The Pennington County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, in the Commission Chambers in the County Administration Building, Rapid City, South Dakota. Chair Lloyd LaCroix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Ron Buskerud and Deb Hadcock; absent was George Ferebee and Mark DiSanto.

**FY2019 BUDGET HEARINGS**

**Wednesday June, 2018**
Auditor Julie Pearson presented first draft of the budget for 2019.

MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by Buskerud to accept this budget as presented as the starting point. Vote: Unanimous.

Ron Buskerud left the meeting.

Lloyd LaCroix declared the meeting recessed due to lack of quorum at 9:37 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with the following commissioners present: Lloyd LaCroix, Deb Hadcock and Ron Buskerud.

**Public Defender, Eric Whitcher:** Budget presentation will be moved to the July 3, 2018 meeting.

**States Attorney Mark Vargo:** Presented the departments budgets and answered questions.

MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by Buskerud to add one FTE to 2018 count for replacement hiring overlap. Vote: Unanimous

**Auditor Julie Pearson:** Presented the departments budgets and answered questions.

**Thursday June 21, 2018**
**Commission Assistant, Holli Hennies:** Presented the department budget and answered questions.

MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by Buskerud to recess until Thursday June 21 at 9:00 a.m. Vote: Unanimous.

Meeting reconvened by Chair LaCroix at 9:00 a.m. with the following commissioners present: Lloyd LaCroix, Deb Hadcock, and Ron Buskerud.

DiSanto joined the Thursday meeting at 9:03 a.m.

**Treasurer Chief Deputy Annette Brant:** Presented the department budget and answered questions.
**ESCC/911 Director Kevin Karley and Deputy Director Ted Rufledt:** Presented the department budget and answered questions.

**Emergency Management Director Dustin Willet:** Presented the department budgets and answered questions.

Chair LaCroix recessed for a 5 minute break and reconvened it at 10:35 a.m. with all present.

**Register of Deeds Donna Mayer:** Presented the department budgets and answered questions.

**Information Technology Director Laurie Wager:** Presented the department budget and answered questions.

**Building & Grounds Director Mike Peterson and in-coming Director Mike Kuhl:** Presented the department budgets and answered questions.

MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by DiSanto to recess for lunch at 11:25 a.m. Vote: Unanimous.

Chair LaCroix reconvened the budget hearings at 1:05 p.m.

**Health & Human Services Director Barry Tice:** Presented the department budget and answered questions.

**County Fire Coordinator Jerome Harvey:** Presented the department budget and answered questions.

**Highway Superintendent Tom Wilsey:** Presented the department budget and answered questions.

Chair LaCroix recessed the meeting for a 5 minute break and reconvened it at 2:31 p.m.

**Sheriff Kevin Thom:** presented the department budgets and answered questions.

Hadcock left the meeting at 2.33 p.m. and returned at 2:38 p.m.

MOVED by Buskerud and seconded by DiSanto to recess until Friday June 22 at 9:00 a.m. Vote: Unanimous.

**Friday June 22, 2018**

Chair LaCroix reconvened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. with the following commissioners present: Lloyd LaCroix, Deb Hadcock, Ron Buskerud, and Mark DiSanto.
Natural Resources Director Scott Guffey: Presented the department budgets and answered questions.

Assistant Planning Director Cassie Bolstad: Presented the department budget and answered questions.

Human Resources Director Jon Morrill: Presented the department budget and answered questions.

Moved by Hadcock and seconded by DiSanto to recess until 10 a.m. Vote: Unanimous.

Chair LaCroix reconvened the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Director of Equalization Shannon Rittberger: Presented the department budget and answered questions.

Chair of Extension Advisory Board Matt Odden and SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor Matt Olson: Presented the department budget and answered questions.

Moved by DiSanto and seconded by Hadcock to recess until 11:15 a.m. Vote: Unanimous.

Chair LaCroix reconvened the meeting at 11:17 a.m. with all present and Ferebee conferring in by phone.

The following outside agencies made budget/subsidy presentations:

BMS Director Alan Solano: Made the subsidy request for providing mental health services to citizens of Pennington County and answered questions.

Community Health Care Center CEO Tim Trithart: Made the subsidy request for providing medical services to citizens of Pennington County and answered questions.

Connection retried for George Ferebee for better connection.

Fairgrounds Manager Ron Jeffries: Made the subsidy request for providing services at the County Fairgrounds and answered questions.

George Ferebee was disconnected due to interference with chambers audio at 11:46 a.m.

Pennington Soil Conservation District Lindsy Mader: Made the presentation for the subsidy payment for the district and answered questions.

Moved by DiSanto and seconded by LaCroix to reduce the request to last year’s budget level of $21,714. Vote: Unanimous.
MOVED by Hadcock to reconsider the motion above with regards to Pennington Soil Conservation District to change her vote. Motion died for lack of a second.

**Eastern Pennington Soil Conservation District Board Chair, Elmer Helms:** Made the presentation for the subsidy payment for the district and answered questions.

**GIS Coordinator Don Jarvinen:** Made the subsidy request for support for the jointly funded GIS program with the City of Rapid City and answered questions.

**Public Advocate Director Paul Brankin:** MOVED by DiSanto and seconded by Hadcock to reduce their request by $64,315. Substitute motion: MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by Buskerud to increase $84,000 to 2018 approved budget. Vote: The motion carried 3-1 with DiSanto voting no.

**Senior Citizens, President Doris Ann Werlinger of Pennington County Council on Ageing:** Made the presentation for the subsidy agency for the district and answered questions.

**Boys & Girls Club of Hill City Directors Anne Rogers-Popejoy & Richard Walker:** Moved by LaCroix seconded by Buskerud to deny the $15,000 request for Boys & Girls Clubs of Hill City. Vote: Unanimous

MOVED by DiSanto and seconded by Buskerud to recess until Tuesday June 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Vote: Unanimous.

**Tuesday June 26, 2018**
Chair LaCroix reconvened meeting at 9:00 am on June 26, 2018 with the following commissioners present: Ron Buskerud and Deb Hadcock, George Ferebee and Mark DiSanto.

**Building and Grounds Request For Four Additional FTE’s:**
MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by Buskerud to approve two additional FTEs for Buildings and Grounds, to reduce the budget for those two to $91,000. Vote: The motion carried 3 to 2 with Buskerud and Ferebee voting no.

**City County Alcohol and Drug Program Request For Eight Additional FTE’s:**
MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by LaCroix to approve eight additional FTEs as included and to reduce Law Enforcement by three FTEs for a net increase to CCADP of $214,449 and new revenue of $280,000. Vote: The motion carried 3 to 2 with DiSanto and Ferebee voting no.

**Planning and Zoning Request For One Revenue Supported FTE:**
MOVED by Buskerud and seconded by Hadcock to approve one additional FTE for an additional $64,575 in budget and an ongoing shift of $65,000 in drainage revenue that is now in Highway. Vote: The motion carried 4 to 1 with Ferebee voting no.

**States Attorney’s Office Request For Two Additional FTE’s:**
MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by Buskerud to approve one additional FTE at an increase in budget of $92,600. Vote: The motion carried 3 to 2 with DiSanto and Ferebee voting no.

**E911 Request For Four Additional FTE’s:**
MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by DiSanto to approve four additional FTE’s in the amount of $225,757 with equal revenue and the county’s share of the E911 budget under General Fund will increase by $55,246. Vote: Unanimous.

**County Fire Administration:**
MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by DiSanto to use all the stored CPI to increase tax dollars by approximately $5,202 for County Fire Fund. Vote: The motion carried 4 to 1 with Ferebee voting no.

Chair LaCroix recessed for a 10 minute break and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

**Public Defender’s Office – Eric Whitcher:** MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by LaCroix to fund .5 FTE instead of 1.5 FTE’s which will reduce the budget by $41,000. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by DiSanto and seconded by Buskerud to set a budget hearing on July 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by DiSanto to recess until July 3, 2018. Vote: Unanimous.

**Tuesday July 10, 2018**
Chair Lloyd LaCroix reconvened meeting at 9:00 am on July 10, 2018 with the following commissioners present: Ron Buskerud and Deb Hadcock and Mark DiSanto.

**ADJOURN**
MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by DiSanto to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Unanimous. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

/s/ Julie A. Pearson, Auditor
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