

Wayne County Board of Supervisors

The Wayne County Board of Supervisors held the public hearing on the proposed levy rate for FY25 Budget on the 2nd day of April 2024, in the Wayne County Development Conference Room, Corydon, Iowa, pursuant to notice duly given in compliance with the Iowa Code Section Chapter 349.

Present were Lance Lange, Chris Moore, and Todd Wilson, members of the Board. Also in attendance: Chase Clark, Kellie Anderson, Dillon Davenport, Dan Carpenter, Lucas(Cantera Aggregate), Chad(Bruening Rock Products) Don Seams, Wes Green, Mark Spragg, Stacy Gibbs, Savannah Sandy, and Michelle Dooley.

The Corydon Times Republican live streams the Board of Supervisors regular session meetings on their Facebook page.

Chairman Lange opened the public hearing at 9:46AM.

Moore started the public hearing with stating the proposed county tax dollars raised for FY25 will increase approximately \$37,000 over the current year's property tax dollars. He also wanted to make sure that the public was aware that the county is 1 of over 18 taxing authorities who could possibly set a budget and a tax levy to generate property tax support in the county.

Don Seams complimented the Board of Supervisor on the wonderful job they have done setting the proposed levy rate for FY25 Budget Year. He also asked why the information he requested from the county auditor was shared with the Board of Supervisors. Auditor Dooley responded that if The Board of Supervisors were going to be asked questions by him about that information it was only fair to provide them with the same information so they could be prepared. Seams also asked if the county levy rates have to be down 3.5 for General Basic and 3.95 for Rural Basic by FY28. Supervisors clarified that those are the caps set now and the county must be in compliance with those by FY29 Budget.

Mark Spragg asked for clarification of the notice because the information provided implies that the tax liability for individuals will go down. However, Supervisor Moore just stated that it will go up. Auditor Dooley clarified that the information on the back page is based on the rollback rate set by state which is used to determine the taxable valuation that is used in the budget process.

There was also discussion about the information on the HF718 mailing was confusing and needed additional information added to next year's mailing if possible.

Auditor Dooley reported that approximately a dozen individuals reached out to her office for clarification on the information but once it was explained and they understood, they did not give support or opposition to the proposed levy rate. She thought the mailing was successful in the fact that it started conversations and more people were in attendance for the public hearing than before.

Dooley also reported that 3255 envelopes were mailed out. Sixty-six (66) of the envelopes were returned and not resent. The cost of the mailing to the county was \$2,223.44. She believes that there are some ways to improve the mailing for next year if allowed under the law.

With no further discussion, Wilson made a motion to close the Proposed Levy Rate Public Hearing at 10:02AM, seconded by Moore.


Lance Lange, Board of Supervisor Chair

Attested 
Michelle Dooley, Auditor