

Wayne, Nebraska  
September 1, 2020

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, in the courtroom of the Wayne County Courthouse. Chairman Rabe, Members Dean Burbach and Terry Sievers, Assessor Dawn Duffy, Clerk Debra Finn, and Sheriff Jason Dwinell were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald on August 27, 2020. A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

A 2019 personal property tax list correction for GE HFS LLC was presented for approval. A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach to approve the exemption. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

A correction to the March 15<sup>th</sup> assessment roll due to a partial ownership transfer was presented for approval. A motion was made by Burbach and seconded by Sievers to approve the correction. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

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A public hearing to receive taxpayer support, opposition, or observations on the proposed 2020-21 budget convened at 9:05 a.m.

Notice of this hearing was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on August 27, 2020.

The 2020-21 budget was discussed with the following points noted:

- The total budget is \$22,857,681.09; a decrease of \$653,610.70
- The total tax dollar request is \$5,011,513.37; an increase of \$150,029.76
- Unused budget authority is \$1,773,859.07; an increase of \$139,613.89

There being no public comment, the hearing was closed.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

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Wayne, Nebraska  
September 1, 2020

A public hearing to receive taxpayer support, opposition, or observations on setting the final tax request at a different amount than last year convened at 9:10 a.m.

Notice of this hearing was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on August 27, 2020.

The 2020-21 tax dollar request was discussed with the following points noted:

- The total tax dollar request is \$5,011,513.37; an increase of \$150,029.76
- The total valuation of Wayne County is \$1,941,512,186, an increase of \$19,107,252
- The 2020-21 Tax Rate will be .258124, an increase of \$5.23 per \$100,000

There being no public comment, the hearing was closed.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

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September 1, 2020

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Burbach at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, in the courtroom of the Wayne County Courthouse. Chairman Burbach, Members James Rabe and Terry Sievers, Attorney Amy Miller, Clerk Debra Finn, and Sheriff Jason Dwinell were present. Notice of

this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald on August 27, 2020. A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Burbach presented the following consent agenda items:

- a. Approve minutes of August 18, 2020, as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve fee reports
- c. Approve payroll, with each commissioner abstaining from approving their claim
- d. Approve Special Designated Liquor permit for Wayne Ag Society to serve beer at their Demolition Derby on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds
- e. Deny County Burial Application #20-01 because the deceased has sufficient funds availability
- f. Approve addition of Cusip No. 3130AJX38 for \$500,000 as pledged securities held by State Nebraska Bank & Trust

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

A motion to approve the regular agenda was made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach - aye; motion carried.

A motion to approve the claims was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach - aye; motion carried.

Assessor Duffy presented Pictometry contract proposals for flying the county in the spring of 2021. Option 1 was for the same quality imagery as the 2018 flight for \$62,050. This is \$2,827,50 less than the amount paid in 2018. Option 2 improved the angled view imagery of the rural area from 9" to 6" for \$69,390. The total cost is \$4,512.50 more than the 2018 flight. Either option is payable over a 3-year period. The City of Wayne will pay \$10,000 - \$13,000 of the cost for the city imagery. The county may have an additional cost reduction if any area counties are flown at the same time. A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe to approve Option 2, to fly the county in the spring of 2021 at the higher level of imagery, with the final price not to exceed \$69,390. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

The following bids were opened for a track skid loader:

- 2020 Bobcat Model T76, 74HP, Vertical Lift, Wty: 3 yr/2000 hrs, Price with snowblower, angle broom & bucket \$72,041.74, Trade-in \$25,000, Net bid \$47,041.74. Exceptions: 5 Link Torison suspension undercarriage. Sooland Bobcat
- 2020 Bobcat Model T76, 74HP, Vertical Lift, Wty: 3 yr/2000 hrs, Price with snowblower, angle broom & bucket \$70,304.74, Trade-in \$25,000, Net bid \$45,304.74. Sooland Bobcat
- 2020 Caterpillar Model 289 D<sup>3</sup>, Lift 3800 lbs, Wty: 2yr/2000 hrs, Price with attachments \$80,200, Trade-in \$24,650, Net Bid \$55,550. Options: Heated Seat. NMC

A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe to table action on the bids. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

Doug Elting of Berggren Architects gave an update on the courthouse restoration project. The wood trim work is complete on the inside and outside of the west oriole. Ninety-percent of the trim work is complete on the outside of the east oriole. Lawn hydroseeding has started.

There being no public comment during the budget hearings. The board proceeded with taking action on the 2020-21 budget and tax dollar request. A motion to increase the restricted funds by 1% was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers. These funds will not be used this year but will be carried forward. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 20-18 to adopt the 2020-21 budget was made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach. Rabe said with everything going on right now; he didn't feel this was the time to be asking taxpayers for more money. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach – aye, Rabe – nay; Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 20-18:** "WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 24th day of August 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Wayne County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Wayne County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

SECTION 4. The tax requests for 2020-2021 are approved as follows: General Fund \$4,811,513.37, County Improvement \$200,000.00, Total \$ 5,011,513.37”

A motion to approve Resolution No. 20-19 to approve the 2020-21 tax dollar request was made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

**Resolution No. 20-19:** “WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of Wayne County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Wayne County that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Wayne County, by a majority vote, resolves that the 2020-21 property tax request be set at \$5,011,513.37.”

Sievers made a motion a 10:28 a.m. for the commissioners, Miller, and Finn, to go into executive session for personnel purposes. Rabe seconded the motion. Roll call vote Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

A motion was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers to go back into regular session at 11:08 a.m. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

**Fee Reports:** None.

**Abbreviations:** **PS** - Personal Services, **OE** - Operating Expenses, **SU** - Supplies, **MA** - Materials, **ER** - Equipment Rental, **CO** - Capital Outlays, **RP** - Repairs, **RE** - Reimbursement.

**Claims:**

| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                | <b>Salaries \$66,040.73;</b> |           |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| ACE Hardware & Home                | SU                           | 11.95     |
| Arnie's Ford                       | MA, CO                       | 35,044.17 |
| AT&T Mobility                      | OE                           | 23.27     |
| Barritt, Samantha                  | OE                           | 525.00    |
| Bomgaars                           | SU                           | 139.39    |
| Brogan & Stafford PC               | OE                           | 1,359.20  |
| Consolidated Management Company    | OE                           | 3.94      |
| DAS State Accounting               | OE                           | 45.00     |
| Electronic Engineering             | SU                           | 2,765.73  |
| Feld Fire                          | CO                           | 93.40     |
| First Concord Benefits Group       | OE                           | 91.03     |
| Floor Maintenance                  | SU                           | 71.15     |
| Hartington Tree                    | RP                           | 250.00    |
| Jack's Uniforms & Equipment        | SU                           | 2,379.10  |
| Midwest Alarm                      | RP                           | 524.40    |
| Miller Law                         | OE,SU,ER                     | 3,977.42  |
| MIPS Inc.                          | CO                           | 2,601.11  |
| Nebraska Educational Tele Comm     | ER                           | 593.52    |
| Nebraska Health & Human Services   | OE                           | 93.00     |
| Pierce County District Court       | OE                           | 5.25      |
| Property of Assessment & Taxation  | OE                           | 180.00    |
| Quality Printing & Office Supplies | SU,CO                        | 1,657.75  |
| Ramada Inn, Kearney                | OE                           | 156.00    |
| Wattier, Patti                     | OE                           | 450.00    |

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| Wayne County Clerk of District Court | OE                           | 69.00     |
| Wayne, City of                       | OE                           | 6,556.36  |
| <b>COUNTY ROAD FUND</b>              | <b>Salaries \$24,831.50;</b> |           |
| Black Hills Energy                   | OE                           | 29.01     |
| Bomgaars                             | SU                           | 394.98    |
| Carroll Station Inc., The            | MA                           | 11,535.98 |
| CNH Industrial Capital America LLC   | ER                           | 2,256.69  |
| D&L Towing & Recovery                | RP                           | 640.00    |
| Frederickson Oil Company             | MA                           | 82.50     |
| Grossenburg Implement                | RP,MA                        | 282.56    |
| Lawson Products                      | SU                           | 99.82     |
| Martin Marietta Materials            | MA                           | 9,210.57  |
| Midwest Service and Sales Co         | MA                           | 18,399.12 |
| NMC Exchange LLC                     | RP,MA                        | 6,158.49  |
| Northeast Power                      | OE                           | 177.52    |
| Tri-State Communications Inc.        | RP                           | 832.50    |
| <b>LODGING TAX FUND</b>              |                              |           |
| Columbus Arts Council                | OE                           | 250.00    |
| The Little Red Hen Theatre           | OE                           | 300.00    |

Meeting was adjourned.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

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STATE OF NEBRASKA        )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF WAYNE        )

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of Wayne County, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting of September 1, 2020, kept continually current and available for the public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wayne were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of September, 2020.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk