



BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
DATE APPROVED: October 3, 2023

Tina Diedrick, District 1
Darek Vetsch, District 2
Jeanne Holland, District 3
Nadine Schoen, District 4
Michael Kaczmarek, District 5

The Wright County Board met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Diedrick, Vetsch, Holland, Schoen, and Kaczmarek present.

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Board of Commissioners:	Tina Diedrick
	Jeanne Holland
	Michael Kaczmarek
	Darek Vetsch
	Nadine Schoen

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Tina Diedrick moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nadine Schoen. The motion passed 5-0.

Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

III. TIMED AGENDA ITEMS

A. 9:02 AM- LEE KELLY, ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve the 2024 Budget and Resolution

County Administrator Lee Kelly said that based on direction given at the September 12, 2023 County Board Workshop, the budget has been reduced to a targeted 4.8 percent levy increase.

Diedrick thanked the staff and commissioners, who all worked very hard to get to this point.

Commissioner Darek Vetsch thanked the board and staff for finding a balance for the demand of services and the need for tax relief as well as a structure that is obtainable and livable for citizens across the county. Staff made a variety of reductions and reallocations based on demand. Wright County is set to meet needs now as well as in the future.

Commissioner Mike Kaczmarek said that he would like to note that his research and math has shown, keeping in mind the work that staff has done with the recent reductions, he still believes that there is \$787,000 that could additionally be saved between new staff, appropriations, and a line item.

Commissioner Jeanne Holland thanked all the departments for taking another look when tasked, and they did a great job.

Vetsch said that at a time with a high level of inflation, concessions were made, and the need was still met. Inflation is well above where the county's levy increase is at. In addition, there is a potential reduction for overall residential taxes with the increased value on commercial/industrial combined with a conservative budget at the county. For this reason, Vetsch said that he supports the levy increase.

Diedrick moved to approve the 2024 budget and resolution. The motion was seconded by Schoen. The motion passed 4-1 with Kaczmarek opposed.

Aye: 4; Nay: 1; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0; Recused: 0

Kelly said that Administration will get the budget information to the State of Minnesota by the end of September. The Truth in Taxation meeting is set for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 7. The final budget will be adopted before December 30, 2023.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

