

# Information about the Joint Public Hearing Required by the Property Tax Request Act

Since 2022, the State of Nebraska requires any county, city, community college, or school district seeking to increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage to participate in a Joint Public Hearing.

- More information on the terms associated with “allowable growth percentage” can be found in Nebraska Revised Statute [§77-1631](#).

The Joint Public Hearing for the political subdivisions headquartered in Cherry County will be held on **Monday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Valentine Public Library Meeting Room**, located at 324 N Main St, Valentine, NE 69201.

At the Joint Public Hearing, a representative from each political subdivision will give a brief presentation on the political subdivision's intent to increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage and the effect of such request on the political subdivision's budget.

There will be no items on the agenda other than a discussion on each political subdivision's intent to increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage. **No voting will take place at this hearing; there will just be presentations and a public comment period.**

- **Those speaking from the public will be limited to three minutes. There will not be back-and-forth discussion between members of the public and representatives from the political subdivision(s).** The County Clerk may adjust the time limit depending on how many speakers are present.

After the Joint Public Hearing, sometime from September 19 - 30, 2023, the governing body of each participating political subdivision will pass an ordinance or resolution to set such political subdivision's property tax request. Each political subdivision would do this at one of their own meetings.

## Political Subdivisions Participating in the Joint Public Hearing

Cherry County

## Political Subdivisions that will NOT Participate in the Joint Public Hearing

*(These political subdivisions are not seeking to increase their property tax request by more than their allowable growth percentage).*

City of Valentine

Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools

Valentine Community Schools

*(These political subdivisions are excluded from the portion of the Property Tax Request Act that requires participation in the Joint Public Hearing).*

County Libraries

Public Building Commissioners

Educational Service Units

Sanitary and Improvement Districts

Fire Districts

Transit Authorities

Learning Communities

Villages

Natural Resources Districts