



Pawnee County Board Minutes



PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., which was open to the public, on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the August 26, 2021 issue of the Pawnee Republican. Present were Ron Seitz, Jan Lang, Lavon Heidemann and County Clerk, Candi Nicholas. Chairman Seitz opened the meeting and announced the open meeting law poster is posted on the east wall of the meeting room. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 24th meeting. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded the motion to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

After discussion Seitz moved and Heidemann seconded to sign the letter of engagement between Pawnee County and Lutz and Company, P.C. to perform consulting services in regards to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). After review Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to accept the 2021-2022 county office inventories. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes). The Board reviewed the August Clerk, Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court month end and Clerk of District Court year to date reports. After discussion Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to appoint Vickie Wiers, Assessor, to the Workplace Safety Committee to replace Jon Bailey. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes). The Board discussed COVID procedures and it was decided that signs would be put up on courthouse and shop doors that indicate "masks are recommended".

Chris Rauner, Hwy Supt, met with the Board. Chris gave the rock report. Seitz signed the contract for project STWD-CBMP(4): C-67(255) & C-67(256) between Pawnee County and Malone Construction Co. Inc that was previously approved on May 4, 2021. Chris discussed various projects and intentions to contact Sourcewell for the purchase of a new motorgrader.

BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

The 2021-2022 Pawnee County Budget Hearing was held the 7th day of September 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Pawnee County Courthouse. Members present were Ron Seitz, Jan Lang and Lavon Heidemann and County Clerk, Candi Nicholas. No public was present at the hearing.

The budget summary was given by Candi Nicholas. There is a total of \$9,146,487.46 plus \$450,000.00 for necessary cash reserve totaling \$9,596,487.46 in disbursements. There is \$7,279,017.03 in available revenue before property taxes plus \$2,317,470.43 property taxes totaling \$9,596,487.46 in revenue. For 2021-2022 we are asking for \$2,317,470.43 in personal and property taxes which is \$323,940.72 or a 16.25% increase from the 2020-2021 tax request of \$1,993,529.71. The budget has \$90,948.40 in unused budget authority. Pawnee County valuation for 2021-2022 is \$785,802,348.00 which is an increase of \$18,630,776.00 from the 2020-2021 valuation of \$767,171,572.00. The 2021-2022 tax levy is .294918 compared to the 2020-2021 tax levy of .259854 which is a .035064 increase in the levy.



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Chairman Seitz adjourned the budget hearing at 10:04 a.m.

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk

FINAL TAX REQUEST HEARING MINUTES

The 2021-2022 Pawnee County Final Tax Request Hearing was held the 7th day of September, 2021, at 10:10 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Pawnee County Courthouse. Members present were Ron Seitz, Jan Lang and Lavon Heidemann and County Clerk, Candi Nicholas. No public was present at the hearing.

Candi Nicholas presented the final tax request of .294918 for the 2021-2022 budget year which is an increase of .035064 from the 2020-2021 tax request.

Chairman Seitz adjourned the final tax request hearing at 10:15 a.m.

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk

Candi Nicholas met with the board to approve the 2021-2022 budget, transfer of funds and final tax request from the hearings held at 10:00 and 10:10 respectively on September 7, 2021. After discussion the 2021-2022 budget and the final tax request will be approved as it was presented at the budget hearing.

Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 21-21 Adoption and Appropriations of the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 21-22 authorizing the transfer of \$300,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann, (yes), Seitz (yes).

Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 21-23 authorizing the transfer of \$1,391,396.14 out of the General Fund to the Bridge/Road Fund. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 21-24 authorizing the transfer of \$511.50 out of the General Fund to the Handi-Bus Fund. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve Resolution 21-25 setting the 2021-2022 property tax request at \$2,317,470.43; the total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 2.43%; 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 \$0.253694 per \$100 of assessed value; the property tax request will cause the 2021-2022 tax rate to be \$.294918 per \$100 of assessed value; the total operating budget of Pawnee County will exceed last year's by 10.49%. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes).

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 32334.18; FWH 2693.86; SWH 1234.22; FICA 5153.30; MICA 1205.22; RETIREMENT 5223.85; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT 1410.00; DELTA DENTAL 328.80; AMERITAS 114.05; AMERICAN HERITAGE 125.29; MADISON LIFE 89.76; UNITED HEALTHCARE 15326.28; DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00;

GENERAL FUND:

Capitol Business Systems, equipment lease 282.83; City of Pawnee City, water/sewer 81.80; Daikin Applied, repairs 1778.00; Great Plains Uniforms, equipment 2135.00; Johnson County Clerk, emergency manager 4866.39; NPPD 1086.04; Pawnee County Ambulance, services 1000.00; Pawnee County Clerk, reimburse



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postage 15.90; Pawnee Republican, publishing 68.06; Poster Compliance, supplies 84.34; Ramada Midtown, lodging Wiers 288.00; Region V Systems, mental health contribution 6783.00 & substance abuse contribution 1220.00; Richardson County Sheriff, inmate lodging 2805.00; Secretary of State, registration election conference 40.00; U.S. Bank, sheriff supplies 12.99 & equipment 382.05; Veterans Foreign Wars Supply, supplies 26.00; Vickie Wiers, mileage 182.56; Windstream, courthouse telephone 815.79;

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

City of Pawnee City, water/sewer 73.53; Kyle's Service Center, tires 3157.00; Martin Marietta, rock 23653.95; NPPD 171.78; OPPD 33.09; Robert Tichy, surveyor 750.00; Turnbull Ag Tires, repairs 165.00; US Bank, fuel 126.00; Windstream, shop telephone 208.75;

Chairman Seitz adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

S/ Ron Seitz

S/Jan Lang

S/ Lavon Heidemann

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk

The next Board of Commissioner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska.