

PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FY 2019 Budget Hearings

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 Witcher: 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.

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ESCC/911 Director Kevin Karley and Deputy Director Ted Ruffedt: 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.

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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 Lindsay 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.

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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:

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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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