Chase County Budget Hearing

September 19, 2023

Chairman Jacci Brown opened the public hearing for the Chase County Budget at 8:00am, Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Notice of the hearing was published in the Imperial Republican on September 14, 2023. A copy of the proposed budget was available in the office of the County Clerk prior to the hearing. Copies were also available at the hearing.

Present were county commissioners Billie Muehlenkamp, Jacci Brown and Kurt Bernhardt, county clerk Wendy Moe, budget authority Jeff Olsen , county attorney Joel Burke, county sheriff Kevin Mueller, county treasurer Rebecca Bernard and Duane Dinnel.

Chairman Brown stated that five minutes would be allowed for any member of the public to offer comment.

Duane Dinnel had questions pertaining to the amount added to Fund 5001 Hospital Funding, the Sheriff’s budget increase and the increase in Fair Funding. Dinnel commented that he is opposed to allocating excess funds in the budget for those items.

Chairman Brown closed the hearing at 8:13am.

Commissioner Brown moved to amend the minutes of the Budget Workshop to reflect that “auditor Don Wilson indicated $750,000 is about as high as the county should want to have in that fund”. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried, minutes amended.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Commissioner Brown. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Minutes approved.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2023-16 to establish Petty Cash Accounts for FY2023-2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bernhardt moved to approve Resolution 2023-17 for the Adoption & Appropriation of the 2023-2024 Chase County Budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner Muehlenkamp. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt – yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Brown opened the public hearing for the FY23-24 Property Tax Request at 8:17am.

With no public comment received, Chairman Brown closed the public hearing at 8:27am.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2023-18 for the FY23-24 Property Tax Request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt. Muehlenkamp – yes; Brown – yes; Bernhardt -yes. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:30am.

Wendy Moe, Chase County Clerk