

**DAWES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FINAL TAX REQUEST/BUDGET HEARINGS
September 26, 2023**

The public convened Public Hearing to set the final tax request and adopt the 2023/2024 budget was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Webb Johnson. Roll was called and the following Commissioners were present, Jake Stewart and Vic Rivera. Also present was Cheryl Feist, Dawes County Clerk; Adam Edmund, Deputy County Attorney and Kathleen Schenbeck. 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 9:10 A.M. the Chairman declared the Public Hearing open to hear support, concerns, etc. regarding the final tax request. The Chairman announced three (3) copies of the 2023/2024 budget were available at the hearing in addition to the 2022/2023 budget. The Hearing notice was published on September 20, 2023 in the Crawford Clipper. John Axtel, KCSR Radio, joined the meeting in progress. The Chairman informed those present the total tax asking for Dawes County will be \$4,183,048.82. The final tax request hearing adjourned at 9:25 A.M. No one from the public spoke at the final tax request hearing.

At 9:25 A.M. the Chairman declared the Public Hearing open to hear support, concerns, etc. regarding the 20203/2024 budget. The Chairman announced the hearing notice was published on September 20, 2023 in the Crawford Clipper. The Chairman went over the budget as compared to what it was last year. He reported \$1,000000.00 had to be cut by the Board in the various departments. He also reported the levy will be going down. The levy will go from 0.392259 to 0.376962 which is a 3.9% decrease. The budget itself decreased by 11.33%. Katie Schenbeck asked several questions of the Board regarding the budget and levy. At 9:40 A.M. there being no one else from the public wanting to speak the Chairman declared the hearing adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
CHERYL FEIST
DAWES COUNTY CLERK

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