

Hayes County Commissioners

September 12, 2023

A meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for September 12, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on September 7, 2023, and posted in accordance with law.

Vice Chairman Christner called the meeting to order at 8:45 A.M. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, D. Eugene Garner, Susan Messersmith, Phil Dixon and Dan Miller.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, absent. Motion carried.

Christner requested comments from the audience. There were none.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Imprest Account and the minutes of the August 8 and 31, 2023 meetings. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, absent; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Phil Dixon, Highway Superintendent, reviewed 1- & 6-year road maps, eligible bridges for the Count Bridge Match Program, Avenue 353 on the east side of Hamlet and replacing the stop sign on the north side of the RR tracks at Hamlet.

Richards moved, second by Christner to direct Dixon to request Oak Creek Engineering do an engineering study on Bridge C004303605P. Roll call vote: Unger, absent; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Christner recessed the regular meeting at 9:55 A.M. for the budget hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony in support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. Chairman Unger asked for comments. No public comment was received.

Christner closed the budget hearing at 10:05 A.M. and opened the special hearing to Set Final Tax Request. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony in support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observation of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. Christner asked for comments. No public comment was received. Christner closed the hearing and returned to the regular meeting at 10:10 A.M.

Christner moved, second by Richards to adopt Resolution 2023-15

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 12th day of September, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of COMMISSIONERS of HAYES County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for HAYES 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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.

Dated and passed this 12TH day of September, 2023.

Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, absent; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to adopt Resolution 2023-16.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of the County of HAYES passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and
WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the County of HAYES resolves that:

SECTION 1. The 2023-2024 property tax request for the General Fund be set at \$1,015,000.00.

SECTION 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 5.66 percent.

SECTION 3. 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 \$0.181962 per \$100 of assessed value.

SECTION 4. The County of HAYES proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.185611 per \$100 of assessed value.

SECTION 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the County of HAYES will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 3.51%.

SECTION 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

Roll call: Unger, absent; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Richards moved, second by Christner adopt Resolution 2023-17, signing of the project program agreement for the statewide stop sign program. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, absent; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to pay claims \$44,959.97. Roll call: Unger, absent; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, absent. Motion carried.

Christner moved, second by Richards to approve the application of Richards Cattle Co, 2023-01, for installation of an underground water line in section Thirty-Six (36), Township Six (6) North, Range Thirty-Six (36) West. Roll call vote: Christner, yes; Unger, absent; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Christner adjourned the meeting at 11:51 A.M. The next meeting will be September 29, 2023.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman