

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Finley, ND

The Steele County Commission public budget meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Chairman Richard C. Strand, Commissioners Ted Johnson, Brandon Krueger, Brian Tuite, Russell Walcker. Also present: Tax Director Amy Czapiewski, Deputy Auditor Carly Idso, Sheriff Wayne Beckman, Tasha Krueger, Don Huso, and Lance Straabe.

Auditor Wigen provided an overview regarding the estimated notices, estimated levy and differences with the other tax entities. Max levies for Job Development Authority and Water Resource Districts were briefly discussed.

Lance Straabe inquired why the figures on the sheet did not have a total for the dollars levied, only a mill total. Auditor Wigen explained that the mill figure is how taxes are calculated and have the effect on taxes. The figures were totaled from the sheet and provided. He questioned the board as to why they do not use the sales tax fund more often and the yearly carry over balance.

Don Huso inquired about the mill levy for Finley Township. He also inquired why a list of employee wages was not made available for the meeting. Auditor Wigen offered to provide that sheet to which Huso felt it was too late. He expressed concerns to the commission regarding wages within the county.

Lance Straabe inquired on the value of the county benefits package.

Range for salary of \$43,000 – \$78,000 with an estimated value of between \$11,320 – \$28,804 depending on the benefits selected.

Chairman Strand presented the topic of a date for a special meeting to finalize the 2022 budgets. A special meeting for September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm was selected.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tuite, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to adjourn the meeting. All members voted yes. Meeting was adjourned.



Chairman – Richard C. Strand



Auditor – Emily Wigen