

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

A special meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners was conducted at 9:00 A.M. on September 15, 2020 per public notice published on September 09, 2020 in the Crawford Clipper/Harrison Sun newspaper. The meeting was held in the Commissioner Room located at the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Vic Rivera. Roll was called and those present were Commissioner's Webb Johnson and Jake Stewart. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk. The Chairman gave notice of the Open Meetings Act and indicated copies of the Act are available upon request. He indicated for the record that three (3) public copies of the 2020-2021 budget were available for public review at the hearing. The Chairman declared the Public Hearing open for 2020-2021 budget and tax request. He opened the floor to public comment. Commissioner Stewart reported the communications center went up 69% due to equipment costs and costs are increasing to those entities the county financially contributes too. All budgets were cut an additional 5% above the original cuts made by the Board. Overall cuts in the jail facility came in at 30% due to unforeseen costs associated with operating the jail facility. Due to the number of departments and employees the Board cut the Roads Department by 46%. There being no one from the Public present to comment the Chairman declared the budget and tax request hearing closed and the following resolutions were read aloud and adopted to wit: Resolution No. 2020-23 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, increasing restricted funds authority by 1%. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2020-25 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, authorizing departments to expend the amounts appropriated to them for fiscal year July 01, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2020-26 was introduced by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, authorizing petty cash funds in the offices of the County Clerk and County Court. Roll call vote, Ayes: Rivera, Johnson and Stewart. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2020-24 was introduced by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Johnson, setting the 2020-2021 property tax request in the General Fund at \$3,853,373.39 which is different than the 2019-2020 property tax request asking of \$3,646,686.33. the 2020-2021 property tax request for the Dunlap Road Project Bond is set at \$119,350.25 which is different than the 2019-2020 property tax asking of \$43,723.33. The 2020-2021 property tax rate is adopted at .412753 which is different than the 2019-2020 property tax rate of .391230 per \$100.00 of assessed value. Roll call vote, Ayes: Johnson, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The budget message was reviewed by the Board. Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Stewart, moved to direct the Chairman to sign the budget message. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:25 A.M. there being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the budget meeting.

Attest: _____
Cheryl Feist
Dawes County Clerk

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Valente Rivera, Chairman