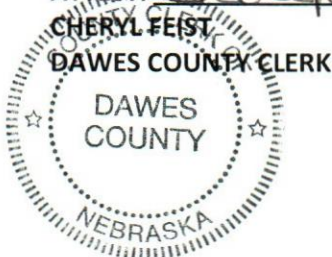


DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET HEARING
September 16, 2019

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners in special session was commenced at the hour of 9:02 A.M. on the 16th day of September, 2019 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 Dawes County Budget was called to order by Chairman, Vic Rivera. Roll was called and the following Commissioner's were present: Commissioners' Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Mark Betson, Mark Haynes and Gary Fisher. The Chairman announced the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act. Copies are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. At 9:05 A.M. the Chairman declared the Public Hearing open to hear support, concerns, etc. Mark Haynes indicated for the record disbursements in fiscal year 17/18 were 6.5%; in fiscal year 18/19 it was 8.3% and for fiscal year 19/20 disbursements increased to 11.1%. Commissioner Johnson explained the increase for fiscal year 19/20 is due to the Courthouse Bond being paid off and Prisoner expenses increased. In addition, the Dunlap Project will increase the tax asking for fiscal year 19/20. Personal property taxes also have increased according to Haynes. Also discussed was assessment practices for commercial vs. residential and agriculture. Kerri Rempp, The Chadron Record, joined the meeting. Mark Betson asked why the County has a \$100,000.00 tractor pulling the mower. Commissioner Stewart indicated for the record the tractor pulling the mower is leased, not owned by the County. Mr. Betson also suggested the County look at leasing heavy equipment as opposed to buying; more miles need to be picked up for road maintenance as we are way behind and Barrel Butte Road needs maintenance. There being no further comment from the Public the Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 9:29 A.M. The following resolutions were adopted by the Board to wit: Resolution No. 2019-17 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, to increase restricted funds by 1% for fiscal year 2019-2020. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2019-18 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, adopting the 2019/2020 budget and authorizing the various departments to expend the amounts appropriated to them. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2019-19 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, setting the 2019/2020 property tax request at \$3,646,683.43 and the Dunlap Bond amount is \$43,723.33 for a total levy of .391230 for fiscal year 2019/2020. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2019-20 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, establishing/authorizing Petty Cash Funds in the Clerk and County Court offices. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2019-21 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, authorizing the Treasurer to transfer funds in increments of \$200,000.00 from General Fund to Roads Fund as necessary to meet expenditures for fiscal year 2019/2020. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M. **DISCLAIMER: A complete text of all resolutions passed by the Board is available upon request in the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours.**

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CHERYL FEIST
DAWES COUNTY CLERK



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