

**DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2017**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners meeting in special session was commenced at the hour of 9:25 A.M. on the 15th day of August, 2017, in the old county courtroom pursuant to public notice as required by law. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stewart. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners' Stewart, Johnson and Rivera. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk and Pete Peterson, Budget Coordinator. Per LB 898 the Chairman announced the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act. Copies of the Act are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting.

The Board spent the day reviewing and adjusting budget requests from the following departments to wit:
Board: Adjusted the following line items-travel and office supply; **Veteran Service Office:** Justin Bates, VSO, met with the Board to request a cell phone for county business. Discussion ensued. The Board approved the request. Adjustments were made to the following line items in the 803 Fund-vehicle maintenance, meals, workshops and office equipment and phone. \$9000.00 will be transferred to the 1900 Fund to start saving for a future vehicle purchase. **Treasurer:** Rhonda Schleuning, Interim Treasurer, met with the Board. Adjustments were made to the following line items-phone, supply, forms. Money was budgeted for printing/publishing and two more computers. Ms. Schleuning asked the Board about the time frame in hiring the part-time position. **Communications:** Chief Lordino met with the Board. He shared the City of Chadron budget with the Board. The Board was given the final figure for the Viper upgrade at \$122,272.10. The Board moved \$55,000.00 from the telephone line item in Fund 653 to capital outlay for the Viper upgrade. The Board also moved \$1800.00 from the contractual services line item in Fund 2910-911 and created a line item to pay the Assessor for E911 addressing. The contractual line item was deleted from the budget. **Jail:** Steve Crile discussed the liability associated with not having sufficient personnel in the Jail facility. He also expressed concern with costs associated with training new individuals and then losing them to other facilities. The Board approved a full-time Jailer and adjusted matron fees, Jailer training, overtime, counseling and tire repair line items. **Sheriff:** Karl Dailey met with the Board. He requested a part-time security officer to free up Deputies to patrol rural areas more as requested. The position will be added to the District Judge budget. The Sheriff reported camera and vest supplies are in good shape. Adjustments were made to the following line items-overtime, uniform allowance, fuel & tire equipment. The phone line item was increased. The Board recessed at 12:00 P.M. and reconvened at 1:00 P.M. **Roads:** Discussion ensued regarding the practice of hiring part-time drivers. It costs money to advertize and no one is applying. The Board approved the hire of two (2) full-time positions in the Roads Department. The part-time line item will be deleted from the budget. Adjustments were made to overtime, culverts, lumber, signs, road equipment rental, engineering and radio equipment. A packer will be purchased and money was added to the bridge line item. **Clerk of District Court:** Celeste Cattin met with the Board. An adjustment was made to the supply line item and \$8,000.00 was added to the District Judge budget to pay for the part-time security officer requested by the Sheriff. **Clerk:** The Board adjusted salaries to include time worked during Elections. Adjustments were made to the following line items-telephone, travel, dues/subscriptions and office equipment. In the Elections budget adjustments were made to travel and supply. **Assessor:** The Board adjusted the phone line item per the request of the Assessor. **County Court:** Adjustments were made to dues/subscriptions and Juror fees. **Public Defender:** Adjustments were made re: supplies and office equipment. **Building & Grounds:** Adjustments were made to contractual line item and supplies. **Extension:** Adjustments were made to the board member expense line item and travel for Home Ec. **County Attorney:** Adjustments were made to travel, contractual services and office equipment. **Child Support:** No changes. **Surveyor:** No changes. **Visitor Promotion:** Adjustment made to salary line item. **Visitor Improvement:** No change. **Appraisal Fund:** Budget Coordinator reported a scheduled transfer didn't take place last fiscal year. **Zoning:** No change. **Weed Department:** Adjustments were made to spraying equipment, travel and fuel.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the special budget meeting at 4:10 P.M.

Attest: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

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