

August 3, 2021 MINUTES OF THE CASS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Plattsouth Journal and online at www.cassne.org. Agenda was made available for public inspection at the office of the Cass County Clerk.

8:00am OPEN PUBLIC HEARING-2021-2022 BUDGET Publication: Plattsouth Journal August 26, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharp, McCartney, Peterson, Henry and Murdoch. Others in attendance: Colin Palm-County Attorney, Gerri Draper-County Clerk and Administrative Assistants Kelly Dawson and Virginia Manley.

Three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public. Presentation was given outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

Board members discussed appointed officials wages, ARPA funds and concerns with lowering the county levy to much in one year. The Chair opened the floor for public input, Chair reiterated the floor was open for public comment, all members of the public wishing to address the governing body were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so, with no comments received by audience members the chair then asked for motion to close the public hearing.

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements	Actual Disbursements	Proposed Budget of Disbursements	Necessary Cash Reserve	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement
	2019-2020 (1)	2020-2021 (2)	2021-2022 (3)			
General	\$ 18,999,377.93	\$ 17,994,045.41	\$ 27,860,876.82	\$ 1,501,870.00	\$ 16,083,324.41	\$ 13,279,422.41
Roads	\$ 7,514,349.04	\$ 5,182,808.59	\$ 11,603,825.00	\$ 145,019.85	\$ 11,748,844.85	\$ -
Road Sinking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 172,524.00	\$ 4,668.89	\$ 177,192.89	\$ -
Roads Buyback	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,232,379.00	\$ 495,954.54	\$ 1,728,333.54	\$ -
Diversion	\$ 34,745.20	\$ 35,759.50	\$ 41,663.00		\$ 41,663.00	\$ -
Comm Tower	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,573.00		\$ 46,573.00	\$ -
Visitor Promotions	\$ 73,076.04	\$ 67,063.73	\$ 176,350.00	\$ 3,529.69	\$ 179,879.69	\$ -
Visitor Improvement	\$ 103,585.32	\$ 71,790.49	\$ 256,000.00	\$ 9,109.36	\$ 265,109.36	\$ -
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,828.86	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Record Preserve	\$ 8,268.90	\$ 5,841.75	\$ 116,357.00	\$ 24,884.37	\$ 141,241.37	\$ -
Vet Aid	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,174.14	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Historical Society	\$ 37,893.00	\$ 640.49	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
E-911 Service	\$ 54,846.88	\$ 131,651.66	\$ 107,780.44		\$ 107,780.44	\$ -
Drug Program	\$ 999.96	\$ 1,128.99	\$ 8,235.00	\$ 80.33	\$ 8,315.33	\$ -
Juvenile Grants	\$ 4,200.72	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
FEMA	\$ 137,872.65	\$ 96,852.36	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 72,711.80	\$ 572,711.80	\$ -
Private Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,184.46	\$ 21,184.46	\$ -
CERT & Emerg Tra	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
ARPA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,549,200.46	\$ 815.24	\$ 2,550,015.70	\$ -
Inheritance Tax	\$ 1,328,154.23	\$ -	\$ 6,200,000.00	\$ 1,982,163.87	\$ 8,182,163.87	\$ -
KENO	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,500.00		\$ 48,500.00	\$ -
E-911	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174,780.44		\$ 174,780.44	\$ -
E-911 Wireless	\$ 46,681.83	\$ 42,828.64	\$ 312,183.00	\$ 38,300.05	\$ 350,483.05	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 28,362,880.56	\$ 23,632,585.75	\$ 51,472,227.16	\$ 4,285,292.45	\$ 42,478,097.20	\$ 13,279,422.41
				Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
				\$ -	\$ 13,279,422.41	\$ 13,279,422.41
				Unused Budget Authority created for next year		\$ 308,171.07

8:24am CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: MOTION: Murdoch moved, Sharp seconded. Motion carried 5-0

8:25am OPEN PUBLIC HEARING-TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST: MOTION: Henry moved, Sharp seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Publication: Plattsouth Journal August 26, 2021

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	2020	2021	Change
Operating Budget	44,306,674.48	51,472,227.16	16%
Property Tax Request	\$ 13,866,188.23	\$ 13,279,422.41	-4%
Valuation	3,802,593,591	4,035,059,510	6%
Tax Rate	0.364651	0.329101	-10%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.343643		

8:26am CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: MOTION: Murdoch moved, Sharp seconded. Motion carried 5-0

8:27am CONVEVE -BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Call Meeting to Order; Open Meetings Act Notice & Pledge of Allegiance: Members Present: Sharp, McCartney, Peterson, Henry and Murdoch. Others present: Colin Palm-County Attorney, Gerri Draper-County Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA: Previous Meeting Minutes, Claims, Payroll/Time Balance Reports reported for 8/31/2021.

MOTION: Peterson moved, Murdoch seconded to approve consent agenda as prepared. Motion carried 5-0

CURRENT/REGULAR AGENDA:

MOTION: Peterson moved, McCartney seconded to approve current agenda as prepared. Motion carried 5-0

PAST MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS:

- Sharp: None
- McCartney: MAPA Finance committee , 5 River RCND, webpage meeting with IT Department and Chairman
- Peterson: NIRMA budget retreat, attended met and greet with gubernatorial candidate, Jerry Berggren regarding Courthouse maintenance workshop.
- Henry: Budgetary meetings, met with County Attorney and County Clerk regarding COVID
- Murdoch: None

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION 8:15am: None scheduled

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss/Action- Budgetary Item: 1% Increase in Restricted Funds Authority

MOTION: McCartney moved, Murdoch seconded to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Motion carried 5-0

Discuss/Action- Budgetary Item: 2021 Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Peterson seconded to set the 2021 fiscal year cost of living allowance at 5%. Motion carried 5-0

Discuss/Action- Budgetary Item: RES 2021-18 Adoption and Appropriations

MOTION: Peterson moved, Murdoch seconded to adopt resolution as prepared. Motion carried 5-0

Discuss/Action- Budgetary Item: RES 2021-19: Setting the Property Tax Request

MOTION: Sharp moved, Peterson seconded to adopt resolution as prepared; approving the 2021-2022 budget, setting the property tax request at \$13,279,422.41 with a tax rate of 0.329101. Motion carried 5-0

Discuss/Action- RES 2021-16 AMENDED, preliminary levy allocation

Draper noted after receiving certified valuations from the County Assessor there was a need to amend resolution.

MOTION: McCartney moved, Murdoch seconded to adopt resolution as amended. Motion carried 5-0

Discuss/Action- SpyGlass 2021-2022 Audit

MOTION: McCartney moved, Murdoch seconded to continue audit on Verizon wireless phone lines only. Motion carried 5-0

Discuss/Action- lamResponding Subscription Renewal. Tabled until September 14th board meeting. McCartney will update board on agencies using system at the September 14th board meeting.

Discuss/Action- 201 Main Street Building, Lease. Tabled until September 14th board meeting.

Discuss/Action- Approval to replace Wireless (WIFI) System for County Buildings

MOTION: McCartney moved, Peterson seconded to approve updating wireless system with Oxen, chair authorized to sign as needed. Motion carried 5-0

Discuss/Action- Authorize Chair to sign Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Nehawka-Recycling Cost Share

MOTION: Sharp moved, Murdoch seconded to authorize chair to sign Interlocal agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Discuss/Action- Mark Boyer-Merritt Beach RV Park, requesting approval for RV storage during winter

Boyer updated changes made to RV Park since last request, several audience members spoke in favor of request.

MOTION: Peterson moved, Murdoch seconded to authorize the County Attorney to draft amendment to CUP to allow year round storage, and authorization for EMS to request moving of RVs in the event of an emergency situation. Motion carried 5-0

BREAK: 9:05am

Discuss/Action- Marty Shulkert, Funding Trails.

Shulkert- Nebraska Trail Foundation and Bike Walk of Nebraska requested board support for "Project Closing the Gap"- MOPAC bike/walking trail in Cass County. Board members were in support and requested that property owners along proposed project be notified. Shulkert was in agreement that property owners would be notified by the committee for the project.

Introduction- Michael Helgerson-MAPA, Executive Director- Metropolitan Area Planning Agency. Update given, no action taken

LITIGATION & LEGAL MATTERS- S. Colin palm, County Attorney:

Discuss/Action- Request approval to renew Westlaw (Thomson Reuters) Agreement

MOTION: Murdoch moved, McCartney seconded to approve renewing Westlaw Agreement as presented. Chair authorized to sign as needed. Motion carried 5-0

ROAD MATTERS- Lenny Thorne, Highway Superintendent:

Discuss/Action- Request temporary use of county road by Roger Schmidt

Schmidt requested temporary use to move dirt from the east to west side of Webster Blvd by Oreapolis Road, Schmidt would be responsible for any damage to road and will be required to work around the busiest times of use for Webster BLVD. Signage and flag-men will be required during periods of use.

MOTION: McCartney moved, Sharp seconded to authorize Thorne to work with County Attorney to draft agreement to allow for temporary use of Webster Blvd. Motion carried 5-0

CONTINUOUS AGENDA ITEMS: COVID-19, Buildings update

Henry noted due to a recent positive test of an employee and the expired DHM, a meeting was held by members of the Cass County Preparedness Plan Subcommittee along with Zelle HR Solutions to draft a COVID-19 Reporting and Notification Policy for Cass County Office's to follow.

MOTION: Henry moved, Sharp seconded to adopt the COVID-19 Reporting and Notification Policy as amended (changing must to should in the last paragraph under Action for Scenario-Potential Case). Motion carried 5-0

Building update – The replacement doors will be install in the Cass County Courthouse beginning the week of September 20, 2021

OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS/PUBLIC INPUT & COMMENTS: None

10:17am CONVENE- BOARD OF EQUALIZATION- Teresa Salinger, County Assessor:

Discuss/Action- Request board approval to accept late filing of Form 458 Homestead Exemption Application

MOTION: Sharp moved, Peterson seconded to approve the late filing as recommended by Salinger. Motion carried 5-0

10:20am ADJOURN: MOTION: Henry moved, Peterson seconded. Motion carried 5-0

I, Gerri Draper, the undersigned Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska do hereby certify the above minutes were taken by me, and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and are part of the official records of this office. I therefore set my hand and affix the County Seal this 31st day of August, 2021.

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Gerri Draper
Cass County Clerk

We, the undersigned Board of Commissioners of Cass County, Nebraska do hereby certify the above minutes are true and correct to the best of our knowledge, and are part of the official records of the Cass County Clerk's Office. We therefore set our hands this 31st day of August, 2021.

Dale Sharp-Dist. 1, Janet McCartney-Dist. 2, James Peterson-Dist. 3, Dan Henry-Dist. 4, Duane Murdoch-Dist. 5
Cass County Board of Commissioners