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BUDGET HEARING – September 7, 2022

The 2022-2023 Budget Hearing for Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on September 7, 2022, at 8:30 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Advance notice of the hearing was given by publication in the Stanton Register on August 24, 2022, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes.

The Budget Hearing was opened at 8:30 AM by Chairman Kment for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget.

The board chairman announced that the open meetings act is posted on the wall in the Commissioner’s room and a copy may be obtained from the County Clerk’s office upon request.

Present were: Dennis Kment and Duane Rehak, Board of Commissioners and Wanda Heermann, County Clerk. Douglas Huttman was absent. No members of the public appeared for the hearing.

Presentation given outlining provisions of the proposed budget, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year’s budget. The total tax dollar request is \$4,725,370.58 a decrease of \$140,928.30.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Kment to close the Budget Hearing at 8:55 AM.

Voting: Ayes: Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Absent: Huttman. Motion carried.

The Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was opened at 8:55 AM by Chairman Kment for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

Present were: Dennis Kment and Duane Rehak, Board of Commissioners and Wanda Heermann, County Clerk. Douglas Huttman was absent. No members of the public appeared for the hearing.

Discussion held on the tax request for 2022-2023 budget year. It was noted that the proposed levy would be less than last year due to a decrease in the property tax request. The cash reserves will be increased to \$1,300,000.00 in the General Fund and to \$1,200,000.00 in the Road Fund. The increase will be funded by a transfer from the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 and by property taxes in the amount of \$500,000.00. The certified 2022 valuation of Stanton County is \$1,632,378,461.00, which is an increase of \$35,222,654.00 from last year’s valuation. The proposed tax levy request is 0.289478 a decrease of 0.015207 per \$100 of assessed value.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Kment to close the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 9:10 AM.

Voting: Ayes: Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Absent: Huttman. Motion carried.

Approval and Adoption of the 2022-2023 Budget to be held at the September 19, 2022 Commissioner’s meeting.

/s/ Dennis Kment, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Stanton County, Nebraska
 Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk

STANTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA						
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY						
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statutes 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 7th day of September, 2022 at 8:30 o'clock, A.M., at Stanton County Courthouse, Commissioners Room, 804 Ivy St, Stanton NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.						
FUNDS	Actual Disbursements 2020-2021 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2021-2022 (2)	Proposed Budget of Disbursements 2022-2023 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (6)
General	\$ 5,543,373.58	\$ 5,011,304.02	\$ 6,884,139.57	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 4,138,295.24	\$ 4,045,844.33
Road	\$ 3,515,584.59	\$ 4,693,671.71	\$ 7,954,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 9,154,000.00	\$ -
Emergency Mgmt	\$ 55,855.52	\$ 107,956.50	\$ 135,254.03		\$ 135,254.03	\$ -
Road Improvement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356,566.30		\$ 356,566.30	\$ -
Reg Deeds P&M	\$ 6,175.41	\$ 737.91	\$ 13,600.00		\$ 13,600.00	\$ -
Veterans' Aid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,384.73		\$ 13,384.73	\$ -
Co Drug Law Enf	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,999.05		\$ 1,999.05	\$ -
COVID-ARPA	\$ -	\$ 360,495.50	\$ 791,317.02		\$ 791,317.02	\$ -
Inheritance Tax	\$ 501,444.99	\$ 18,323.76	\$ 2,000,000.00		\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -
911 Emergency	\$ 92,495.08	\$ 130,567.71	\$ 250,000.00		\$ 14,308.02	\$ 235,691.98
Road Alloc Bond	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Courthouse Imprvt	\$ -	\$ 48,527.59	\$ 985,000.00		\$ 541,165.73	\$ 443,834.27
Natural Disaster	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
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TOTALS	\$ 9,714,929.17	\$ 10,373,584.70	\$ 19,385,260.70	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 17,159,890.12	\$ 4,725,370.58
Breakdown of Property Tax				Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
				\$ -	\$ 4,725,370.58	\$ 4,725,370.58
Unused Budget Authority created for next year						\$ 247,600.86
NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST						
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 7th day of September, 2022 at 8:45 o'clock, A.M. (time approximate at the conclusion of the budget hearing), at Stanton County Courthouse, Commissioners Room, 804 Ivy St, Stanton NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.						
	2021	2022	Change			
Operating Budget	17,762,823.68	19,385,260.70	9%			
Property Tax Request	\$ 4,866,298.88	\$ 4,725,370.58	-3%			
Valuation	1,597,155,807	1,632,378,461	2%			
Tax Rate	0.304685	0.289478	-5%			
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.298111					
						[Publ: Aug 24, 2022]