

Q1

Traffic count numbers were given at the public hearing. How was the count taken? Will the race track and casino take away business from the lake business community?

A1

Game and Parks has outfitted 5 areas of entry with new technology to count traffic. Yes, it is an electronic system and they also now have the reservation system in place which gives them an exact number of campers in the park. Day visitors are counted using the same system that the national parks use to count their traffic. While it is not 100% accurate, it does give a good example of the traffic coming and going. As for the casino taking from the lake visitation, Keith County has always had questions of what is there to do if we aren't at the lake. With 2.1 million visitors a year and probably even more than that before the Game and Park's restrictions on camping. This project will give people something to do besides just going to the lake. It will get people to spend more of their dollars in Keith County and Ogallala.

Q2

With the employment of approximately 160 people, what is the economic impact for employees of the track versus the employees of the casino? Are employees of the track contracted whereas the employees of the casino are on many levels from entry level minimum wage to management level and higher wage?

A2

There are two different businesses here. The casino will employ 160 full time employees that will average \$50,000.00 per employee. The racing venue is over and above that since it is a seasonal occurrence. They plan to have 400 horses that will require feed and care which will also help the ag economy here. There will opportunities for several ancillary businesses to be in Ogallala or the surrounding areas for services to the racing community.

Q3

Housing is an ongoing issue here and aside from trailer parks there is really no available housing for a minimum wage earner at this time. What is the city plan to account for that?

A3.

Ogallala is currently working to implement LB 156. It is the inland port bill that was passed earlier this year by the Nebraska Legislature. Ogallala can qualify for that and there is approximately \$100,000,000.00 that 7 communities could receive for infrastructure development.

The city will plan on applying for these funds once the rules and regs are put in place. The city is working in partnership with Keith County Housing Development Corporation to identify areas in the community that can be used for multi-family housing.

Q4

What areas of security are being identified in the community if there is increased traffic and incidents of crime?

A4

Ogallala and Keith County over the past had dealt with many similar issues at Lake McConaughy. Having extra revenue can help alleviate the issue of law enforcement for the community. In many studies, once the consideration of the influx of new visitors and residents are taken into account, many of the communities showed no more instance of crime than statistically there was before.

Q5

What is the potential impact for law enforcement with the increased traffic and other potential incidents that they would be responding to? Many of the services have been stretched over the years. Will there be programs for those who are having addiction issues? How will the community help with this?

A5

With the new regs and the working relationship with Game and Parks, we have alleviated many of the problems that we were seeing at the lake regarding EMS services and law enforcement. With a year around business like the casino, it will be much easier to hire and keep officers all year long as opposed to trying to figure out how to have enough officers here during the summer and not have to lay them off after the summer rush. We will conduct studies to see what the impact will be and whether

the county and city believe they can afford the additional costs to the community for law enforcement. Also, with Canterbury giving 5% of pretax revenues back to the community, that should give Ogallala and Keith County funds to use for exactly these sorts of programs to help those that struggle within the community

Q7

Have any of the city council members or county commissioners traveled to any casino and/or racetrack that is operated by Canterbury Park? Has there been anything done to verify the information provided by Canterbury officials and to fact check what is being said including the ability to perform on a \$100 million dollar + venture of this nature?

A7

Yes, one Council Member and several Ogallala and Keith County residents went to Shakopee to see Canterbury's facility at their personal expense. They visited the track and casino and took tours of a \$40 million housing development that Canterbury built adjacent to the track and casino. Canterbury Park is a publicly traded company so any malfeasance or wrongdoing on their part would have to be disclosed on their documents. They are listed on Nasdaq. Because of this they have to stay in good standing to maintain their public designation. Part of the due diligence going forward is to verify the figures provided for the facility and costs associated.