately.
 - Distribution of Cross Contamination/Backflow Prevention Surveys has been completed. Distribution of test compliance letters has been completed. Preparing for year-end report to be filed with State by end of March. Currently working with CDPHE to regarding backflow prevention and cross contamination to ensure our testing methods, procedures, and records are in compliance. We have received word from the Backflow and Cross Contamination that our methods, procedures and percentages are in line with our agreement with the State.
 - Testing of Lead and Copper piping has been initiated. This is a 40-day process so test results will not be back for a while yet.
- Parks
 - Parmer Park men's bathroom vandalized again at night, February 21st. Stalls were torn from wall. Police report was made, determining costs involved at this time.
 - Boards for bleachers are being either being painted or replaced.
 - Maintenance of equipment is underway.
 - Painting of trash cans has been completed.
- Streets
 - Addressing drainage issues around 5th street to ensure open flow of drainage concerns, cleanout and planning of drainage concerns in area. Will be working with local contractor (property owner in affected area) to address concerns.
 - Alley reparations underway to smooth, level, and keep open.
 - Cold patch applied to pothole areas during winter months
 - Tree trimming in alleyways taking place, working with electric department to address tree trimming.
 - Beginning process for 2019 Street Improvements based on budget.
 - Street sweeper is in for repairs to get ready for spring clean-up. Upper and lower bearings for brooms are being replaced as well as conveyor system rehabilitation.
 - Chemical/Fertilizer bids out this week.
- Electric
 - Developing bid specs for pole replacement plan. Working with Osmosis to provide costs for testing of poles identified to be replaced.
 - Job Announcement for vacant position has been generated and posted. To date, we have received 13 letters of interest in the position, most of which are from out of the area. Applications will continue to be accepted until the end of the month at which time interviews will be

conducted by phone. Top candidates will be asked to come and test with us once the interview process is complete.

- Have inventoried items left behind by Main Electric as part of the conversion project. These items for which there is a use we will keep. Those without usage will be returned to Main Electric.

Public Safety

- Carpet has been installed throughout the PD. LED lighting has been installed to replace the old fluorescents. Painting of walls has almost been completed. All of this has provided for quite the facelift to the PD providing staff with an office space in which they want to work.
- The PD continues to receive notice that funding will be forthcoming on the JAG grant, developed to replace the departmental report management system. E-Force, the vendor of the new system has been notified, and ready to implement program once funding is received. Hopefully by month end, funding will be in hand.
- Development of hiring/promotional/retention program in process.
- Animal Shelter rehabilitation is taking place to bring shelter into compliance with state standards. Also developing MOU with EPAWA for sheltering of animals.

Library

- Implementing circulation weeding process for 2019 to stay abreast of circulation numbers
- Program development for 2019 underway
- Developing programs for teens to gain in teen demographic usage of the Library
- Ongoing efforts to digitize historical documents with State

Old Town

- Web Site development and design
- Bid specifications published for work to be performed as part of DOLA grant that will address East end rehabilitation, create walkways, and informational signage throughout Old Town.
- Working on digitally cataloguing all inventory assigned as museum in nature, a very tedious and time-consuming process, though one in need of performing.

Activities/Community Center

- Winter activities underway with great participation
- Working with local contractors to identify solution to water leakage issue on North end of building.

IT

- Updating web site to include job descriptions and announcements for open positions, community events, requests for proposals, bid specifications, and public notifications.
- Working with Old Town on website development and design
- Assisted with technological needs at PD as part of remodel.

Airport

- Equipment maintenance and repair is underway.
- Working with entities to identify and repair issues with runway lights, identified as an issue that is grant eligible and will be included as part of Taxiway Turnaround Project
- Working with private entities and Armstrong Consulting to take advantage of work to be performed at no cost to City regarding expansion of services at the Airport
- Working with Armstrong Consultants, FAA, State, Local government entities and DOLA to fund grant project for taxiway turnaround project.
- A lot of snowplowing and keeping runway clear over the last couple of weeks. The weather conditions have hampered the flights in and out of Burlington over the last couple of weeks.

Economic Development

- Shopko closing
- Assisting with the 2020 Census
- Participating in County Growth Committee meetings, research, and grant writing
- Working with private investment group regarding acquisition of Core Civic property

Intergovernmental

- CDOT Open House meeting held February 21st at the Community Center. This was public meeting to assist in the prioritization of CDOT identified safety projects on the Highway 385 corridor, from Cheyenne Wells to the Nebraska State line, approximately 185 miles of Highway. The purpose of the meeting was to allow for public input on a preliminary list of improvement projects identified through previous stakeholder meetings. To date, 79 individual projects along the corridor have been identified. CDOT grouped projects and presented 41 projects at the meeting where they requested public input in prioritizing these projects. The meeting was not well attended, so little feedback was obtained especially on the projects affecting Burlington and Kit Carson County. Provided for you is an information flyer and questionnaire provided at the meeting. Once you review the flyer, please complete the questionnaire and put in the mail or e-mail to the provided address. It is important that those projects that we see as important to our area are addressed and receive high prioritization.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT FROM ROL

Safeway has been contacted by Tom Herman in regard to the building owned by Don Herman that is presently occupied by Shopko. There has been enough interest that Safeway is going to look at the building.

The building is 25,000 square feet. Safeway's present building, which is leased to them by Maurine Mauch, has 17,000 square feet. A move to the Herman building would increase their square footage by 8,000 square feet.

This is a sizeable addition and would certainly allow Safeway to enhance their Burlington store considerably.

Several problems exist with the present Shopko building as far as Safeway is concerned. They prefer to unload merchandise for selling at the back of their stores. Don Herman's Shopko building only has 5 feet of ground in the back of it. So....additional ground would either need to be purchased or leased.

They could possibly purchase or lease from Jerry McArthur on the north side of the building. This would allow them to unload on the side rather than the front of the structure.

I have no idea if Jerry has even been contacted.

All of the above is certainly preliminary and nothing has been decided. I have provided it to you to keep you updated and it is not for the general public.

I know Jim has kept you updated on Hemp over this past month. Every time I visit with someone about Hemp, I walk away thinking..."Can it truly be that fantastic?"

Couple of individuals from Kirk (and, yes, they are growing Hemp in that area) told me last week that some outside individuals are offering \$500 an acre cash rent to land owners.

I would think that would be rather difficult to reject. \$80,000 for a quarter of ground!

I visited with Core Civic about the Kit Carson Correctional facility last week. They are still very positive about it being leased to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

No one knows what is going to happen to the federal budget. It would appear we are heading for the supreme court before it is finally resolved.

Trump may determine that he is going ahead with enlarging the available beds for ICE prisoner before everything goes to the Supreme Court. The present bill he has signed allows for

40,000 beds. There is presently a need for approximately 50,000 beds and Trump has requested that number be increased to 52,000. The bill allows for funding for the 40,000 beds but does not prohibit the president from expanding it to 52,000. However, he must come up with the additional funding to make the expansion.

I am sure that most of you are aware that Tri-State Generation and Transmission is involved with EDP Renewables to install a 104 megawatt turbine farm 20 miles south of Seibert. This is, obviously, territory served by KC Electric Association.

Tri State said they expect to start operating the wind farm in 2020 and it will provide enough electricity to supply, on average, more than 47,000 rural Colorado Homes.

Tri State is also doubling its solar energy power it will receive from the 100 megawatt Spanish Peaks Solar Power north of Trinidad.

Tri State Generation and Transmission Co. supplies power to 43 member electric associations in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Tri State is also a member of Basin Electric Association.

Applicant/Contact Information

Organization: Burlington, City of
Other Eligible Organizations: Bethune, Town of
Flagler, Town of
Kit Carson County
Seibert, Town of
Stratton, Town of
Vona, Town of
Principle Representative: James Keehne

Community Information

Population of Municipality – Burlington 3187
Population of County – 7154
Data Source Used: DOLA Demographics
Community Benefits: Kit Carson County, City of Burlington, Towns of Bethune, Flagler, Seibert, Stratton, and Vona will directly benefit from this project through the development of a strategic planning, marketing and consulting initiative targeted at economic and population growth throughout the entirety of Kit Carson County.

Project Description

Has DOLA Regional Manager been contacted regarding this application: Yes
Project Time Frame: December 01, 2018 – June 30, 2020
Project Type: Local Government Economic Planning and Capacity Grant

Project Name: Kit Carson County Strategic Growth Plan and Target Market Strategy

Project Overview

A Local Government Economic Planning and Capacity Grant providing for strategic planning, target marketing and professional consulting services, aiding in the diversification of the local economies of Kit Carson County as identified in the 2018 Kit Carson County Growth Committee Plan. Specifically, the project combines efforts of Kit Carson County and local communities to collaborate and consult with professional marketing entities engaging in target marketing initiatives concerning area wide growth.

Project Description (Describe your project)

Colorado is comprised of 64 counties, and as a whole experienced greater than 11% population growth since 2010. Of the 64 counties, 21 (33%) have experienced population decline, on average a 4.3% population loss. All counties experiencing population decline are small rural counties with populations less than 30,000, most of which are situated on the Eastern plains. Kit Carson County has experienced the greatest population loss of all Colorado counties with -13.5% change.

Change in Kit Carson County has occurred primarily over the last three years where job loss has occurred in two main economic sectors of the county, the Corrections Industry and the Agricultural Industry. The Kit Carson County Correctional Facility closed its doors in July 2016. This facility, a privately owned and operated correctional facility was opened in 1990 with the ability to house up to 1300 inmates from State institutions that have become overcrowded. On average, from 1990-2016, 800 inmate beds were utilized annually at this facility. This facility provided for jobs and housing for the entire County and added to the economic well being of the County through tax base expenditures and infrastructure repair and maintenance concerns.

The Agricultural sector of the County has also experienced an economic decline resulting in job and population loss. This economic sector has been the mainstay of jobs in the agricultural industry in Kit Carson County, and has provided for a strong economic base in Colorado. The decline in this sector has been realized due to the loss of irrigated land due to state mandates imposed as part of interstate compact agreements on surface and groundwater usage. These mandates have been imposed primarily on Eastern plains counties. Loss of irrigated land has resulted in crop production decline leading to a decline in the agricultural service industry. Additionally, recreational opportunities and activities have been indirectly impacted as a result of the closure of a State Recreational Area, Bonny Dam, due to sanctions imposed on surface and ground water usage in Colorado. Indirect services along the Republican River corridor have all been economically affected due to the closure of this area.

The trickle-down effect of decline in these two industries is experienced through the decline in retail trade and the loss of a major retail outlet, Shopko Hometown. Loss of industry = loss of jobs = economic decline = population loss.

Kit Carson County is comprised of six municipalities, Bethune, Burlington, Flagler, Seibert, Stratton, and Vona. All but Seibert have suffered population decline. The hardest hit has been Burlington where population loss has been North of 25%. Burlington is the county seat of Kit Carson County and the major economic hub in the area. It served as home to the correctional facility, is the major port for the agricultural service industry, and is home base for many of the retail outlets in the county, including Shopko. Affected in Burlington due to population decline has been the construction industry which is virtually nil, professional services have begun to relocate, and overall revenues to county and municipal governments are declining. Declining revenues result in less services offered, infrastructure maintenance and repair projects are tabled, and ultimately job loss occurs.

KIT CARSON COUNTY POPULATION ATTRIBUTES

	2010 CENSUS	2015 DOLA	2017 DOLA	% Change 2010-2017	2025 Projected DOLA	% Change 2017-2025
UNINCORPORATED	2,271	2,256	2,222	-2.16%		
KIT CARSON COUNTY						
BETHUNE	237	235	232	-2.11%		
BURLINGTON	4,253	4,168	3,187	-25.06%		
FLAGLER	561	557	549	-2.14%		
SEIBERT	181	219	216	19.34%		
STRATTON	658	653	644	-2.13%		
VONA	106	105	104	-1.89%		
TOTAL KIT CASON						

COUNTY 8,267 8,193 7,154 -13.46% 7,365 2.95%

(Numbers developed through DOLA Demographics website)

All is not lost! We here in Kit Carson County are very resilient and will continue to search for ways to grow our local area and as a result, our economy. We have weathered the worst of this localized recession projections for our future indicate growth for both economic and population concerns.

PROJECTED POPULATION CHANGE BY AGE GROUP – KIT CARSON COUNTY 2018-2025

AGE GROUP	% CHANGE
85>	7.7%
65-74	11.9%
55-64	-7.9%
25-54	2.9%
16-24	2.8%
0-17	7.7%
ALL AGE GROUPS	3%

(Numbers developed through DOLA Demographics website)

Over the next six years a 3% growth rate for Kit Carson County is predicted. Although a start in the right direction, Kit Carson County will not achieve historical 2010 population numbers until 2041 at the predicted rate of increase. Of concern in the projected population change by age group is continued loss of the 55-64 age group. This represents the loss of the baby boom generation as it ages out and is forced into retirement, migrating into 65+ age groups. This population is generally on fixed incomes thereby not contributing to economic and population growth in communities. Currently, this group is predominately responsible for the brick and mortar businesses in existence today, and by default, employers, and that segment of the population with funds to build, grow, and employ the next generations. This group have been life long earners who have continued to invest and grow in local communities.

The Kit Carson County Growth Committee believes that through the development of a coordinated planning and marketing initiative, designed, developed and implemented by a professional entity with experience in this arena to attract business, jobs, families, and industry to Kit Carson County, thereby improving the population by 10% by year end 2023. Additionally, through continued target market initiatives and a coordinated incentive plan, the County will reach historical population projections by 2025.

Project Timeline and Key Activities (Describe key timelines/activities for the successful completion of this project)

1. Develop list of amenities/services Kit Carson County and Communities have to offer
2. Develop pro/con list of why businesses and people should look to relocate to Kit Carson County
3. Develop business needs assessment and prioritize businesses to attract to area, for each community, by industry, for niche marketing purposes.

4. Develop comprehensive and consistent incentive program across communities, to attract new business to Kit Carson County.
5. Develop strategic target list of population demographics looking to attract to Kit Carson County, and why.
6. Develop request for proposals for professional planning/consulting/marketing group to develop and implement strategic growth plan and target market strategy in Kit Carson County.
7. Identify scope of marketing area.
8. Coordinate all activities with local government and other stakeholders in the area i.e., education sector, real estate, food service industry, retail trade, health care and social assistance, agricultural industry, service providers, arts, entertainment, and recreational opportunities, and local Chamber of Commerce.
9. Contract with professional planning and market group to develop marketing plan for growth opportunities.
10. Identify point of contact in each community and unincorporated areas of the county to disseminate consistent information to those looking to relocate.
11. Implement growth plan and target market strategy by 08/01/2019

Project Outcomes and Key Deliverables (Describe the project outcomes and key deliverables)

Development of a strategic growth plan and target market strategy for Kit Carson County, specific to local community needs.

Development of print material and handouts to be disseminated, describing the benefits and amenities of living, growing, and thriving in Kit Carson County.

Development of comprehensive and consistent incentive programs that describe benefits to relocating or expanding existing businesses to spur economic growth and economic diversity in Kit Carson County.

Development of prioritized business needs assessment, by industry, specific to local community needs, that address the needs of Kit Carson County as a whole.

Job Creation (if this project will support the creation of new jobs, please describe number of jobs and average wage)

The project will support the creation of new jobs through attracting and retaining new business and growth of existing businesses in Kit Carson County through the development of a strategic growth plan and target market strategy. Through this strategy, the goal of improving population in Kit Carson County, by 10%, by year end 2023 can be achieved. Kit Carson County currently has less than 1% unemployment, therefore a 10% population growth equates to 10% growth in jobs which aid in support of a struggling tax base, adding to improvement in services offered. The average wage in Kit Carson County is approximately \$36,400 annually. Through target market initiatives and regular COLA, wages will continue to increase over the term of this project.

Project Budget

Amount Requested: \$36,000

Total Project Budget: \$72,000

Private Investment: The total project budget is projected to be \$72,000 for 2019-2020. Costs were determined through contacting a marketing firm, Digital First Media/Prairie Mountain Publishing based out of Denver who indicated these would be minimal costs involved in developing a comprehensive marketing campaign providing for consulting services, advertising, and print services for the development and implementation of a County-wide growth campaign targeting population growth, business growth, and community growth. As of now, matching investment into this project has been limited to Kit Carson County and Local Communities, determined through existing population base to fund the first year services. This coupled with \$36,000 REDI investment will fund the project for 2019-2020. As this will be a multi-year project, private investment will be sought through existing area businesses, and civic organizations as well as ongoing community contributions for future year program continuance, with the goal of making this self-sustaining through revenues generated as growth takes place.

Project Budget

Detailed Line Item	Total Cost	REDI Request	Cash Match	Source of Match
Strategic Planning, Target	\$72,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$12,000 Kit Carson County
Marketing, Professional Consulting Services provided by				\$12,000 City of Burlington \$2,400 Town of Bethune \$2,400 Town of Flagler \$2,400 Town of Seibert \$2,400 Town of Stratton \$2,400 Town of Vona
Total	\$72,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000

Community Information

Describe how your community has prioritized this project for implementation, has the project been described in a planning document

In Fall 2018, Kit Carson County and the communities of Bethune, Burlington, Flagler, Seibert, Stratton and Vona met with the purpose of establishing a county-wide growth committee. The goal of this committee was to collaborate in the development of a plan whereby population loss in the county could be stopped and growth would return to the area. Through the strategic

collaborative process, it was determined that the priority should be economic growth of the County as a whole, and the County and affected communities would collaborate and consult with professional marketing entities to engage in marketing initiatives concerning area wide growth opportunities. A budget was developed for the project with a share allocated to each community to place in the 2019 budget documents. This in effect memorialized the growth initiative, placed the initiative in each budget which is a planning document for decision making purposes. Due to economic loss in all areas of the county, funding not allocated to the project by county entity is applied for here with this REDI grant application.

Please list any state economic development program(s) your community is participating in.

The City of Burlington is currently the recipient of an Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant to provide for funding of improvements at Old Town Burlington to construct improvements at Old Town Museum to promote increased levels of Tourism in Burlington and surrounding area. This Project definitely builds on the tourism industry as a in that population growth lends itself to increased visits to the area.

How will this project help diversify the local economy?

Through a comprehensive planning and marketing initiative Kit Carson county and affected communities desire to spur economic growth in our area through diversification in the agricultural industry and through touting the physical, mental, emotional, and economic benefits of living and thriving in Eastern Colorado. In the Agricultural sector, research is currently being performed on crop production not affected by the loss of irrigated lands. Hemp is one such crop so marketing to attract hemp growers to the area will be beneficial. Hemp production is labor intensive and may cause job growth in our area. Additional, marketing to attract business in the processing of the hemp plant has proven to be lucrative. Again, proper incentivized marketing initiatives can spur population growth and economic growth in our area.

Is your community at risk of losing (or have you lost) a single large employer or industry?

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imposed as part of interstate compact agreements on surface and groundwater usage. These mandates have been imposed primarily on two Eastern plains counties, Kit Carson County and Yuma County. Loss of irrigated land has resulted in crop production decline leading to a decline in the agricultural service industry. Additionally, recreational opportunities and activities have been indirectly impacted as a result of mandates imposed on both surface and groundwater activities. The closure of a State Recreational Area, Bonny Dam, due to sanctions imposed on water usage in Colorado. Indirect services along the Republican River corridor passing through both Yuma and Kit Carson Counties have been economically affected due to the closure of this area.

Describe Community Partnerships on this project

The planning and marketing of Kit Carson County and affected communities is already underway with research efforts taking place across the County by the Growth Committee. Funding is needed for additional planning and marketing purposes with a professional entity familiar with this type of campaign. Through this collaborative effort a strategic growth plan and target marketing strategy for Kit Carson County will be developed that is specific to each community's needs. Print material will be developed and disseminated that describe the benefits and amenities of living, growing, and thriving in Kit Carson County.

As of now, there has been no private investment into the program. For the 2019-2020 program, community contributions and grant funding will be utilized to jump start the program. For the 2020-2021 and beyond campaigns, private investment and community contributions will lead towards sustainability of the program and continued growth of the area.

Local Government Financial Information

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Lead Applicant-City of Burlington	Co-Applicant-Kit Carson County
Assessed Valuation (AV) for most recent year (2018)	\$ 42,011,736	\$ 19,334,300
Total Mill Levy	8.6	37.967
Property Tax Revenue Generated (mill levy x AV/1000)	\$ 361,301	\$ 7,226,422
Sales Tax (percentage and estimated annual revenues)	2% / \$ 1,161,325	0% /\$0
General Fund Balance as of DEC 31 of the previous year (2018)	\$ 234,243	\$ 2,981,974