



Pawnee County Board Minutes



PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, which was open to the public, on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 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 August 27, 2020 issue of the Pawnee Republican. Present were Dennis Schardt, Jan Lang, Ron Seitz and County Clerk, Candi Nicholas. Chairman Schardt opened the meeting and announced the open meeting law poster is posted on the east wall of the meeting room. Lang moved and Seitz seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020 Commissioner meeting. Voting: Schardt (yes), Lang (yes), Seitz (yes). Schardt moved and Lang seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2020 Special Commissioner meeting. Voting: Lang (yes), Seitz (Abstain), Schardt (yes). Lang moved and Seitz seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Voting: Seitz (yes), Schardt (yes), Lang (yes). Seitz moved and Lang seconded the motion to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Schardt (yes), Lang (yes), Seitz (yes).

The Board reviewed the August month end Clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, Treasurer, year to date Clerk of District Court and the Treasurer Six Month Fund Balance Accumulated reports. Also reviewed was the 2020 Nebraska Thriving Index report that UNL and Rural Prosperity NE prepared.

At 9:25 the bids for the 2021 Scrap Tire Recycling Grant were opened. There were three bids received: Butler County Landfill, David City, NE \$155.00 per ton; The Tire Cutters, Seneca, KS \$109.99 per ton; Champlin Tire Recycling, Concordia, KS 129.00 per ton. After discussion Lang moved and Seitz seconded to accept the low bid of The Tire Cutters, Seneca, KS in the amount of \$109.00 per ton for the 2021 Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant. Voting: Lang (yes), Seitz (yes), Schardt (yes).

At 9:30 the bids were opened for Pawnee County EWP, Sites 455, 456 and 457 which is for the construction of three stream rehabilitation projects Site 455 on 616 Avenue between 719 Road and 720 Road; Site 456 on 620 Avenue and 720 Road; Site 457 on 714 Road between 619 Avenue and 620 Avenue.

Bids were received from:

Jueneman Excavation, Hanover, KS, total \$329,065.25, bid bond enclosed.

Gana Trucking & Excavation, Martell, NE, total \$225,409.74, bid bond enclosed.

High Plains Enterprises, Martell, NE, total \$256,952.00, bid bond enclosed.

After discussion Lang moved and Seitz seconded to award Pawnee County EWP, Sites 455, 456 and 457 which is for the construction of three stream rehabilitation projects Site 455 on 616 Avenue between 719 Road and 720 Road, Site 456 on 620 Avenue and 720 Road; Site 457 on 714 Road between 619 Avenue and 620 Avenue to Gana Trucking and Excavation, Martell, NE in the amount of \$225,409.74 with a completion date of November 13, 2020. Voting: Schardt (yes), Lang (yes), Seitz (yes).

At 9:45 the bids were opened for Steinauer Northwest, C006732145, which is the construction of a bridge abutment repair and other related incidental work located on 616 Avenue between 719 and 720 Road.

Bids were received from:

JJK Construction, Ceresco, NE, Total \$95,346.14, bid bond enclosed, start date October 15, 2020, end date November 13, 2020.



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Midwest Infrastructure, Lincoln, NE, total \$131,317.36, bid bond enclosed, end date November 13, 2020. Seitz moved and Lang seconded to award Steinauer Northwest, C006732145, which is the construction of a bridge abutment repair and other related incidental work located on 61 Avenue between 719 and 720 Road to JJK Construction, Ceresco, NE in the amount of \$95,346.14 with a start date of October 13, 2020 and a completion date of November 13, 2020. Voting: Seitz (yes), Schaardt (yes), Lang (yes).

BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

The 2019-2020 Pawnee County Budget Hearing was held the 8th day of September, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Pawnee County Courthouse. Members present were Dennis Schaardt, Jan Lang and Ron Seitz.

The budget summary was given by Candi Nicholas, Clerk. There is a total of \$8,278,224.81 budgeted disbursements plus \$450,000.00 for necessary cash reserve totaling \$8,728,224.81 in disbursements. There is \$6,734,695.10 in available revenue before property taxes plus \$1,993,529.71 property taxes totaling \$8,728,224.81 in revenue. For 2020-2021 we are asking for \$1,993,529.71 in personal and property taxes which is \$57,290.50 or a 2.958% increase from the 2019-2020 tax request of \$1,936,239.21. The budget has \$329,255.29 in unused budget authority. Pawnee county valuation for 2020-2021 is \$767,171,572.00 which is an increase of \$18,621,312.00 from the 2019-2020 valuation of \$748,550,260.00. The 2020-2021 tax levy is .259854 compared to the 2019-2020 tax levy of .258665 which is a .001189 increase in the levy.

Chairman Schaardt adjourned the budget hearing at 10:10 a.m.

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk

FINAL TAX REQUEST HEARING MINUTES

The 2020-2021 Pawnee County Final Tax Request Hearing was held the 8th day of September, 2020, at 10:10 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Pawnee County Courthouse. Members present were Dennis Schaardt, Jan Lang and Ron Seitz.

Candi Nicholas, Clerk presented the final tax request of .259854 for the 2020-2021 budget year which is an increase of .001189 from the 2019-2020 tax levy of .258665.

Chairman Schaardt adjourned the final tax request hearing at 10:14 a.m.

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk

Chris Rauner, Hwy Supt, met with the Board. There was no rock report. Chris discussed brush cutters for the front of the skid steer and has received verbal quotes from Eggers Brothers, \$6700.00, Bruna Implement \$9,041.00 and Akrs Implement \$10,700.00. Chris also discussed various projects.

Pat Kelley, Murphy Tractor, met with the Board and gave them a proposal for a 2020 John Deere 200G-FT4 excavator in the amount of \$201,000.00 with a trade in of \$26,500.00 for a 1996 excavator with a total price of \$174,500.00. Schaardt moved and Lang seconded to approve the purchase of the 2020 John Deere 200G-



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FT4 excavator for the total price of \$174,500.00 including trade in. Voting: Lang (yes), Seitz (yes), Schardt (yes).

Candi Nicholas met with the Board to approve the 2020-2021 budget, transfer of funds and final tax request from the hearings held at 10:00 and 10:10 respectively on September 8, 2020. After discussion the 2020-2021 budget and the final tax request will be approved as it was presented at the budget hearing.

Lang moved and Seitz seconded to approve Resolution 20-16 Adoption and Appropriations of the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Voting: Seitz (yes), Schardt (yes), Lang (yes).

Seitz moved and Lang seconded to approve Resolution 20-17 authorizing transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund. Voting: Schardt (yes), Lang (yes), Seitz (yes).

Lang moved and Seitz seconded to approve Resolution 20-18 authorizing the transfer of \$1,081,405.87 out of the General Fund to the Bridge/Road Fund. Voting: Lang (yes), Seitz (yes), Schardt (yes).

Seitz moved and Lang seconded to approve Resolution 20-19 authorizing the transfer of \$1,138.50 out of the General Fund to the Handi-bus Fund. Voting: Seitz (yes), Schardt (yes), Lang (yes).

Lang moved and Seitz seconded to approve Resolution 20-20 authorizing the transfer of \$500.00 out of the General Fund to the Veterans Aid Fund. Voting: Schardt (yes), Lang (yes), Seitz (yes).

Schardt moved and Lang seconded to approve Resolution 20-21 setting the 2020-2021 property tax request at \$1,993,529.71; the total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 2%; the tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.252387 per \$100 of assessed value; the property tax request will cause the 2020-2021 tax rate to be \$.259854 per \$100 of assessed value; the total operating budget of Pawnee County will exceed last year's by -2%. Voting: Lang (yes), Seitz (yes), Schardt (yes).

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 30759.67; FWH 2893.11; SWH 1218.20; FICA 4975.96; MICA 1163.72; RETIREMENT 5134.25; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT 1190.00; DELTA DENTAL 274.80; UNION DUES 75.00; AMERITAS 122.75; AMERICAN HERITAGE 98.97; MADISON LIFE 79.75; UNITED HEALTHCARE 16172.07; DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00;

GENERAL FUND:

Ambulance Service 1000.00; Capital Business Systems, supplies 28.00, equip lease 143.71; City of Pawnee City, water/sewer 81.39; Consolidated Management, training meals 7.88; Donahue & Faesser, court appt atty 1370.00; Hamm Glass, supplies 153.75; Holiday Inn-Kearney, lodging Wiers 199.90; Johnson County Clerk, emer manager quarterly 4866.39; MIPS, programs & support 2339.46; NPPD 1153.34; Candi Nicholas, mileage 47.15; Pawnee County Clerk, reimburse postage 7.75; Pawnee Republican, publishing 172.05; Richardson County Sheriff, inmate medical & lodging 4192.52; Stehlik Law, reimburse supplies 135.21; Uline, supplies 81.69; Verizon Wireless, sheriff cell 303.96; Vrtiska Repairs, repairs 139.96; Vickie Wiers, mileage 230.00; Windstream, courthouse telephone 763.91;

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Ace-Eaton Metals, supplies 8071.60; City of Pawnee City, water/sewer 89.03; H&H Auto supplies & parts 279.95; Kyles Service, tires 5252.00; Martin Marietta, rock 33610.92; Menards, supplies 113.95; Midwest Service & Sales, supplies 32219.40; NPPD 192.44; OPPD 33.09; Highway Supt Petty Cash, reimburse postage,



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registration 96.55; Speers Truck Repair, repairs 126.06; Robert M. Tichy, surveyor, 750,00; Turnbull Ag, parts 160.00; U.S. Bank, parts 111.95; Windstream, shop telephone 199.65;

ROD PRESERVATION FUND:

Government Forms & Supplies, supplies 412.22.

Chairman Schaardt adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

S/Dennis Schaardt

S/Jan Lang

S/ Ron Seitz

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk

The next Board of Commissioner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska.