

September 16, 2025

Pursuant to LB 644, Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-1633, a Joint Public Hearing was required to be held for Keya Paha County School and Keya Paha County.

The Hearing was held on Monday, September 16th, 2025, at the Activity Center, 122 N. Main St., Springview, Nebraska.

Notice of the Joint Public Hearing was provided by:

1. Postcard mailed to all affected property taxpayers by the County Assessor via a third party on September 5th, 2025.
2. Publication in the Springview Herald newspaper on September 9th, 2025.

Representing the Keya Paha County Clerk's office, Suzy Wentworth Clerk and Emily Kinney, Deputy Clerk. At 7:01 pm the hearing was opened.

Clerk Wentworth started the meeting apologizing for the postcards not being received in a timely manner. The cost of the postcards are paid by whoever is having the hearings, in our case this year the costs will be split between the county and school, either way it's county money. The Vendor who printed and mailed the postcards gave us a quote for a price that was cheaper than we could do it out of office, to save money we chose that route. We have a phone call out to that vendor to discuss it, but we all know how the USPS has been. Clerk Wentworth also was required to let everyone know that the wrong valuation total was reported by the school, the postcards total valuation was \$600,009,954 when it should have been \$710,119,694.

Ron Heerten did express his concern and frustration with the late postcards.

School superintendent Henry Eggert presented to the public the school budget, with a real growth value of \$839,250, with a proposed real growth percentage increase of 2.14%. The Keya Paha County school is seeking to increase their budget by \$403,209.09 over the allowable LB 644 2% growth percentage.

Those present for Keya Paha Schools Board of Regents:

School Superintendent Henry Eggert, 242 N Linden St, Springview, NE 68778

Linnea Steinhauser, 202 E Viola Ave., Springview, NE 68778

Anne Marie Kepler, 89801 St HWY 137, Newport, NE 68759

Members of the public who spoke their opinions and asked questions:

Ron Heerten, 42763 State Hwy 12, Springview, NE 68778

Reagan Wiebelhaus, 330 W Rose Ave, Springview, NE 68778

Beth Rutar, 43351 State Hwy 12, Springview, NE 68778

Ryan Richey, 89248 Meadville Circle, Ainsworth, NE 68778

6 other members of the public attended but did not speak during the school hearing.

At 8:00 pm a small break was had.

Keya Paha County Clerk Suzy Wentworth, John Frederick, Corey Nilson and Anthony Tiefenthaler all presented and talked to the public about the proposed budget, with a real growth value of \$839,250, with a proposed real growth percentage increase of 2.15%. Keya Paha County is seeking to increase their budget by \$34,270.18 over the allowable LB 644 2% growth percentage.

Those present for Keya Paha County:

Corey Nilson, 90401 US Hwy 183, Springview, NE 68778

John Frederick, 45263 State Hwy 12, Mills, NE 68753

Anthony Tiefentahler, 90550 426th Ave, Springview, NE 68778

Members of the public who spoke their opinions and asked questions:

Beth Rutar, 43351 State Hwy 12, Springview, NE 68778

9 other members of the public attended but did not speak during the County hearing.

After all members of the public were given a reasonable amount of time to provide their input on the proposed property tax requests, the hearing was closed at 8:32 p.m.

Suzy Wentworth

Keya Paha County Clerk