



# Pawnee County Board Minutes



**PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**AUGUST 27, 2019**

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, which was open to the public, on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the Thursday, July 25, 2019 issue of the Pawnee Republican. Present were Jan Lang, Ron Seitz and County Clerk, Candi Nicholas. Dennis Schardt was absent. Vice Chairman Lang opened the meeting and announced the open meeting law poster is posted on the east wall of the meeting room. Seitz moved and Lang seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Commissioner meeting as presented. Voting: Lang (yes), Seitz (yes). Seitz moved and Lang seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes). Seitz moved and Lang seconded the motion to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Lang (yes), Seitz (yes).

The Board discussed a request that the County purchase a headstone for a plot that the county purchased in 1967 in the Burchard Cemetery. After discussion Seitz moved and Lang seconded to not approve purchasing a headstone for any plots whether the county purchased the plots or not. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

After discussion Lang moved and Seitz seconded to approve Resolution 19-21 amending resolution changes to Pawnee County Employee Handbook Resolution 19-18 regarding vacation, sick and compensatory time. Voting: Lang (yes), Seitz (yes).

The Board discussed and reviewed the resolution from Terry Jessen, Scottsbluff, NE, regarding real estate taxes. After discussion there was no motion to approve the resolution so no action taken.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Chris Rauner, Pawnee County Hwy Supt, that was also sent to the Pawnee County Attorney regarding landowners who failed to comply with the removal of trees and brush after written notice. Also reviewed was correspondence from Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy with an application for a Construction and Operating permit for the Mike & Abbi Gyhra Animal Feeding Operation.

Terry Kerl, Weed Supt, and Paul Moyer, State of Nebraska Weed Manager, met with the Board and gave annual updates.

Jenny Kerby, Liberty National Life Insurance, met with the Board to discuss the insurance that is offered by her company and would like to offer it to the Pawnee County employees. No action taken.

The Board reviewed correspondence from State of Nebraska First Probation District regarding their 2019-2020 budget and the request of \$2,154.07 from Pawnee County and Karen Stohs regarding grant money the Nebraska Department of Labor has received. After discussion Lang moved and Seitz seconded to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Smarty, LLC of Syracuse, NE for September 28, 2019 at Cedar Prairie Barn, DuBois. Voting: Lang (yes), Seitz (yes).



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After discussion Seitz moved and Lang seconded to approve Resolution 19-22 establishing the 2019-2020 levy authority for the following subdivisions:

	Per \$100 Valuation
Pawnee County Agriculture Society	.005229
Burchard Rural Fire District B-1	.020000
DuBois Rural Fire District D-3	.020000
Pawnee City Rural Fire District P-5	.020000
Summerfield Rural Fire District S-4	.020000
Table Rock Rural Fire District TR-6	.020000

Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes)

Chris Rauner, Hwy Supt, and Heather Duryea, Admin Asst, met with the Board. Heather gave the rock report. Chris discussed rock. Beatrice Concrete Company is not making rock to haul for roads so Thieman Construction will start hauling from Weeping Water to finish up their portion of the roads. Chris discussed various equipment that is in the shop and various projects indicating there has been some delay due to rain. The County received the final payment from the last bridge match project.

Tom Fisher talked to the Board to remind them to rock the low water crossing north of town on 711 Trail.

## **BUDGET HEARING MINUTES**

The 2019-2020 Pawnee County Budget Hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Pawnee County Courthouse. Members present were Jan Lang and Ron Seitz. There was no public in attendance. The purpose of the hearing was for support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget.

The 2019-2020 budget was presented by Candi Nicholas, County Clerk. The total operating budget is \$8,909,456.13 plus \$450,000.00 for necessary cash reserve totaling \$9,359,456.13. There is \$7,423,216.92 in available revenue plus \$1,936,239.21 in personal and property taxes totaling \$9,359,456.13. The 2019-2020 asking amount of \$1,936,239.21 in personal and property taxes is a \$49,562.50 (2.262%) increase from the 2018-2019 tax request. There is \$292,215.83 in unused budget authority. The 2019-2020 budget will be approved at a later date.

The budget hearing adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk

## **FINAL TAX REQUEST HEARING**

The 2019-2020 Pawnee County Final Tax Request Hearing was opened at 10:10 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Pawnee County Courthouse. Members present were Jan Lang and Ron Seitz. There was no public in attendance. The purpose of the hearing was for the purpose of support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

The 2019-2020 property tax request is \$1,936,239.21 which is a 4% increase from the 2018-2019 property tax request of \$1,866,676.71. The 2019-2020 valuation is \$748,550,260.00 which is a 2% increase from the 2018-2019 valuation of



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\$737,155,367.00. The tax rate for 2019-2020 is 0.258665 which is a 1% increase from the 2018-2019 tax rate of 0.255940. The tax rate if the prior tax request was at current valuation would be 0.249372. The 2019-2020 final tax request will be approved at a later date.

The final tax request hearing adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk

Chris Rauner continued after hearing. Chris discussed the intersection at east/west 711 Rd and north/south 611 Avenue, he has had questions regarding there not being a stop sign from the north on the minimum maintenance road crossing 711 Road and there is a stop sign on the south road. Chris will get more information on the process to determine if there should be a sign at the intersection.

Pat Kelley, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., met with the Board to discuss a new John Deere 770G Motor Grader, priced at \$241,250.00 including a \$15,000.00 parts credit. The County would still have to purchase a snow plow for the John Deere. State contract #14191. Travis Boyll, Nebraska Machinery Co, met with the Board to discuss a new CAT 12M3 motor grader. Price is \$256,970.00 including a snow plow and \$20,000.00 parts credit. Boyll presented a three-year contract in arrears first payment due May, 2020. State contract 14192. After discussion Seitz moved and Lang seconded to purchase the new CAT 12M3 motor grader with snow plow and \$20,000.00 parts credit for \$256,970.00 with three-year payment contract from the State contract 14192. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes). Discussed lease options for a track loader.

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 32407.90; FWH 2972.26; SWH 1246.30; FICA 5185.62; MICA 1212.78; RETIREMENT 4833.85; DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00;

## **GENERAL FUND:**

Ambulance, services 1000.00; Binder Bros, supplies 5.00; Karly Black, reimburse mileage 274.92; Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 2019-2020 dues 765.00; Capitol Business Systems, lease pmt 212.31; Casey's, fuel 891.28; DAS State Accounting, data storage 228.52; Department Correctional Services, inmate lodging & medical 1565.69; Falls City Mercantile, supplies 119.30; Grainger, equipment 383.08; GWorks, Treasurer GIS subscription 2700.00; Dylan Handley, court appt atty 1735.00; Johnson County Clerk, emergency manager pmt 3750.00; Johnson County Hospital, inmate medical 1279.12; Johnson County Sheriff, inmate lodging 2015.00; Terry Kerl, mileage 54.52; Lancaster Co. Dept of Corrections, inmate lodging 260.00; NPPD 1214.91; NE Weed Control Assn, Kerl registration 120.00; Pawnee County Clerk, reimbursement postage 22.05; Pawnee County Court, uncollectible court costs 355.16; Pawnee County Sheriff, service fee 18.50; Pawnee Republican, subscription & publishing 88.66; Quill, supplies 422.93; Richardson County Sheriff, inmate lodging 110.00; SE NE Development District, 2019-2020 membership 6221.00; Seneca Sanitation, garbage 90.00; TR Ag Sales, chemicals 315.00; US Bank, Sheriff supplies 19.48;

## **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:**

Beatrice Sand & Gravel, rock 35142.11; H&H Auto, supplies 138.12; Hamm, rock 180.48; Martin Marietta, rock 2722.45; Medical Enterprises, personnel testing 70.00; NMC Inc, parts 297.75; NPPD 68.42; Seneca Sanitation garbage 90.00; Tanner Sharpe, reimburse boots 77.03; Tiemann Construction, rock 3246.20; Pawnee True



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Value, supplies 25.99; Turnbull Ag Tires, tires 3000.00; US Bank, supplies 468.30; Zees Backhoe Services, road improvements 2567.50.

Vice-Chairman Lang adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

S/Jan Lang

S/ Ron Seitz

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk

The next Board of Commissioner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska.