



Otoe County Board Minutes



September 14, 2021

Public Hearings – Tax Request and Budget

8:30a.m. Tax Request Public Hearing – Chairman Sornson opened a public hearing to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request for FY2021-2022. Present at roll call were Commissioners Sornson, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Parsons, Commissioner Thurman, and Commissioner Crownover. Absent – none. Chairman Sornson made the following notations:

- 1) Operating Budget: the proposed operating budget is \$8,934,919.23; a 38% increase from the prior year.
- 2) Property tax request: the property tax request for FY 2021-2022 is \$8,175,666.68, which is an increase of \$144,749.43 (2%) from last year.
- 3) Valuation: Otoe County had a 4% valuation increase for 2021.
- 4) Final tax request: the proposed property tax request would cause the tax rate to be .330264 per \$100 assessed value for FY 2021-2022. This is a 2% decrease from the previous year.

There were no comments from the public. Chairman Sornson closed the public hearing at 8:35 a.m.

8:45a.m. Budget Public Hearing – Chairman Sornson opened a public hearing to hear and consider comments concerning the proposed county budget for FY21-22. Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover were present. Chairman Sornson made the following comments:

- 1) Valuation: Otoe Co. had a 4% valuation increase for 2021. The 2021 valuation is \$85,676,101.00
- 2) New Funds Established: Sinking Fund (950); Covid ARPA (2580); Southeast Regional Emergency Management (2918)
- 3) Revenue: There is an increase of revenue from other sources before property tax of \$8,790,169.80 of the previous year. Two notable sources are the American Rescue Plan Fund and a donation for a road project
- 4) Expenses: The proposed expenses increased \$8,934,919.23 over the prior year's budgeted expenses. Notable increases to expenses are: American Rescue Plan Fund, C Rd Project; Federal Drug Law Enforcement; SE Regional Emergency Management
It was noted that the items listed are included in the budgeted revenue and expenses, but have revenue sources other than property tax.
- 5) The property tax request for FY 2021-2022 of \$8,175,666.68 is \$144,749.43 more than the previous year's request of \$8,030,917.25

There were no comments from the public. Chairman closed the public hearing at 9:00a.m. I, Jennifer Bassinger, County Clerk of Otoe County, do hereby certify that the above minutes were taken by me, and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I therefore set my hand and affix the county seal this 14th day of September 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk