

The special meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on September 21st, 2023 in the Commissioner's meeting room. The notice of this meeting was published at prominent locations across Dundy County to include: Pinnacle Bank, Grace Market Grocery Store, Kwikstop Convenience Store, Frenchman Valley CO-OP, BWTelcom, Owen's True Value, the Benkelman Post Office, and the Haigler Post Office on September 19th, 2023

Present: Commissioners Scott Olson, Tom Richard, Aaron Keiser, Clerk Miles Preston, County Attorney Arlan Wine, County Treasurer Penny Denny, County Assessor Tish Burrell, Amy Frederick, Sye Tecker, Lester Beall, Brad Leech, Frank Merklin, Sabrina Birge, Tim Fegler, Holly Fegler, Greg Burrows, Dana Mathies

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Chairman Olson announced the location of the Open Meetings Act poster in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

Motion by Keiser to approve the agenda for this meeting, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Public Comments:

Brad Leech: Briefly discussed his personal background, read a statement he had prepared pertaining to the Recall process regarding County Sheriff Clinton Smith. Requested the board postpone the Recall Election until legal questions have been addressed, and reinstate and Sheriff Smith's pay.

Lester Beall spoke regarding Smith's certification and eligibility.

Greg Burrows spoke about confusion regarding Smith's certification status, Arlan Wine explained that according to Nebraska state statute Smith was not eligible for reciprocity certification and his attendance to the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center had been denied on ethical grounds.

There was a public back and forth on the debate of Sheriff Smith's qualifications and pay.

Dana Mathies stated that the State Patrol was responsible for holding up the hearings that could give Smith an avenue to waive his NLETC training requirements.

Frank Merklin asked if this meeting was just a formality to set a mandatory election date. Miles Preston stated that the petition had succeeded and now per the election act, a date for the election that complies with statute must be selected, and that date is November 14th, 2023

Public comment closed

Keiser read Resolution 76-2023-14 regarding the recall of Sheriff Clinton Smith, setting the election date for November 14th, 2023.

Motion by Keiser to adopt Resolution# 76-2023-14, seconded by Olson

Ayes: Unanimous

With no further business, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners will be held on October 2nd, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

These minutes are not the official record and may be corrected. A copy of the approved minutes is available to The Public in the Dundy County Clerk's Office. Any resolutions contained herein are available for viewing at the Dundy County Clerk's Office.

/s/ Miles Preston

Deputy Clerk

/s/ Scott Olson

Chairman