

LYON COUNTY AUDITORS OFFICE
May 18, 2017

ROCK RAPIDS, IOWA

Lyon County Board members met with the Northwest Iowa Care Connections Governance Board and board members from the other six counties in the region to discuss budgeting for the region for FY18 and beyond. Supervisors Bosch, Behrens (also a Gov. Brd. Member), and Koedam were present at the meeting.

The discussion of FY 18 tax levies due to the passage of SF 504. Due to SF504, counties in the region have the option to increase or decrease their mental health levy for FY17/18. SF 504 set a new per capita cap for regions of our size (less than 100,000 population) of \$30.30. It was noted that at this time, none of the counties should need to raise their levy. SF504 also set a fund balance requirement of no more than 25% of expenditures for fiscal years beginning on or after 7-1-2021.

The region currently has a healthy fund balance and will need to bring it down in order to comply with the legislation. Barb Rohwer, fiscal agent for region, put together a proposed per capita spreadsheet for the upcoming fiscal years to show the fund balance spend down and a suggestion for per capita amounts. It was debated if Palo Alto County would agree to raise their per capita amount for FY19. The past years, Palo Alto has used fund balance to backfill their lowered levy amount.

It was decided by the Governance Board that levies for FY18 would be left as is and the per capita amount for FY19 would be revisited again in the late fall.

Meeting adjourned by the Governance Board.

ATTEST _____
County Auditor

APPROVED _____
Chairman