

PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FY 2021 Budget Hearings

The Pennington County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, in the Commission Chambers in the County Administration Building, Rapid City, South Dakota. Chair Deb Hadcock called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Mark DiSanto, Gary Drewes, Lloyd LaCroix, and Ron Rossknecht.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

MOVED by Drewes and seconded by LaCroix to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

**FY2021 BUDGET HEARINGS**

**Wednesday June 17, 2020**

Auditor Cindy Mohler presented the first draft of the budget for 2021.

The following offices presented their budgets and answered questions: Auditor, Health & Human Services, Equalization, Public Defender, State's Attorney, Sheriff's Office & Courts.

MOVED by Drewes and seconded by LaCroix to recess at 11:37 a.m. Vote: Unanimous.

**Thursday June 18, 2020**

Meeting reconvened by Chair Deb Hadcock at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Mark DiSanto, Lloyd LaCroix and Ron Rossknecht. Gary Drewes joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

The following offices presented their budgets and answered questions: ESCC/911, Emergency Management, Human Resources, Commission Office, Information Technology, Buildings & Grounds.

MOVED by DiSanto and seconded by Drewes to recess at 12:15 p.m. Vote: Unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Register of Deeds, Treasurer's Office, Highway and Planning & Zoning presented their budgets and answered questions.

MOVED by Drewes and seconded by LaCroix to recess at 2:30 p.m. Vote: Unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

The Fire Administrator presented his budgets and answered questions.

MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by LaCroix to budget \$100,000 for reserve accumulation in the 2021 General Fund Fire Budget and to establish an assigned fund balance for Fire. Vote: Unanimous.

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MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by Drewes to recess at 3:35 p.m. Vote: Unanimous.

**Friday June 19, 2020**

Meeting reconvened by Chair Deb Hadcock at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Mark DiSanto, Gary Drewes, Lloyd LaCroix and Ron Rossknecht.

The following departments presented their budgets and answered questions: Extension, Natural Resources and Conservation Districts. Other requests presented by Holli Hennies, Commission Office Manager.

MOVED by DiSanto and seconded by LaCroix to hold another budget hearing on June 30, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by LaCroix and seconded by Drewes to deny the requests for funding in 2021 from Live Inc and Black Hills Works. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by DiSanto to approve GIS budgeted amount at \$122,046. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by LaCroix to set the Senior Citizen Budget at \$27,000. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by LaCroix and seconded by Drewes to use all available tax dollars including any stored CPI for funding the Unorganized Road Fund. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Drewes and seconded by LaCroix to use all available tax dollars including any stored CPI for funding the Library Fund which will reduce the amount of Opt-Out Dollars needed to fund the Library Budget. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Drewes and seconded by Rossknecht to add \$50,000 to the Public Defender Budget for reserve accumulations for software. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by DiSanto and seconded by LaCroix to approve adding \$19,000 for the increase in contract pay for blood draw cases, \$10,000 for replacement of furniture and \$57,000 for deferred computer replacement to the States Attorney's budget for a total increase of \$86,000. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by LaCroix to add \$40,000 to the Treasurer's budget for reserve accumulations for software. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by Drewes to add \$150,000 for three new employees and \$150,000 for call center equipment to the Treasurer's budget and those expenditures are not to exceed \$300,000. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by LaCroix and seconded by Drewes to recess at 10:40 a.m.

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Meeting reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

MOVED by LaCroix and seconded by DiSanto to approve the Fair budget at \$188,182. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by LaCroix and seconded by Drewes to reinstate performance steps for 2020 and to retroactively pay those employees that were not granted a performance step back to the pay period in which said performance step would have been effective. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by LaCroix and seconded by DiSanto to authorize Mike Kuhl, Building and Grounds Director, to hire two temporary employees. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by LaCroix and seconded by DiSanto to direct Mike Kuhl, Building and Grounds Director to move forward in completing a study of the Jail sewer system issues and bring the results back to the Board for consideration. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by LaCroix and seconded by Rossknecht to approve a Building Inspector position within the Planning and Zoning Department. Vote: The motion carried 4 to 1 with DiSanto voting no.

MOVED by DiSanto and seconded by LaCroix to recess until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Vote: Unanimous.

**Tuesday, June 30, 2020**

Meeting reconvened by Chair Deb Hadcock at 1:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Mark DiSanto, Gary Drewes, Lloyd LaCroix and Ron Rossknecht.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

MOVED by Drewes and seconded by DiSanto to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

**FY2021 PENNINGTON COUNTY PROVISIONAL BUDGET**

MOVED by LaCroix and seconded by Rossknecht to approve three FTE's in the Treasurer's Office. Vote: Unanimous.

**ITEMS FROM HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

A. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT: MOVED by Drewes and seconded by LaCroix to approve Health & Human Services to apply as a sub-recipient for the Emergency Solutions Grant. Vote: Unanimous.

**ADJOURN**

MOVED by DiSanto and seconded by Rossknecht to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Unanimous. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

/s/ Cindy Mohler, Auditor

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