

PENNINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FY 2024 Budget Hearings

The Pennington County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 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: Gary Drewes, Deb Hadcock, Travis Lasseter and Ron Rossknecht.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**FY2024 BUDGET HEARINGS**

**Wednesday June 28, 2023**

State of Employment Presentation HR Director Carol Bancroft.

Auditor Cindy Mohler presented the first draft of the budget for 2024.

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

MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by Lasseter to recess until 1:00 p.m. Vote: Unanimous.

The following offices presented their budgets and answered questions: Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Buildings & Grounds, Highway, Planning & Zoning, IT & Equalization.

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:** No public comment.

MOVED by Lasseter and seconded by Rossknecht to recess until Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Vote: Unanimous.

**Thursday June 29, 2023**

MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by Lasseter to reconvene at 8:00 a.m. Vote: Unanimous.

The following offices presented their budgets and answered questions: ESCC/911, Emergency Management, Human Resources and Fire Administration.

MOVED by LaCroix and seconded by Lasseter to take a ten-minute break. Vote: Unanimous.

The Commission Office presented their budget and answered questions.

MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by Lasseter to remove the increase of \$33,835 from the current provisional budget and to continue the discussion regarding the Black Hills Council of Local Government. Vote: The motion failed 2-3 with Drewes, Rossknecht and LaCroix voting no.

The following offices presented their budgets and answered questions: Natural Resources, 4-H Youth Program – Extension Board, Community Health Center of the Black Hills, Behavior Management Systems, Dakota Plains Legal Services, Pennington County Council on Aging.

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MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by Hadcock to add \$7,500 to the \$35,000 already in the budget, for a total budget of \$42,500 but to continue the discussion for the Pennington County Council on Aging. Hadcock left the meeting at 12:00 p.m. but returned after lunch. Vote: Unanimous.

Moved by Rossknecht second by Drewes to recess until 1:00 p.m. Vote: Unanimous.

The following offices presented their budgets and answered questions: The South Dakota School of Mines & Elevate Rapid City presented their budget.

MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by Drewes to approve 12 FTE's for the Sheriff's office along with a 2% increase for sworn law enforcement officers and 2% increase for sworn correction staff and reclassification for detox tech and detox tech II positions. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Lasseter and seconded by Hadcock to take a five-minute break. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by Rossknecht to approve the request for four FTE's for Dispatch. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by Rossknecht to approve the request for an Apprentice Highway for the Highway Department. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by Lasseter to approve the request for a Veteran's Service Officer for Health and Human Services. Vote: Unanimous.

MOVED by Hadcock to deny the request for a Legal Secretary for the Public Defender's Office. Motion died for the lack of a second.

MOVED by Rossknecht and seconded by Drewes to approve the request for a legal Secretary for Public Defender's Office. Vote: The motion carried 4-1 with Hadcock voting no.

**ADJOURN**

MOVED by Hadcock and seconded by Lasseter to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Unanimous. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

/s/ Cindy Mohler, Auditor

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