

Board of Butte County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

08/06/2021

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING AT 1:00 P.M. on August 6, 2021, in the Commissioners' Room at the Butte County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Herman, Richards, Ager, Walton, and Harms.

State's Attorney Cassie Wendt, Deputy State's Attorney Eddie Tarbay, Civil Deputy State's Attorney LeEllen McCartney, State's Attorney Administrative Assistant Amy Welles, State's Attorney Administrative Assistant Rebecca Gervais-Larson, Treasurer Debbie Lensegrav, Register of Deeds Paula Walker, and Director of Equalization and Planning Director Lisa Nelson were present.

Chairperson Herman called the meeting to order.

Motion by Richards Second by Walton to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Auditor Jensen addressing the Board of County Commissioners. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Auditor Elaine Jensen personally acknowledged that the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Commissioners' Meeting, which was held on June 22, 2021, and the minutes from the Special Meeting, which was held on June 25, 2021, hadn't been sent to the Black Hills Pioneer and hadn't been posted to the Butte County Website. Auditor Jensen informed the Commissioners that the minutes from June and July have been sent to the Black Hills Pioneer and have been posted to the Website.

Auditor Elaine Jensen personally acknowledged that the 2022 Provisional Budget wasn't adopted on July 31, 2021. The Adoption/Acceptance for the 2022 Provisional Budget was on today's agenda.

Auditor Elaine Jensen had a Total Shoulder Replacement Surgery on June 30, 2021, in Rochester, MN. Jensen stated that she knew the minutes weren't completed when she left to have surgery but since an employee in the Auditor's office had resigned and her last day was on June 5, 2021, it wasn't possible to get the Minutes and the 2022 Provisional Budget completed before she left. Jensen stated that she had to prioritize what absolutely needed to be done before leaving.

The Deputy Auditor position was posted internally on July 29, 2021 and would be posted for two weeks. Auditor Jensen stated that she had received four applications thus far. The deadline for internal applications has been set for August 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Auditor Jensen distributed the 2022 Provisional Budget to the Commissioners. The CPI is 1.2% which is very low. The Commissioners plan to have budget meetings before the adoption of the 2022 budget which has been set for September 24, 2021.

Motion by Walton Second by Ager to adopt and approve the 2022 Provisional Budget. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Richards voiced his concerns regarding the amount of time it has taken to hire a Deputy Auditor. The position was approved on June 25, 2021.

Motion by Harms Second by Walton to adjourn the meeting at 1:46 p.m. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:
Karrol Herman, Chairperson

ATTEST: Elaine Jensen, Auditor