

**DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET/FINAL TAX HEARINGS  
September 23, 2025**

The Public convened meeting of the Dawes County Commissioners commenced at the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 23rd day of September, 2025 pursuant to public notice as required by law. The Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 final tax request/ Dawes County Budget was called to order by Chairman, Vic Rivera. Roll was called and the following Commissioner's were present: Commissioners' Rivera, Juhlin and Stewart. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney; Wade Yada, Highway Superintendent; Katie Schenbeck; Nels Stephens; Tom Menke; Lori Storbeck; Melissa Mracek, UNL Extension. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. The Chairman announced the location of posted information concerning the Open Meetings Act. Copies are available upon request by anyone attending the meeting. At 9:00 A.M. the Chairman declared the Public Hearing open to hear support, concerns, etc. regarding the final tax request. The Chairman reported three (3) copies of the Dawes County Budget are available for the Public. The notice for the final tax request/budget hearing were advertised in the Crawford Clipper on September 17, 2025. The 2025/2026 tax request is \$4,550,016.39 as compared to last year's tax request at \$4,287,009.37 for a difference of \$263,007.02. The Chairman opened the floor to suggestions, input, etc. There being no one from the Public interested in commenting on the tax request, the Chairman closed the Final Tax Hearing at 9:12 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-24 setting the levy at .363090 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year as compared to last year's levy at .355792. Roll call vote, Ayes: Juhlin, Stewart and Rivera. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the Public Hearing open regarding the 2025/2026 budget at 9:15 A.M. for suggestions, comments, etc. Melissa Mracek, UNL Extension requested the Board put the office manager at the Extension Office back at full-time as it will be difficult to find part-time help, she also presented a breakdown of duties assigned to the Office Manager. Commissioner Stewart suggested starting the Office Manager at a part-time position with an orientation period of six (6) months, then if circumstances warrant additional changes the Board will address them at that time. Tom Menke asked where the RSVP budget is located in the Dawes County budget. There being no one else to comment on the 2025/2026 Dawes County budget the Chairman closed the hearing at 9:19 A.M. Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Juhlin, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-25 authorizing offices, departments, activities and institutions to expend amounts appropriated to them for fiscal year 2025/2026. Roll call vote, Ayes: Stewart, Rivera and Juhlin. Nays: None. Motion carried. There being no further business to conduct for Final Tax/Budget Hearings the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 A.M. **DISCLAIMER: A complete text of all resolutions passed by the Board is available upon request in the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours.**

**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**CHERYL FEIST**  
**DAWES COUNTY CLERK**

**DAWES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
  
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Vic Rivera, Board Chairman**