

**SPECIAL MEETING
WALSH COUNTY COMMISSION**

August 8, 2022 – 10:20 a.m.

Members present: Chairman Burianek, Commissioners Anderson, Brintnell and Skorheim.
Absent: Commissioner Barta.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reviewed each department budget for changes. Salaries were adjusted per the market review for the state's attorney's employees as well the veteran's officer. Salaries for the sheriff's department were adjusted per the commissioners' request of an additional 12%. Commissioners denied all other department salary increases other than the step increase plus 4% COLA.

Discussed the highway department expenses versus revenue. Will move the \$100,000 for gravel from the highway distribution budget to the county road budget. Will visit with superintendent about budget process.

Discussed capital project options. The county can designate up to 10 mills for special projects. Funds can also be transferred from county general to a capital improvement fund for designated projects but can not be used as a savings account.

The mills for the veteran's office were increased to 1.5 mills as 1 mill doesn't cover the expenses and the reserve is gone. Senior Citizens mill was reduced to zero as they did not submit a budget and felt they had enough funds to carry they thought the year. JDA was increased to 4 mills based on the number of projects and allocated funds.

Commissioners were provided 2 worksheets, one with 55 mills for revenue and one with 60 mills for revenue. Mills can always be reduced before the final budget approval in October. We can reduce the budget but we can't increase it after the preliminary is approved.

Motion by Skorheim to approve the budget with a total of 124 mills, and the county general mills at 60. Second by Brintnell. Upon roll call vote all voted yes. Motion carried with Commissioner Barta absent.

The budget hearing date was set for Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. before the regular commissioners meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Lawrence Burianek, Chairman

Attest:

Kris Molde