August 5, 2021

9:00 A.M.

**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Walworth County Board of Commissioners met in special meeting on August 5, 2021 at 9:00a.m. at the County Courthouse. Members present were Jim Houck, Scott Schilling, Kevin Holgard, Duane Mohr and Rick Cain. Also present were States Attorney, Jaime Hare and County Auditor, Eva Cagnones.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

**2022 BUDGET:**

The 2022 Walworth County Budget was discussed. There was discussion on a $1.76 wage increase for departmental deputies, including the courthouse maintenance and Hwy department secretary so that they may be at an even pay scale with the two States Attorney’s administrative assistants. The highway Superintendent requested for a 3% wage increase for his department. The Director of Equalization requested to have her wages increased to match the salaries of the courthouse officers. Emergency Manger requested for a salary increase to $50,000 annual. Commissioner Mohr suggested a .25 cent raise for all employees and officers. Cain spoke of the lack of funds to meet all these requests and along with Holgard suggested no wage increases. Houck suggested to not include the Commissioners in the .25 cent raise, dissolve the Commissioner’s mileage reimbursements and their participation in the Health Insurance Benefits in order to trim the budget.

It was decided to give a .25 cent wage increase to the following department employees and officers: Landfill, Highway, Sheriff’s/Transporters, Courthouse Maintenance, Treasurers, Auditors, Director of Equalization, Register of Deeds, Extension, Veteran’s, Weed and Pest and Emergency Manager.

Mohr moved and Schilling seconded to approve the .25 cent hourly wage increase. Rollcall: Holgard: Nay; Mohr: Aye; Schilling; Aye; Cain: Nay; Houck: Aye. The motion was adopted.

Cain moved and Mohr seconded to remove the Health Insurance budget from the Commissioner. Rollcall: Holgard: Nay; Mohr: Aye; Schilling: Nay; Cain: Aye; Houck: Aye. The motion was adopted.

Mohr moved and Schilling seconded to publish the 2022 Provisional Budget as it is currently listed and a hearing on September 7, 2021 . Voting Aye: 5, Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Holgard moved and Schilling seconded that the Board of County Commissioners adjourn until the hour of 9:00 a.m. August 17, 2021. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

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**JIM HOUCK, CHAIRPERSON**

**ATTEST:**

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**EVA CAGNONES, AUDITOR**

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