



FACT SHEET

GENERAL AND FINANCIAL

Kearny County Hospital is the name of the organization that consists of the following entities:

- A 25-bed critical access hospital known as Kearny County Hospital
- A 40-bed long-term care unit doing business as High Plains Retirement Village (HPRV)
- A physician clinic doing business as the Family Health Center
- Assisted Living housing consisting of 30 apartments
- A Home Health agency doing business as Kearny County Home Health

The broad entity of Kearny County Hospital is organized to provide services efficiently and to minimize costly duplication and administrative overhead.

There is one voluntary Board of Directors responsible for the setting of strategic direction, establishment of broad policies and for the approval and recommendation of an annual budget to the Board of Commissioners of Kearny County.

There is an integrated management structure for all departments within the organization reporting to one administrator. Human resource policy, administration of wages and salaries and benefits are uniform for all employees regardless of where in the organization a person works.

We are asking for \$1,621,044 for the county budget year 2011. This is \$228,108 less than what we asked for last year. We received \$964,260 from the county in 2010 but have had to borrow up to \$800,000 to continue operating.

The question on the ballot reflects the fact that our audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2009 showed that 75.5% of our losses were allocated to High Plains Retirement Village.

Our revenue budget for our fiscal year 2010-2011 is about \$17,237,556. Unfortunately because of the allowance and discounts that are taken by Medicare and Medicaid, the discounts given to insurance companies, and the increase in bad debts and charity care because fewer people have insurance or their coverage is less comprehensive, we will only collect about \$12,933,528. This means that we will write off about \$4.3 million. By law we cannot bill the patient for any part of the discounts that are taken by Medicare, Medicaid or the insurance companies. If it were not for these allowances and write-offs, we would not have to ask the county for any tax appropriation.

For the 2003 fiscal year, our actual revenue was \$6,173,927. For the 2011 fiscal year our budgeted revenue is \$17,237,556. This increase is due to an expansion of services and increased volume through the years.

In 2003 the total deductions from revenue was \$139,372 – for the 2011 budget year the total deductions are projected to be \$4,304,028.

In 2003 the tax appropriation from the county was \$950,226 which was 15.3% of our gross revenue. Our request of \$1,621,044 is only 9.4% of our gross revenue.



Examples of the *estimated* impact on your property tax of passing KCH’s budget request listed below:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Appraisal Value</u>	<u>Current Taxes to Support KCH</u>	<u>Proposed Taxes to Support KCH</u>	<u>Increase in Taxes</u>
Residence	\$50,000	\$20.38	\$48.61	\$28.23
Residence	\$75,000	30.57	72.92	42.35
Residence	\$100,000	40.76	97.23	56.47
Residence	\$150,000	61.14	145.84	84.70
¼ Dry Land		11.38	27.14	15.76
¼ Irrigated		13.55	32.32	18.77
¼ Pasture		4.64	11.06	6.42

EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We are the largest employer in Kearny County. 168 of our employees are residents of Kearny County.

Kearny County Hospital/High Plains Retirement Village has a direct economic impact on Kearny County based on the sales, wages and employment generated by business activity. An indirect impact that we create is through the “ripple” effect of business - purchasing goods and services from other local businesses and through health care workers spending wages and other income for household goods and services.

Employees of Kearny County Hospital are not employees of Kearny County. We have a different salary structure, different benefits and different human resource policies than the other departments within the county.

SERVICES

The broad entity of Kearny County Hospital provides services based on the healthcare needs of the residents of the county. The services we offer are staffed to assure our ability to meet the highest standards of care for every thing that we do. All services are organized for the convenience of our patients and residents.

High Plains Retirement Village includes a 20 bed restorative nursing unit and a 20 bed secured unit for dementia and Alzheimer residents. It is essentially full at all times and has a waiting list. Residents of Kearny County are given a priority in admission to HPRV. We have received a Five Star rating from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services for our staffing, which is the highest designation they have for nursing homes.

In 2007 we expanded the number of Assisted Living apartments to 30 to accommodate current and future demands for housing of this sort. We have experienced not only a growth in the number of residents living there but also the “aging in place” over time of our long term residents. This change in volume and dependence has necessitated a steady increase in staffing.

We have recruited two Board certified family practice physicians to practice here within the next year. The arrival of Dr. Drew Miller in October 2010 and Dr. John Birky in August 2011 will improve patient access in the Family Health Center and increase utilization of services throughout the organization.