

The Budget Hearing of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on September 25th, 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 20th, 2023. Notice was also published in the Benkelman Post's September 20, 2023.

Present: Commissioners Scott Olson, Tom Richard, Aaron Keiser, Clerk Miles Preston, Dan Miller CPA, County Treasurer Penny Denny, County Assessor Tish Burrell, Jason Frederick, Sabrina Birge, DeMarie Ingraham, Stacy Duvel, Angie Stamm

Chairman Olson opened the Public Budget Hearing at 9:02 A.M. Chairman Olson announced the location of the Open Meetings Act poster in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

The Board explained the current budget and compared the 2023-2024 budget to the 2022-2023 budget. The Board discussed budgetary changes and confirmed previous changes were correctly reflected in the current budget documents. Clerk's Budget decrease from \$150,325 to ~\$143,000, Jail Budget decreased by \$37,000, D.A.R.E Fund will be created and have \$2,000.00 allocation.

Public Comments:

Stacy Duvel, DeMarie Ingraham, and Angie Stamm asked questions pertaining to specific budgetary increases for Dundy County. The Board explained several line items of increased costs for the county General and Road Funds. The Board also explained that the Inheritance Fund had provided larger transfers in the past to offset the tax asking, but with the included lesser transfers for the current budget year, the Inheritance Fund has reached the minimum recommended amount that the county should maintain for emergencies and cannot offset as much tax asking as in previous years.

Sabrina Birge asked what the citizens could do to change the notification requirements for the Joint Public Hearing postcards, and was told to contact her Legislators.

After asking for any further public comments, Olson declared the Public Comments closed.

Olson closed the Public Budget Hearing at 10:02 A.M.

With no further business, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.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