

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
3rd Floor Courtroom/Boardroom at Courthouse

DATE: 3-25-2025

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Darren Batterson, Chair; Bryan Ziegler, Vice Chair; Carrie Teninty, Supervisor; Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Chad Drury, Ottumwa Courier; Peg & Tom Lazio; Jerry & Cathy Angle; John & Shirley Waite; Stacy Gray; Willene White, NOEL; Rick Tebbs, WCCB; Kim Stevens; Rick Stevens; Mark Knuth; Dianne Haas; Connie Ferguson; Lisa Kent, Recorder; Connie H Wilson; Ed McDowell; Kevin Holzhauser; Joella Duprey; Tony Dupree; Miranda Bailey, Zoning; Brad Skinner, Engineer; Marilyn Russ; Roger A Russ; Travis Decker; Christian Schrock; Landon Allen; Robert M Thomas; Camilla Crumes; Kristy Lee; Jared Hershberger; Matt Eberl via Zoom; Corey Eberling via Zoom; Laurie Fountain via Zoom; Karen's IPAD via Zoom.

Chair Batterson opened the meeting. Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Levy 2025-2026.

Supervisor Teninty moved, seconded by Vice Chair Ziegler to open the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was 1 written comment from Kathy Lee opposing the increase in taxes. Travis Decker of 719 Glenwood Ave., Ottumwa commented on the time of the meeting as his sons could not be there as they are working. Asked if there was another way to find money as some owners could possibly be losing their house. Roger Russ of 13792 85th Ave had a question on the new money from the City, why could you not give that on the County, it was clarified that was County budget not the City. Ed McDowell asked about the increase of 32% vs the 2% increase. Christy Lee 30 Greenbriar asked what the board was doing to make changes, she lives in the County but does not drive on county roads. Marilyn Russ of 13792 85th Ave. question 3.50 levy from the City, it was clarified that this is a County levy rate, she has also faced increases in the value of their property. Mark Stevens is frustrated with the recent assessment. Landon Allen of 17 Bear Creek Dr stated he moved to the County to avoid the high taxes in the City, but it appears he will be paying higher taxes in the County. Stacy Gray has a fear of losing her home if increases continue to happen. Connie Hamersley-Wilson asked where Rep. Wilz & Westrich were at, she felt they should be there to hear the concerns. Christian Schrock questioning on who decided to raise the levy rate, its not the state who raised the levy rate it is the county who raised the levy rate. John White full-time farmer stated his taxes and insurance has went up 4 times since he owned his property.

Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

10:46 a.m. Vice Chair Ziegler moved, seconded by Supervisor Teninty to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kelly Spurgeon
Wapello County Auditor

Darren Batterson, Chair
Board of Supervisors