

COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS – September 25, 2023
(edited – official proceedings on file Clerk's office)

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on September 25, 2023, at 8:00 AM in the County Commissioner's room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon roll call were: Douglas Huttman, Dennis Kment and Duane Rehak, Board of Commissioners. Wanda Heermann, County Clerk was also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on September 13, 2023, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance to the Board members, a copy of their acknowledgement of the receipt of notice and the agenda being attached to these minutes.

All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

No members of the public appeared for the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America the meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Kment, who 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.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the agenda. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Becky Lerch, Cuming Co PZ – training session notice; Todd Stewart, LENRD – Community Forestry Incentive Program.

Discussion held on the Budget Hearing held September 18, 2023 in the open and public session at 9:00 AM in the County Commissioner's Room in Stanton Nebraska. Advance notice of the budget hearing was given by publication in the Stanton Register on September 6, 2023. Discussion held on the Joint Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Increases held September 21, 2023 at 6:15 PM in compliance with the provision of Neb.Rev.Stat. §77-1633 at the Stanton County Courthouse in Stanton Nebraska. Advance notice of joint public hearing was given by publication in the Stanton Register on September 13, 2023.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve an additional 1% increase to the lid computation for the budget year 2023-2024. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve Resolution No. 2023.09-19 (Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations of the 2023-2024 Budget). Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve Resolution No. 2023.09-20 Setting the Property Tax Request at a different amount than last year. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at: General Fund \$5,002,500.78; 911 Emergency Fund \$175,551.82; Courthouse Improvement Fund \$164,159.69; Total \$5,342,212.29. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 8.74%. 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 \$0.266221 per \$100 of assessed value. Stanton County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.300973 per \$100 of assessed value. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Stanton County will increase last year's budget by 3.01%. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board reviewed the Stanton County Countywide Cost Allocation Plan based on actual costs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 prepared by Maximus. [copy of Cost Allocation Plan on file in County Clerk's office]

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan for expenses recovered from IV-D child support collections in the Clerk of the District Court's office. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2023 Inventory Statements of Elected and Appointed Officials were reviewed by the board.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve and place on file the 2023 Inventory Statements of the Elected and Appointed Officials. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for October 16, 2023, at 8:15 AM. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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