

April 1, 2024

The Mahaska County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m. in the third-floor conference room of the Mahaska County courthouse. Present were the following board members: Chairman – Mark Groenendyk; Vice chairman – Steve Wanders; and Member – Chuck Webb. Also present were Rep. Helena Hayes, Tim and Lindsey Thomas, Chuck and Michelle Kent, Mat Graham, Terry McBurney, Joe Warrick, Joyce Wilson and Teri Rogers, Auditor.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to approve the agenda for today's meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wanders seconded by Webb to open the public hearing for the FY25 Proposed Property Tax Levy. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public comments:

- ✚ Rep. Helena Hayes spoke about the passage of the Property Tax Reform bill in the 90th General Assembly last year otherwise known as HF718. The purpose of this bill is to provide accountability and consistency with how information is being disseminated to taxpayers. It is an attempt to make information more uniform across the state and transparency in taxes collected. She explained how to read the notices that were mailed from the Auditor's office.
- ✚ Joe Warrick asked about the amount of the increase approved by the Board for the elected officials for FY 24-25. He also spoke highly about the Environmental Learning Center and all the activities we have available for visitors. He also commented on how many visitors come to Oskaloosa during weekends in the summer for sporting events held at the Lacey Complex and how we need to do whatever we can to make Oskaloosa a "destination" location. He would also like to see more done here to honor the legacy of John Lacey.
- ✚ Terry McBurney approached the board and spoke about the lack of "quality control" regarding roads from the local to the state level. His concern is as a taxpayer, his taxes aren't being spent wisely if a road must be repaired or repaved before its lifespan is really over.
- ✚ Joyce Wilson asked for clarification of the "Effective Tax Rate" block on the tax notice.
- ✚ Rep. Hayes approached the Board again regarding the funding sources for items purchased for the Environmental Learning Center. For the record, she wanted to point out that the ELC garnered 70% of the vote by the Mahaska County electorate in November 2016. She commented on the improvement in Secondary Roads from 30 years ago.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to close the public hearing for the FY25 Proposed Property Tax Levy. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Webb seconded by Wanders to adjourn. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Teri Rogers
Mahaska County Auditor

Mark Groenendyk
Mahaska Co. Board of Supervisors