

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Finley, ND

The Steele County Special Commission meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. Present were Chairman Russell Walcker, Commissioners Richard C. Strand, Ted Johnson, Brian Tuite and Brandon Krueger. Also present was State's Attorney Charlie Stock and Steele County Water Resource Board Chairman Josh Ihry.

Discussion was held on estimated levy calculations as well as wages for employees.

WRD Chairman Ihry met with the commission to discuss the request for 4 mills for the 2023 budget. There was also discussion on bonds and Secretary Latasha Krueger's 25% wage increase.

Jenny Foss, Clerk of Court/Recorder, entered the meeting and discussed her budget request which included a salary increase and cutting her deputy down to two days per week.

The 2023 budgets were reviewed at length by the board.

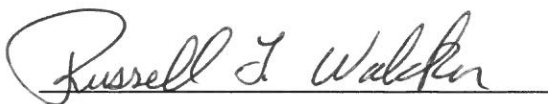
Commissioner Krueger commented on Tax Director Amy Czapiewski's budget request for her salary, calling it "ridiculous" for a county of 1700 people, as well as making a comparison to her husband's position.

State's Attorney Charlie Stock suggested taking \$18,000 from the Auditors office wages to pay for the HR budget he submitted. Auditor Emily Wigen commented that the Auditors office handles a large part of HR items so that would not make sense.

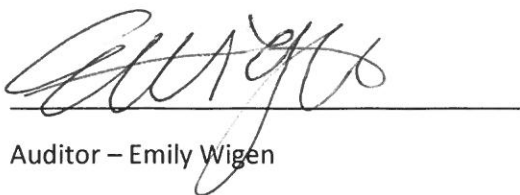
Chairman Walcker expresses his opinion that Deputy Auditor/Sheriff's Office Deputy Carly Idso and Deputy Clerk of Court/Recorder/Treasurer/Tobacco Coordinator Aurora Moore should be moved up to \$20 per hour as they are full time five days a week after the waterboard employee increase.

An outing was mentioned about possibly going to the Redhawks game as a county and their families. It was decided to discuss this one Tuesday at the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Strand, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 pm. All members voted yes. Motion passed.



Chairman – Russell Walcker



Auditor – Emily Wigen